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Fixed, Regular, & Adequate

Determining eligibility for McKinney-Vento homeless identification is the first step in ensuring students receive the educational rights, services and support they are entitled to under federal law. The following tool may help gather information as part of identifying and determining the extent to which the current living situation is fixed, regular and adequate.

FIXED



"A fixed residence is one that is stationary, permanent, and not subject to change."

YES NO

Is this a permanent arrangement?

Are you sharing the housing expenses equally (food, utilities, rent)?

Is your name on the lease?

Is your housing paid for by a third party or through a time-limited voucher program? (if yes, check the **NO** box)

REGULAR



"A regular residence is one that is used on a regular/ nightly basis."

YES NO

Do you have a key to the place you are staying?

Is your sleeping location common? (Not a barn, travel trailer, car tent, garage, etc)

Are you able to use this location every day/night of the week?

Will you be living here for the entire school year?

ADEQUATE



"An adequate residence is one that is sufficient for meeting both the physical and psychological needs typically met in home environments."

YES NO

Are there enough beds/sleeping spaces so everyone has their own space?

Does the shelter/home have electricity, heat and running water, no pest infestation?

Can you come and go as you choose?

Is the supervision adequate? (this primarily applies to UH-V)

ANY "NO" RESPONSE INDICATES
THE STUDENT MAY BE ELIGIBLE
FOR MV SERVICES.

**Definitions taken from NICHÉ resource: Questions from a variety of resources and conversations with liaisons in the field*