

(iv) held by the Secretary and formerly insured under a program referred to in clause (i), (ii), or (iii); and

(B) that, under regulation or contract in effect before February 5, 1988, is or will within 24 months become eligible for prepayment without prior approval of the Secretary.

(2) The term “Federal cost limit” means, for any eligible low-income housing, the amount determined under section 4105(a) of this title.

(3) The term “low-income affordability restrictions” means limits imposed by regulation or regulatory agreement on tenant rents, rent contributions, or income eligibility in eligible low-income housing.

(4) The terms “low-income families or persons” and “very low-income families or persons” mean families or persons whose incomes do not exceed the respective levels established for low-income families and very low-income families, respectively, under section 1437a(b)(2) of title 42.

(5) The term “moderate-income families or persons” means families or persons whose incomes are between 80 percent and 95 percent of the median income for the area, as determined by the Secretary with adjustments for smaller and larger families.

(6) The term “nonprofit organization” means any private, nonprofit organization that—

(A) is organized or chartered under State or local laws;

(B) has no part of its net earnings inuring to the benefit of any member, founder, contributor, or individual;

(C) complies with standards of financial accountability acceptable to the Secretary; and

(D) has among its principal purposes significant activities related to the provision of decent housing that is affordable to very low-, low-, and moderate-income families.

(7) The term “owner” means the current or subsequent owner or owners of eligible low-income housing.

(8) The term “preservation equity” means, for any eligible low-income housing—

(A) for purposes of determining the authorized return under section 4104(a) of this title and providing incentives to extend the low-income affordability restrictions on the housing under section 4109 of this title—

(i) the preservation value of the housing determined under section 4103(b)(1) of this title; less

(ii) any debt secured by the property; and

(B) for purposes of determining incentives under section<sup>1</sup> 4110 and 4111 of this title and determining the amount of an acquisition loan under the provisions of section 1715z-6(f)(3)<sup>2</sup> of this title—

(i) the preservation value of the housing determined under section 4103(b)(2) of this title; less

(ii) the outstanding balance of the federally-assisted mortgage or mortgages for the housing.

(9) The term “preservation value” means, for any eligible low-income housing, the applicable value determined under paragraph (1) or (2) of section 4103(b) of this title.

(10) The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

(11) The term “resident council” means any incorporated nonprofit organization or association that—

(A) is representative of the residents of the housing;

(B) adopts written procedures providing for the election of officers on a regular basis; and

(C) has a democratically elected governing board, elected by the residents of the housing.

(Pub. L. 100-242, title II, §229, as added Pub. L. 101-625, title VI, §601(a), Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 4271; amended Pub. L. 102-550, title III, §§310, 317(a)(5), Oct. 28, 1992, 106 Stat. 3765, 3772; Pub. L. 103-327, title II, Sept. 28, 1994, 108 Stat. 2316.)

### Editorial Notes

#### REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 1715z-6(f) of this title, referred to in par. (8)(B), was repealed by Pub. L. 104-204, title II, Sept. 26, 1996, 110 Stat. 2885.

#### CODIFICATION

Amendment by Pub. L. 103-327 is based on section 601(e) of title VI of S. 2281, One Hundred Third Congress, as reported July 13, 1994, which was enacted into law by Pub. L. 103-327.

#### AMENDMENTS

1994—Par. (4). Pub. L. 103-327 temporarily amended par. (4) to read as follows:

“(4)(A) The term ‘low-income tenants’ means families or persons with incomes that exceed 50 percent of the median income for the area (as determined by the Secretary with adjustments for family size) but do not exceed 80 percent of the median income for the area (as determined by the Secretary with adjustments for family size).”

“(B) The term ‘very low-income tenants’ means families or persons with incomes that are less than or equal to 50 percent of the median income for the area (as determined by the Secretary with adjustments for family size).” See Effective and Termination Dates of 1994 Amendment note below.

1992—Par. (1)(A)(i). Pub. L. 102-550, §310, substituted “receiving loan management assistance under section 1437f of title 42 due to a conversion from section 1701s of this title” for “assisted under section 1701s of this title or section 1437f of title 42”.

Par. (11)(A). Pub. L. 102-550, §317(a)(5), substituted “residents” for “resident”.

### Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

#### EFFECTIVE AND TERMINATION DATES OF 1994 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 103-327 effective only during fiscal year 1995, see provision of title II of Pub. L. 103-327 set out as a note under section 4112 of this title.

### § 4120. Notice to tenants

Where a provision of this subchapter requires that information or material be given to tenants

<sup>1</sup> So in original. Probably should be “sections”.

