

CoC Housing Quality Standards Inspection Guidelines

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has developed Housing Quality Standards (HQS) that define the minimum health and safety regulations that must be met in housing for which rental assistance payments are made with CoC program funds.

Initial Inspection

Before any assistance may be provided on behalf of a program participant, the grantee must physically inspect each unit using the HQS Long Form (52580-a) to assure that the unit meets HQS. Assistance will not be provided for units that fail to meet HQS, unless the owner corrects any deficiencies within 30 days from the date of the initial inspection and the grantee verifies that all deficiencies have been corrected.

Annual

Grantees must also inspect all units at least annually during the grant period to ensure that the units continue to meet HQS (annual must be started within 365 days of the last inspection). The HQS short form 52580 can be utilized on subsequent annual inspections.