

Deadlines for Purchasing Socially Owned Apartments in the Federation

The Office of the High Representative would like to remind occupancy right holders that although the general deadline of 6 September, 2000, for purchase of socially owned apartments in the Federation has passed, it did not apply – or another deadline applies – for the following categories of occupancy right holders:

1. Holders of occupancy rights to apartments that are destroyed or damaged (regardless of whether the apartment was declared abandoned or not). These occupancy right holders are requested to submit their request for the purchase of their apartment within three months after they repossessed their apartment.

1. Occupancy right holders whose apartments were declared abandoned and who acquire the right to purchase them two years after their reinstatement. These occupancy right holders are requested to submit a claim for the purchase of the apartment within a six-month deadline of the day on which they acquired the right to purchase it, that is two years after they reoccupied the apartment.

1. Occupancy right holders whose contracts on use of the apartment were issued between 1 April 1992 and 7 February 1998 and subsequently canceled, but whose contracts are in the process of being revalidated in accordance with the amended *Law on the Cessation of the Application of the Law on Abandoned Apartments* and the amended *Instruction on the Application of the Law on the Cessation of the Application of the Law on Abandoned Apartments*. These occupancy right holders are requested to submit their request for purchasing their apartment within three months of the day when their contract on use is revalidated.

1. Holders of occupancy rights to their 1991 apartments, who have not yet repossessed those apartments, but who qualify as multiple users under the amended *Law on the Cessation of the Application of the Law on Abandoned Apartments*; this means that they are expected to return to their 1991 apartment, and currently use someone else's apartment or house. These occupancy right holders are requested to submit their request for the purchase of their apartment within three months after they repossessed their 1991 apartment.

It is sufficient for the occupancy right holder to notify in writing the allocation right holder of his/her intent to purchase in order to meet these deadlines. It is not necessary for him/her to have gathered all the documentation required for the purchase. The OHR recommends that the occupancy right holder send by registered mail a written request to the allocation right holder and attach whatever documentation he/she has gathered by then.