# What is Minimum Rent?

* Minimum Rent is the lowest rent amount the [Insert PHA Name] will charge a family or household
* Minimum Rent is triggered if the family’s total tenant payment falls at or below the Minimum Rent set by the PHA

# How much is Minimum Rent?

* Minimum rent is established by the [Insert PHA Name]
* A PHA may establish a Minimum Rent at any amount from $0 to $50 per month

# What is the Minimum Rent Hardship Exemption?

* An exemption from paying the Minimum Rent (when it is greater than $0) due to a qualifying financial hardship
* The exemption is requested by the household experiencing a qualifying financial hardship
* The PHA suspends the Minimum Rent while determining if qualifying hardship exists and during long-term hardships
* Households requesting and/or receiving a Minimum Rent hardship exemption cannot be evicted due to non-payment of rent

# What are Qualifying Financial Hardships?

* Qualifying financial hardships may include:
  + When the family has lost eligibility for or is awaiting an eligibility determination for a government assistance program
  + When the family would be evicted because it is unable to pay the Minimum Rent
  + When the income of the family has decreased because of changed circumstances including loss of employment
  + When a death has occurred in the family
  + Other circumstances determined by the PHA or HUD
* The [Insert PHA Name] must define in their policies other circumstances that qualify as financial hardships for the Minimum Rent hardship exemption

# What are the Hardship Exemption Categories?

* Temporary Hardship – [Insert PHA Name] must reinstate the Minimum Rent and offer a reasonable repayment agreement
* Long-term Hardship – [Insert PHA Name] suspends Minimum Rent until the hardship ends

# What policies need to be established by **[Insert PHA Name]**?

* The [Insert PHA Name]’s written policy document (their Admissions and Continued Occupancy Policy, or ACOP) will:
  + Set the Minimum Rent Amount
  + Define financial hardship
  + Define temporary and long-term hardship
  + Identify special circumstances or considerations that would be a qualifying

financial hardship and apply to the Minimum Rent hardship exemption