

**FAQs:
Multi-Family, Rentals, and Kupuna Housing
Proposed Administrative Rules**

Are “rentals” about lessees renting their houses out to someone else?

No. Rentals refers only to rental units owned by the Department and managed by the Department or a management company.

Who can rent from the DHHL?

Anyone who is a beneficiary of the HHCA and meets the qualifications of the rental program. Each rental development could have different financial requirements to meet a range of needs. The proposed rule also would allow for a variety of possible rental options like rent with option to purchase, kupuna housing, and multi-family housing.

What is multi-family housing?

Multi-family housing in the proposed rule can be apartment or condominium units in low-rise or high-rise buildings, or town house developments. It is possible that multi-family developments could have rental units or leased units, or both, and could even include some commercial spaces on the lower floors or surrounding area.

Do I lose my place on the waitlist if I decide to rent from the Department?

No. You keep your place on the waitlist until you are awarded a Hawaiian Home Lands lease.

How would kupuna housing work?

Kupuna housing would be provided as a rental option. To be eligible, you need to be a beneficiary under the HHCA and meet the age requirement. Your spouse could live with you and could succeed to the rental agreement if your spouse is eligible under section 209 of the HHCA and qualifies for kupuna housing. Other aspects would be governed by the rental agreement and applicable law.

Would kupuna housing include assisted living residences?

No. Tenants must be able to function and live independently – no medical or other assistance would be offered.