



Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING &  
 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

Deval L. Patrick, Governor ◆ Aaron Gornstein, Undersecretary

**UTILITY ALLOWANCE SCHEDULE FOR DHCD MTW PROGRAMS**

Using MTW flexibilities the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) implemented a system that calculated the participant utility allowance based on average utility spending for tenant paid heat only. Please refer to DHCD’s Administrative Plan for further information.

- If you are responsible for paying for heat in your unit you will receive a utility allowance.
- If you pay for electricity, cooking, hot water heating and/or any utility, other than heat, you will NOT receive a utility allowance to cover the cost of these utilities.
- The amount you receive for a utility allowance is based on the smaller of your unit size or voucher size. For example, if you live in a 3 bedroom unit but your voucher is for a 2 bedroom unit, your utility allowance will be based on a 2 BR unit.
- Certain households in the Project Based Program will not be subject to the new UA policy on April 1, 2014. See the Administrative Plan for a list of the effective dates for these properties.

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**Regional Administering Agency: All Agencies**

**Effective Date: April 1, 2014**

This utility allowance schedule is for tenant paid heat only. Utility allowances for other tenant paid utilities are not provided by the PHA.

	<b>Smaller of the Unit Size or Voucher Size</b>							
	0 BR	1 BR	2 BR	3BR	4 BR	5 BR	6 BR	7 BR
Utility Allowance	\$50	\$82	\$113	\$141	\$168	\$213	\$258	\$303

**MTW Utility Allowance Program Applicability Table**

<b>Program</b>	<b>Apply MTW UA Schedule: Yes or No</b>
Designated Housing	Yes
FSS Participants	Yes
FUP	Yes
Greater Plymouth Area Supportive Housing	Yes
Housing Options program	Yes
Little MTW (FES: Family Economic Stability)	Yes
Mainstream 1	Yes
Port Ins	Yes
Project Based	Yes
Raising the Next Generation	Yes
Tenant Based	Yes
Section 221 Project	Yes
Section 236 Project	Yes
Section 515 Project for rural housing	Yes
Mod Rehab	Yes
HOME (Tenant-Based Vouchers only)	No
LIHTC (Tenant-Based Vouchers only)	No
Mainstream 5	No
Port Outs	No
VASH	No
<b>Non-Section 8 Programs</b>	
AHVP	N/A
MRVP	N/A
Shelter Plus Care	N/A
Mod Rehab SRO	N/A
<b>Consistent with Published HUD Guidance</b>	
Enhanced Vouchers	Determinations to be made at the time of Award and one year after, as applicable
MTW Preservation Initiatives & RAD	Determinations to be made at the time of Award and one year after, as applicable