

**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND
URBAN DEVELOPMENT****[Docket No. FR-4770-N-01]****Notice of Availability of Revised HUD
Occupancy Handbook and Request for
Comments****AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant
Secretary for Housing—Federal Housing
Commissioner, HUD.**ACTION:** Notice of availability and
request for comments.**SUMMARY:** The Department of Housing
and Urban Development is revising
HUD Handbook 4350.3, Occupancy
Requirements of Subsidized Multifamily
Housing Programs. This notice advises
the public that HUD will make available
a copy of its revised Occupancy
Handbook on the HUD website and
invites interested parties to comment on
HUD's revised Occupancy Handbook.**DATES:** Comment Due Date: June 4,
2002.**ADDRESSES:** A copy of HUD's revised
Occupancy Handbook can be obtained
via the World Wide Web at [http://
www.hud.gov/offices/hsg/hsgmulti.cfm](http://www.hud.gov/offices/hsg/hsgmulti.cfm)
or by calling the Multifamily Housing
Clearinghouse at 1-800-685-8470.
Interested persons may also submit
comments regarding this Notice to the
Department of Housing and UrbanDevelopment, Attention: Handbook
4350.3 Comments, Room 6134, 451
Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC
20410. Communications should refer to
the above docket number and title.
Comments may also be submitted by e-
mail to: [occupancy_handbook_
comments@HUD.gov](mailto:occupancy_handbook_comments@HUD.gov).**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**
Dwayne Kimbrough, Director, Office of
Housing, Grant and Housing Assistance
Field Support Division, 451 Seventh
Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410-
2000; telephone number (202) 708-
3000. A telecommunications device
(TDD) for hearing and speech impaired
persons is available at (202) 708-0455.
(These are not toll-free numbers.)**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The
Department of Housing and Urban
Development is revising HUD Handbook
4350.3, Occupancy Requirements of
Subsidized Multifamily Housing
Programs, as part of the Department's
Rental Housing Integrity Improvement
Project (RHIIP). RHIIP is a Secretarial
initiative designed to reduce subsidy
payment errors and to ensure that the
right benefits are going to the right
person. This handbook provides
guidance for owners, management
agents, residents, contract
administrators, and HUD staff on the
admission and continued occupancy forapproximately 1.4 million households
in project based subsidized housing
units.In order to improve the quality of
HUD's revised Occupancy Handbook,
HUD has determined to make copies
available for public comment. Copies of
HUD's revised Occupancy Handbook
will be available for a period of five (5)
business days beginning May 20, 2002,
at the HUD website, [http://
www.hud.gov/offices/hsg/hsgmulti.cfm](http://www.hud.gov/offices/hsg/hsgmulti.cfm).
Members of the public without access to
the World Wide Web may obtain a copy
of the revised Occupancy Handbook by
contacting the Multifamily Housing
Clearinghouse at 1-800-685-8474.Public input is solicited on the overall
scope and direction of the revised HUD
Occupancy Handbook. Interested
members of the public may submit
comments either electronically or by
overnight mail to the addresses listed in
the **ADDRESSES** section above. To be
most helpful, comments must be
identified by specific page and
paragraph references and must be
received by June 4, 2002.

Dated: May 14, 2002.

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Housing Commissioner.*

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