

WHAT'S NEW

HCCP CERTIFICATION

Congratulations to our stellar Compliance and Asset Management team members for their first time pass of the HCCP exam! [Merranda James](#), [Joanna Jin](#), [Ebony Gray](#), [Henrietta Harmon](#), and [Steve Vlkovic](#), will become HCCP certified this fall. **Way to go!**

CHANGES TO OUR TEAM

Our Compliance Officer, Ebony Gray, will leave DCA on Friday, August 31st. Ebony joined our team from DCA's Rental Assistance program and has worked in Compliance since 2017. We wish Ebony well as she embarks on to new phases of her career. After this Friday, August 31, please route all of your questions for Ebony to Compliance@dca.ga.gov.

Helen O'Leary has the left DCA as our Legal Consultant, effective August 2018. Many people had the pleasure of working with Helen on deal transactions, clarifications, and with records requests. Around the Office of Portfolio Management, Helen will be missed as a generous team member, an endless resource of legal advice, and for her true commitment to preservation in housing. Good luck to Helen as she moves on to a new phase in her career!

Mark Shelburne will be joining the DCA as the Director of the Office of Housing Finance, effective September 11, 2018. Mark will lead the Division's policy, allocation, underwriting, and construction teams for the state's affordable rental programs (LIHTCs, 4% bonds, HOME, and Trust Fund). Prior to accepting this position, Mark served as the Senior Manager of Public Policy at Novogradac Consulting, LLP where he advised state housing agencies on tax credit issues, analyzed federal and state legislation, and provided technical assistance and support through his numerous articles and blog posts. The Office of Portfolio Management extends a warm welcome to Mark!

POLICY UPDATES

RENT INCREASE CAP POLICY

The new Rent Increase Cap policy has been posted to our [Rent Limits](#) page, on the DCA Compliance Monitoring site. Clarifications to the policy can be found [here](#), on the 8/15/2018 archived Clarification Blast.

QUALIFIED CONTRACT POLICY

On August 15th, Grace Baranowski, DCA's Senior Policy Analyst, hosted the Preservation Listening session at DCA. Many of our Affordable Housing industry partners were in attendance and contributed to discussion surrounding the new Qualified Contracts policy that is in its final draft stages. The revised Qualified Contracts policy will be released this fall and will be announced in a future Blast.

A HELPING HAND

REFERRAL SOURCE

Does your property have available vacant market rate units? DCA may have a tenant referral source for you. To learn more, please email your property name, your contact information, your property location, and the market rental rates to compliance@dca.ga.gov. DCA will try to match you with our partner agencies that have housing placement needs in your area.

LABOR EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

In observance of the upcoming Labor Day holiday, and in reflecting on the socio-economic achievements of the American worker, the Office of Portfolio Management would like to spotlight female Veterans in the workforce. Please visit the [US Department of Labor website](#) to view facts and information surrounding gender and veteran demographics, statistics on women in veteran hiring trends, and for resources for women veterans facing barriers in the hiring process.

The Office of Portfolio Management recognizes all of the hard working employees that make up the several hundred management companies, volunteer organizations, and businesses, dedicated to keeping housing affordable in Georgia year-round.

COMPLIANCE CORNER

HUD 811

Did you or your project owner check the HUD 811 box on the project's core Application? Want to know more about the HUD 811 program and how you can maintain program compliance? Contact Ilona Nagy, our HUD 811 Program Coordinator at ilona.nagy@dca.ga.gov. You can request to receive the monthly newsletter (don't worry, it's not that long!). The 811 newsletter is strictly devoted to all things HUD 811. Click [here](#), for more information regarding our Annual 811 One Day convening in October 2018, a satisfaction survey, future webinars, and information on our Advisory Committee, currently in development.

DON'T FORGET TO REMEMBER. . .

LABOR DAY

All DCA offices will be closed on Monday, September 3, 2018, in observance of the Labor Day holiday.

HOME RENT APPROVAL FORM DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION

September 30, 2018, is the deadline for the HOME Rent Approval Submission. Please submit all forms to Compliance@dca.ga.gov and use the email subject line: [GA ID # / Property Name / HOME Rent Review / County](#)

Georgia Housing Search

Listing on GeorgiaHousingSearch.org is completely free and can be done online at GeorgiaHousingSearch.org or via a toll-free call center at 877-428-8844. For GeorgiaHousingSearch.org questions, please call 877-428-8844 (quickest and easiest!) or register online at www.GeorgiaHousingSearch.org.

Previous Notifications

Placed In Service Notification to DCA

DCA should be notified using the Placed In Service

Notification no later than 30 days after the first building in your development is placed in service. The required notification form can be found on the [Compliance Monitoring](#) site, select the "Form" icon.


The form includes instructions for setting the development up in MITAS and obtaining initial access to MITAS for the property. For questions about the form or set up, send your email to compliance@dca.ga.gov.

The Georgia Department of Community Affairs is committed to providing all persons with equal access to its services, programs, activities, education and employment regardless of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status, or disability.

For reasonable accommodations or alternate format information please contact compliance@dca.ga.gov



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