



What is the Earned Income Disallowance (EID)?

EID is a temporary income exclusion. This means that if you qualify, a certain amount of your verified gross income is not counted when your household's rent is determined. This lasts for two consecutive 12 month periods. During the first 12 months, your rent will not increase as 100% of your added income is excluded. During the second 12 months you'll have a partial rent increase as 50% of your added income will now be included.

EID resulted from the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998. The policy is meant to support public housing residents in achieving their economic goals. EID does this through an income disallowance when you move from unemployment to employment or increase your income based on taking part in a job training program, work placement, adult education, or other program meant to encourage financial independence.

Who can qualify for the EID?

Authorized NYCHA Residents who are 18 years of age or older may qualify for EID. To qualify for EID, the individual household member's income must have increased through one of the following ways:

A resident:

- Got a new job or an increase in earnings due to participation in an economic self-sufficiency program; or
- Is currently working after being unemployed for 12 months or more, or was making less than \$5,500 per year; or
- Was on Public Assistance and/or participated in a TANF-funded program, received a cash payment(s) or services, and is newly employed or had an increase in earnings

The EID does not apply to residents that:

- Are Section 8 household members who are non-disabled
- Are applying for their own public housing apartment
- Are non-citizens without eligible immigration status

What types of program are considered eligible economic self-sufficiency programs?

Programs that are intended to encourage, assist, train or facilitate economic independence. Economic self-sufficiency program areas may include:

- Job training
- Employment counseling
- Work placement
- Apprenticeship
- Educational
- English language proficiency programs and
- Financial and household management
- Mental health and substance abuse
- Other work activities.

You should contact NYCHA's Office of Resident Economic Empowerment & Sustainability at 718 289 8100 or <http://opportunitynycha.org/> to learn about available programs in your neighborhood and throughout the City.

How does the EID work?

- If it is determined that you qualify, for the first 12 months your rent does not go up at all despite your increase in income as 100% of your added income is excluded from your rent calculation.
- For the second 12 months, 50% of your added income is included for your rent calculation and your rent will increase based on that inclusion of 50% of your added income..
- The EID period will begin the first day of the next month after your new employment or raise.

How do I know if I am eligible for the EID?

Your Housing Assistant will be able to let you know whether you are eligible for EID. Within 30 days of starting your job, you should notify your Housing Assistant about your new income and find out if you qualify for EID. Remember, you will have to bring proof of your new income and/or proof of participation in an economic self-sufficiency program.

What should I bring to the appointment with the Housing Assistant?

- If you took part in an economic self-sufficiency program provide your Housing Assistant with a letter from program provider stating that you obtained work while participating in their program.
- If you were on Public Assistance or received assistance through a TANF program supply your Housing Assistant with documentation of the provided aid.
- If you were unemployed or under employed provide proof of your previous income.

Your document should be dated and not be more than 60 days old when you meet with the Housing Assistant. You also need to have proof of your new increase in income (i.e. paystubs) or a letter from your employer. Please call NYCHA's Office of Resident Economic Empowerment & Sustainability at 718 289-8100 if you would like to provide the self-sufficiency program provider with a sample letter.

If I just learned about the EID but started a job more than 30 days ago, is it too late to apply?

No. You should contact your Property Management Office and set-up an appointment to see if you qualify. If you qualify, then the Housing Assistant will make your EID retroactively effective the first day of the month after your qualifying event.

When should I report new or increased income?

Any change in income should be reported to the Management Office within 30 days.

When you do report it, your rent will be calculated once again. Normally your rent would go up if your income went up, but if you qualify for the EID your rent will not go up in the first year. In the 2nd year your rent will only be increased by half of what it would have been. If you do not report your change in income within 30 days, you may owe back rent.

If I have received the EID before, can I reapply?

You can only receive EID once during your tenure in Public Housing.

Note: If you previously notified Property Management staff that you might be eligible for EID but were not qualified and later have a new qualifying event, you may submit the new information to see if you are now qualified for EID.

Can more than one family member receive the EID at the same time?

Yes. If more than one family member qualifies, the Housing Assistant will process each household member's EID individually before the rent is calculated.

Is there a maximum amount of time that a resident can receive EID?

As of May 9, 2016, EID exclusion periods run for a maximum of 24 consecutive months.

Note: If your EID qualifying event occurred prior to May 9, 2016 the EID may be paused for loss of income and spread across a consecutive 48-month period

What happens if there is a layoff or interruption in work after I start receiving the EID?

The 24-month exclusion period will not stop if employment ends or income declines. However, if employment is subsequently regained or income increases, EID would again be available during the remainder of the 24-month period. After the 24-month period ends, the resident will no longer be eligible for EID.

Note: If your EID qualifying event occurred prior to May 9, 2016 the EID may be paused for loss of income and spread across a consecutive 48-month period

Can I postpone the EID to a later date?

No, once the Housing Assistant determines that you are qualify for EID, you can't postpone the disallowance to another time.