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HUD Publishes Section 3 Final Rule

Yesterday we reported that the Department of Housing and Urban Development ([HUD](#)) released a prepublication copy of its final rule on Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968. Today HUD has officially published the [final rule](#) in the *Federal Register*. The final rule, which contains few changes from the [proposed rule](#), updates and streamlines the Section 3 regulations, which have not changed since 1994. HUD has also published the [notification of benchmarks](#), which sets outcome benchmarks for meeting and following Section 3 requirements. As we mentioned yesterday, the benchmarks will be updated and published not less than every three years in the *Federal Register*.

[Section 3](#) requires that recipients of certain types of HUD financial assistance provide training, employment, contracting, and other economic opportunities to low and very low-income individuals—and to businesses that provide economic opportunities to such persons—to the greatest extent possible.

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- [Health@Home: Freedom from Contaminants and Pests](#)
- [2020 Public Housing Repositioning: Wednesday Webinar Series - Resident Considerations](#)
- [Responding to the Housing Challenges Posed by the Pandemic - Session 2](#)
- [Addressing Challenges to the Health and Childcare Systems - Session 1](#)
- [2020 Public Housing Repositioning: Wednesday Webinar Series - Streamlined Voluntary Conversion](#)

HUD has also archived multiple webcasts, including Office Hours webcasts, related to the COVID-19 pandemic response for various housing programs. You can access these and other webcasts on the [HUD Exchange Channel](#).



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