AFTER LOTTERY FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How do I know if I have been chosen for the waiting list?

If you have been selected for the waiting list, the official notification that you were selected by DCA will be emailed to you on by March 1, 2019. For your convenience, you can check your status by logging in to https://waitlistcheck.com starting February 22. If you are listed as Active you were selected by the lottery. If you are listed as inactive you were NOT selected.

What should I do if I did not receive an email notifying me whether I was selected or not?

If you did not receive an email from Waitlistcheck by March 1, 2019, your pre-application was not selected in the lottery and you were not placed on the Housing Choice Voucher Waiting List.

If selected for the waiting list, do I automatically qualify for housing?

No. If selected, you will be contacted by DCA for an eligibility screening once your name reaches the top of the waiting list. This screening process will determine if you meet the basic eligibility requirements of the program.

If selected for a waiting list, when will I receive housing assistance? How long before I get a voucher?

Because DCA’s ability to serve applicants from the waiting list is dependent on funding, DCA cannot predict when an applicant will receive a voucher. As funding and housing assistance become available, DCA will contact you for an eligibility screening appointment. The screening process will determine if you meet the basic eligibility requirements to qualify for the program. If you meet the program requirements, you will receive your housing voucher.

What happens when my name reaches the top of the waiting list?

DCA will notify you with a letter requesting that you provide information/documents that will be needed to determine your eligibility for the program. You must respond to this letter within 15 days of the date of the letter. If you do not respond to the letter within 15 days, your name will be removed from the waiting list.
Can you tell me what number I am on the waiting list?

No, DCA does not provide waiting list placement numbers.

My name was placed on a waiting list but I’ve moved or my contact information has changed.

You are required to keep DCA informed of changes to your information. If you fail to keep DCA informed of your information, you may lose your place on the waitlist or be removed from the waitlist. To update information on your pre-application you can:
Log onto our NEW Assistance Check Portal using the PIN number and set-up instructions that were sent to you in an email which confirmed that you were accepted onto the waiting list;
Write to us at: DCA-DHCR; P.O. Box 051; 101 South Broad Street, Trenton, NJ 08625;
Email us at www.customer.service@DCA.nj.gov;

What if I did not submit a pre-application?

We cannot accept pre-applications after the waiting list has closed. You have to wait until the next open enrollment period to apply.

When will the waiting list be open again?

DCA does not have an anticipated date for opening the waiting list at this time. When DCA plans to open the waiting list, a Public Notice of the opening will be provided on our website and in newspapers.