

Frequently Asked Questions About Displaced Household Eligibility



AC Boost welcomes applicants who have moved out of Alameda County in the last 10 years, even if they no longer live nor work in the County!

AC Boost is available to homebuyers who have moved out of the County due to foreclosure, rising housing costs, or other displacement pressures.

1. How do I know if I am eligible to apply as a “displaced household”?

To qualify as a displaced household, the applicant's household must include at least one adult member who was displaced as an adult from their principal place of residence within Alameda County within ten years prior to their application date.

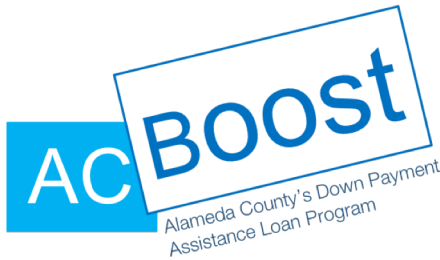
Displacement may include moving out of the County due to:

- Code enforcement activities,
- A City/County-sponsored or City/County-assisted development project,
- Property foreclosure,
- Evictions and forced move-outs, including those related to:
 - Rent increase
 - Loss of housing services
 - Owner move-in
 - Building condemnation
 - Unsafe/Unhealthy housing or neighborhood conditions
 - Property conversion to condominium or other use
 - Harassment, discrimination, or retaliation by landlord or neighbors
 - Constructive eviction
 - Natural disaster or other emergency
 - Other “no fault” circumstances

2. How will I be asked to show that I meet the requirements for being a “displaced household”?

Applicants will self-certify that the applicant's household was displaced for one of the above reasons. Documentation must also be provided to show past Alameda County residence within ten years prior to their AC Boost application date. Documentation could include, but are not limited to:

- Previous Lease Agreement with Alameda County address
- Utility Bill with Alameda County address
- Tax documents (such W-2, W-4, or Tax Returns) showing Alameda County address



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3. When will I have to provide documentation of displacement?

The Pre-Application for AC Boost will ask you to state whether you live, work, or have been displaced from Alameda County. No displacement documentation is necessary at this initial stage. All pre-applications will be entered into a lottery and households with top-ranking lottery numbers will be invited to a mandatory workshop. Those households will be invited to submit a full program application with supporting documents, including documentation of past Alameda County residence within ten years prior to the application date.

4. I was displaced from my housing several years ago but I live in Alameda County now. Do I receive extra preference points for living in Alameda County AND having been displaced?

No. Displaced households who no longer live or work in Alameda County may be eligible for AC Boost by virtue of having been displaced. If you live or work in Alameda County when you apply for AC Boost, past displacement does not affect your application because you are already eligible for the program. There are no additional preferences given to households that fall into more than one qualifying category. E.g., a household that was displaced in the past and now lives and works in Alameda County (qualifies in 3 different ways) does not have any advantage over a household that was displaced but no longer lives or works in Alameda County.

5. I was forced to move out of Alameda County when my landlord told me they were terminating my lease, but I don't have documentation that shows why I moved out. Am I still eligible as a displaced household?

Yes, if you can provide two things:

- (1) Qualifying documentation that you lived in Alameda County at some point within the last ten years, AND
- (2) Self-certification that the reason you moved out of Alameda County was one of the reasons considered an eligible displacement (see FAQ # 1).

