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TO: All FHA-Approved Mortgagees and Other Stakeholders in FHA Transactions

NEWS AND UPDATES

Single Family Housing Policy Handbook 4000.1 Revisions, Training, and Tools Launched Today

Today, the Federal Housing Administration (FHA) published updates to its *Single Family Housing Policy Handbook* 4000.1 (SF Handbook), and launched a number of updated training and information tools for mortgagees and other stakeholders. Collectively, these updates are designed to make it more efficient for mortgagees and others to access, understand, and use the SF Handbook and the policies it contains – a key part of FHA’s goal of making it easier to do business with us.

SF Handbook Updates

The following revisions are being incorporated into the SF Handbook’s portable document format (PDF) and online format:

- Electronic Appraisal Delivery (EAD) portal guidance, published in Mortgagee Letter 2015-08 on March 26, 2015, that became effective for new originations with case numbers assigned **on or after June 27, 2016**;
- Student Loan guidance, published in Mortgagee Letter 2016-08 on April 13, 2016, that became effective for case numbers assigned **on or after June 30, 2016**;
- Previously published only in the PDF of the SF Handbook on March 14, 2016, the *Claims* and *Disposition* sections for Title II forward mortgages are now available in the online format SF Handbook. The effective dates for these sections remain **September 30, 2016, as previously announced**; and
- The revised Table of Contents for subsections under Section II: *Origination Through Post-Closing/Endorsement* (Origination Through Endorsement), as announced on March 14, 2016.

These changes are detailed in the [SF Handbook Transmittal](#). Mortgagee Letters 2015-08 and 2016-08 have been superseded in full as of today by the SF Handbook.

Updated Self-Paced, Pre-Recorded Training Webinars Now Available

Along with its June 30th updates, today FHA launched a series of eight updated, pre-recorded training webinars that cover the SF Handbook's entire Origination Through Endorsement section for Title II forward mortgages.

The pre-recorded webinars walk viewers through the key FHA policies and requirements for a Title II forward mortgage, starting with origination and processing policies, and ending with special requirements for FHA's Title II forward mortgage products and programs. The webinars offer viewers:

- The ability to access the series sequentially, or to view only those modules with information specific to a viewer's role, interests, and expertise;
- Self-paced options, with stop and pause functionality, for viewers to learn at their own pace; and
- Online access 24/7 to provide detailed training whenever and wherever a viewer needs it.

Access the pre-recorded webinars on the [Single Family Housing Self-Paced, Pre-Recorded Training](#) page.

Expanded Online SF Housing Policy Library – Now More Than Just the SF Handbook

FHA continues to expand its publicly accessible [online Single Family Housing Policy Library](#). The online policy library now contains:

- The fully searchable online SF Handbook;
- All current Single Family Housing Mortgagee Letters and Housing Notices, organized by year of publication;
- All Single Family Housing Mortgagee Letters and Housing Notices superseded in full or in part by the SF Handbook, with a clearly noted stamp on each page of documents that have been superseded; and
- Selected SF Handbook supplemental documents and model documents, including the *Single Family Housing Appraisal Report and Data Delivery Guide*, and the *Claim Filing Technical Guide*.

In the coming months, FHA will continue to add content to its online Single Family Policy Library so that it becomes the comprehensive resource for accessing current and previous FHA Single Family Housing policy and related documents.