



HOMELESS CERTIFICATION

VESTA®, the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) software used by the Cincinnati/Hamilton County Continuum of Care for the Homeless (CoC), has generated homeless certification for the individual named on this certificate. The purpose of this certificate is to verify client eligibility for a CoC/HUD funded housing or service program.

Homeless Individual's name: Pumpkin Pie

Public ID: Pumpkin1234

Certification Code: VESTA automated number

Single individual (yes/no): YES/NO

Number of persons in the household at the time of certification: #

Date of intake into certifying program: xx/xx/xxxx

Date of exit from certifying program: xx/xx/xxxx –or- still in program at the time this certificate was printed

Date certification was printed: xx/xx/xxxx

Certification active at the time of printing: YES/NO

Program type generating this certificate: Street Outreach/Emergency Shelter/Transitional Housing Program/Permanent Supportive Housing Program

VESTA generates homeless certification:

- If a street outreach program certifies homelessness, the individual has had to have had contact with their street outreach worker within the last 90 days.
- If an emergency shelter, transitional housing program, or permanent supportive housing program certifies homelessness, the certification lasts from the date of entry into the shelter/housing program to the date of exit from the shelter/housing program.

Notice to CoC agencies – Homeless Certification Rules:

- All clients who are entering a services only program must have active homeless certification on the date of intake into the service program.
- All clients who are entering transitional or permanent housing must have active homeless certification on the date of intake into housing, or where there is a housing placement delay, within 14 days of exit from their previous CoC street outreach or residential program.
- Certification generated by Permanent Supportive Housing may only be used to access “services only” programs and may not be used to change housing types.
- If the homeless certification is not found in VESTA after a search for the client and this paper certificate is presented as documentation, verify the validity of this certificate by entering the Certification Code above into VESTA.

Notice to clients: This certification means you may be eligible to receive housing or supportive services. To see if you are eligible you must work with your street outreach worker or case manager at the agency that generated this certificate.

Notice to landlords: This certification does not serve as any indication to a landlord that the person named on it has applied for or has received any specific financial assistance, rental subsidy or housing placement services. Some CoC programs do provide housing subsidies and housing support services. If the individual named on this certificate identifies to the landlord that they will be receiving support from an agency, then the landlord should contact the agency with which the client is working to coordinate and verify that assistance.