5731 FILING A COMPLAINT

- Any resident of or applicant for a RAD Covered Project may file with DCHA or the Project Owner a complaint requesting an administrative determination of his or her rights for any dispute he or she may have with respect to a Project Owner's action or failure to act in accordance with the individual's lease or the contract administrator's action or failure to act in accordance with RAD PBV requirements that adversely affect the resident's rights, obligations, welfare, or status.
- The complaint shall be mailed or personally presented either orally or in writing to the DCHA Office of Fair Hearings or to the office of the property in which the complainant resides during normal office hours, but not later than thirty-five (35) calendar days after the DCHA or Project Owner's act or failure to act that constitutes the basis for the grievance. For a complaint concerning termination of assistance by DCHA, a participant must request an informal hearing within thirty-five (35) calendar days of the date of the issuance of the recommendation for termination of assistance by DCHA.
- The complaint shall state the particular grounds on which it is based and the action or relief requested. Upon request, DCHA or office of the property in which the complainant resides will assist a complainant in putting his or her complaint in writing.
- Upon receipt of the complaint, the DCHA Office of Fair Hearings or the office of the property in which the complainant resides shall provide the complainant with a receipt indicating a complaint was filed and information explaining the complainant's right to a fair hearing and outlining the RAD Grievance Procedures. If the complaint is filed at the office of the property in which the complainant resides, that office shall provide a copy of the complaint to OFH.

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