

HUD Requires a Unique Entity Identifier for FHA-Approved Lenders, Mortgagees, and Entities Seeking FHA Approval

Today, the Federal Housing Administration (FHA) published [Mortgagee Letter \(ML\) 2022-14](#), *Unique Entity Identifier for FHA-Approved Lenders, Mortgagees, and Institutions Seeking FHA Approval*.

This ML establishes the requirement announced by the General Services Administration (GSA) that entities engaged in or seeking to do business with the federal government have an active Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) from GSA's System of Award Management ([SAM.gov](#)). The UEI is an alpha-numeric identifier used by the federal government to maintain consistent name and address data about non-federal entities doing business with the government.

The requirement applies to all FHA-approved lenders and mortgagees, and entities seeking FHA approval and will be captured as part of an institution's data in the Lender Electronic Assessment Portal ([LEAP](#)) or application for FHA approval.

The ML also provides information on where to register for a UEI and update an Institution Profile in LEAP.

The provisions of this ML may be implemented immediately but must be implemented no later than December 31, 2022.

These updates will be incorporated in a future version of the *Single Family Housing Policy Handbook* 4000.1 (