<sup>2</sup> See References in Text note below.

of the housing, the requirement may be met by (1) posting a copy of the information or material in readily accessible locations within each affected building, or posting notices in each such location describing the information or material and specifying a location, as convenient to the tenants as is reasonably practical, where a copy may be examined, and (2) supplying a copy of the information or material to a representative of the tenants.

(Pub. L. 100-242, title II, §230, as added Pub. L. 101-625, title VI, §601(a), Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 4273.)

**§ 4121. Definitions of qualified and priority purchaser and related party rule**

**(a) Priority purchaser**

The term “priority purchaser” means (A) a resident council organized to acquire the housing in accordance with a resident homeownership program that meets the requirements of section 4121<sup>1</sup> of this title; and (B) any nonprofit organization or State or local agency that agrees to maintain low-income affordability restrictions for the remaining useful life of the housing (as determined under section 4112(d)<sup>2</sup> of this title).

**(b) Qualified purchaser**

The term “qualified purchaser” means any entity that agrees to maintain low-income affordability restrictions for the remaining useful life of the housing (as determined under section 4112(c) of this title), and includes for-profit entities and priority purchasers.

**(c) Related parties**

Except as provided in subsection (d), the terms “qualified purchaser” and “priority purchaser” do not include any entity that, either directly or indirectly, is wholly or partially owned or controlled by the owner of the housing being transferred under this subchapter, is under whole or partial common control with such owner, or has any financial interest in such owner or in which such owner has any financial interest. The Secretary shall issue any regulations appropriate to implement the preceding sentence.

**(d) Management exception**

A qualified purchaser shall not be precluded from retaining as a property management entity a company that is owned or controlled by the selling owner or a principal thereof if retention of the management company is neither a condition of sale nor part of consideration paid for sale and the property management contract is negotiated by the qualified purchaser on an arm’s length basis.

(Pub. L. 100-242, title II, §231, as added Pub. L. 101-625, title VI, §601(a), Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 4273; amended Pub. L. 102-550, title III, §317(a)(6), Oct. 28, 1992, 106 Stat. 3772.)

**Editorial Notes**

AMENDMENTS

1992—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 102-550 substituted “4112(c)” for “4112(d)”.

<sup>1</sup> So in original. Probably should be section “4116”.

<sup>2</sup> So in original. Probably should be section “4112(c)”.

**§ 4122. Preemption of State and local laws**

**(a) In general**

No State or political subdivision of a State may establish, continue in effect, or enforce any law or regulation that—

(1) restricts or inhibits the prepayment of any mortgage described in section 4119(1) of this title (or the voluntary termination of any insurance contract pursuant to section 1715t of this title) on eligible low income housing;

(2) restricts or inhibits an owner of such housing from receiving the authorized annual return provided under section 4104 of this title;

(3) is inconsistent with any provision of this subchapter, including any law, regulation, or other restriction that limits or impairs the ability of any owner of eligible low income housing to receive incentives authorized under this subchapter (including authorization to increase rental rates, transfer the housing, obtain secondary financing, or use the proceeds of any of such incentives); or

(4) in its applicability to low-income housing is limited only to eligible low-income housing for which the owner has prepaid the mortgage or terminated the insurance contract.

Any law, regulation, or restriction described under paragraph (1), (2), (3), or (4) shall be ineffective and any eligible low-income housing exempt from the law, regulation, or restriction, only to the extent that it violates the provisions of this subsection.

**(b) Effect**

This section shall not prevent the establishment, continuing in effect, or enforcement of any law or regulation of any State or political subdivision of a State not inconsistent with the provisions of this subchapter, such as any law or regulation relating to building standards, zoning limitations, health, safety, or habitability standards for housing, rent control, or conversion of rental housing to condominium or cooperative ownership, to the extent such law or regulation is of general applicability to both housing receiving Federal assistance and nonassisted housing. This section shall not preempt, annul, or alter any contractual restrictions or obligations existing before November 28, 1990, that prevent or limit an owner of eligible low-income housing from prepaying the mortgage on the housing (or terminating the insurance contract on the housing).

(Pub. L. 100-242, title II, §232, as added Pub. L. 101-625, title VI, §601(a), Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 4273; amended Pub. L. 102-550, title III, §311, Oct. 28, 1992, 106 Stat. 3765.)

**Editorial Notes**

AMENDMENTS

1992—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 102-550 substituted “, such as any law or regulation” for “and” after “subchapter”.

**§ 4123. Severability**

If any provision of this subchapter, or the application of such provision with respect to any person or circumstance, is held invalid, the remainder of this Act, and the application of such