

URBAN HOMESTEAD ACT (EXCERPT)
Act 127 of 1999

125.2704 Eligibility of applicant to rent and purchase property; criteria; substance abuse testing; verification of school attendance.

Sec. 4. (1) An applicant that meets all the following criteria is eligible to rent and purchase property as a qualified buyer under this act:

(a) The applicant is employed and has been employed for the immediately preceding 1-year period or is otherwise able to meet the financial commitments under this act as determined by the administrator.

(b) The applicant does not meet any of the following criteria:

(i) The applicant has been sentenced or imprisoned within the immediately preceding 1-year period for a felony conviction.

(ii) The applicant is currently on probation or parole for a felony conviction.

(iii) The applicant has been sentenced, imprisoned, on probation, or on parole in the immediately preceding 5-year period for a felony violation of section 7401, 7401a, 7402, 7410, or 7410a of the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.7401, 333.7401a, 333.7402, 333.7410, and 333.7410a.

(iv) The applicant has been convicted of a violation or attempted violation of section 520b, 520c, 520d, or 520g of the Michigan penal code, 1931 PA 328, MCL 750.520b, 750.520c, 750.520d, and 750.520g.

(c) All school age children of the applicant who will reside in the property attend school regularly. A child who has more than 10 unexcused absences per semester as determined by the local school or appropriate governing body is not considered to be attending school regularly.

(d) The applicant has income below the median for the state of Michigan, as determined by the United States department of housing and urban development for families with the same number of family members of the applicant.

(e) The applicant is drug free as determined by the administrator.

(f) That the applicant agrees to file an affidavit each year certifying that they meet the criteria described in this act, excluding subdivision (d).

(g) The applicant meets all other criteria as determined by the administrator.

(2) The administrator may require substance abuse testing of an applicant as a condition of entering into a lease agreement. If the applicant tests positive for substance abuse, then that individual shall enter into a substance abuse treatment program, as determined by the administrator. The continuing substance abuse treatment and successful completion shall be part of the lease agreement. The administrator may contract with and seek assistance from the local governmental unit, this state, the department of community health, or any other entity to implement this subsection.

(3) An applicant who has 1 or more school age children described in subsection (1)(c), shall provide verification of school attendance each semester.

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