

## **SUBSIDY STANDARDS:**

Prior to the issuance of a voucher and briefing the HA will also determine the appropriate unit size for the family. The unit size will be identified on the voucher.

To avoid overcrowding and prevent a waste of space, unit sizes shall be assigned in accordance with the occupancy standard set forth below:

The PHA will assign one bedroom for each two persons within the household, except in the following circumstances:

Persons of the opposite sex (other than spouses, and children under age 5) will be allocated separate bedrooms.

Live-in aides will be allocated a separate bedroom. No additional bedrooms are provided for the aides' family.

Single person families will be allocated one bedroom.

Persons of different generations and unrelated adults will be allocated a separate bedroom.

An adult son or daughter who attends school within the state of Louisiana will be included in the allocation of bedrooms; An adult son or daughter who attends school outside the state of Louisiana will not be considered in the allocation of bedrooms.

These principals result in the following occupancy standards:

NUMBER OF BEDROOMS	NUMBER OF PERSONS	
	Minimum	Maximum
1	1	2
2	2	4
3	3	6
4	4	8
5	6	10

Families have the responsibility of notifying the HA about changes in family circumstances. Failure to notify personnel of family additions or deletions may cause delays for the family to meet occupancy standards.

Regulations allow renting larger dwellings than size designated on the Voucher of Eligibility, however the payment standard for the bedroom size designated on the Voucher will be used.. A family may select a smaller unit than the size listed on the Voucher if the unit selected has at least one (1) sleeping or living/sleeping room for each two (2) persons in the household and the smaller size payment standard will be used for the Voucher Program.

Regulations require the SLEEPING ROOM must have: operable windows if designed to be opened, two (2) working electrical outlets or one working permanently installed light fixture and one electrical outlet. There shall be NO REQUIREMENTS for: square footage, closets, doors, or access within the unit.