

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 be eligible as a displaced household, the applicant's household must have at least one adult member who was displaced as an adult from their principal residence in Alameda County within the last ten years before their application date.

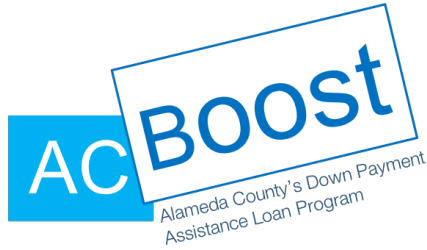
Displacement may include moving out of the County due to:

- 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 their household was displaced for one of the listed reasons. They also need to provide documentation showing that they lived in Alameda County at some point during the ten years before applying for AC Boost. Documentation might consist of, but is not restricted 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 AC Boost Pre-Application asks if you live in, work in, or have been displaced from Alameda County. No need for proof now. All pre-applications enter a lottery. Applicants with the top lottery numbers are invited to a workshop, and attendance is required. These selected households then complete a full application with supporting documents, including proof of Alameda County residence within ten years before applying.

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. If you were displaced but no longer live or work in Alameda County, you might qualify for AC Boost based on your displacement. If you apply while living or working in Alameda County, past displacement doesn't affect your application because you're already eligible. No extra benefits are given to households qualifying in multiple ways. For example, a household that was displaced and now lives and works in Alameda County (qualifying in 3 ways) has no 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, you qualify if you can show two things:

- (1) Proof that you lived in Alameda County at some point in the last ten years, AND
- (2) Self-certify that your reason for leaving Alameda County matches one of the accepted displacement reasons (see FAQ # 1).

