

Public Housing Portal

Public Housing Agency User Guide to Assigning WASS Roles for the Public Housing Portal (For External Users Only)



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Purpose of this Guide

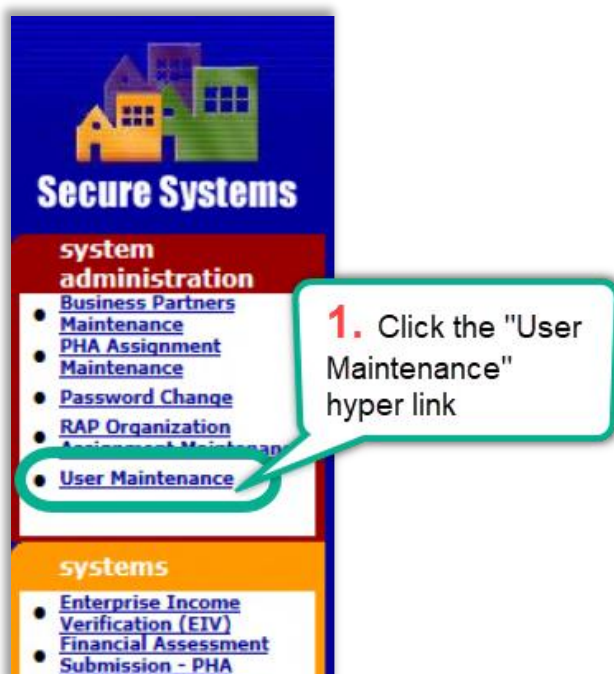
This guide provides steps for the PHA's local Web Access Security Subsystem (WASS) security coordinator to provide PHA staff and third-party support with access to the Public Housing Portal (portal) and the Operating Fund (OpFund) MicroStrategy Reports. Refer the section [Quick Guide](#) for quick steps to provide the PHA WASS security coordinator assignment and PHA user role assignments. Find the portal through Secure Systems URL https://hudapps.hud.gov/HUD_Systems.

Role Assignment

Any new role assignments take two (2) business days to be effective. Once the link “**Public housing Portal (PIH Operating Fund)**” is made available in Secure System navigation menu, each user must create their user profile and validate their user profile in the portal. Refer to the User Profile User Guide.

PHA WASS Security Coordinator Role Assignment

The following are steps the PHA's WASS security coordinator takes to obtain coordinator role for the portal. **The WASS coordinator needs to complete these steps only once.** Please note that it takes two (2) business days for the role to be effective.



User Maintenance

On this form, you can either search for a User by User ID, or search for Users by entering your search criteria.

Search by User ID

To search for a User by User ID, enter a User ID and then click the "Search for User" button.

User ID	<input type="text"/>	What's This?
(S)earch for User		

2. Search by User ID

Search Users

To search for a User, enter a search criteria (optional) and then click the "Search Users" button.

or

Business Partner - TIN/SSN/PHA ID/IPA ID	<input type="text"/>	What's This?
First Name	<input type="text"/>	
Last Name	<input type="text"/>	
User Status	All <input type="button" value="v"/>	What's This?
<input type="checkbox"/> Check here to limit search to Independent Users		
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Search by User Name

Maintain User

User Information	
User ID	<input type="text"/>
First Name	<input type="text"/>
Middle Initial	<input type="text"/>
Last Name	<input type="text"/>
User Status	Active
Coordinator	Yes
User Type	PHA User/Business Pa
Choose a Function	
Business Partners Maintenance	
Maintain User Information	
Maintain User Profile - Actions	
Maintain User Profile - Groups	
Maintain User Profile - Roles	
Resend Letter	

3. Select "Maintain User Profile- Actions" & click Submit

Assign/Unassign Actions for User

User Information	
User ID	
First Name	
Middle Initial	
Last Name	
User Status	Active
Coordinator	Yes
User Type	PHA User/Business Partner

Please check/uncheck boxes to assign/unassign roles to the user

Disabled roles cannot be unassigned. Please refer to the appropriate Assignment Maintenance screen.

[FASPHA](#) | [FASSUB](#) | [FHSEC3](#) | [LOCAL](#) | [S.I.](#)
[PIC](#) | [VMS](#)

OFPIH - PIH Operating Fund

<input type="checkbox"/>	ADM - Administration
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	COR - Coordinator

Make sure User Status is Active

4. Assign Coordinator action to the local WASS security coordinators

Note: This selection is grayed out if the COR - Coordinator role was already selected.

Click on the Assign/Unassign Actions button at the bottom of the screen.

Assign/Unassign Role Confirmation for User

Roles to Assign to User MPG608

System Code	Role Code	Role Description
OFPIH	COR	Coordinaor

No roles were selected to unassign.

5. Click Confirm

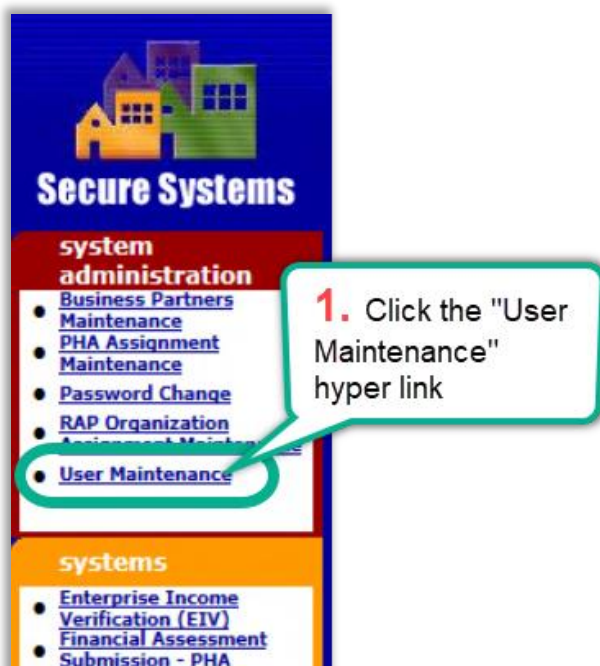
Confirm

Cancel

PHAs need to assign the WASS coordinator role only one time. This assignment allows the WASS coordinator to assign additional staff roles in the future. The WASS coordinator may continue to assign PHA user roles as well as assign a PHA to the user, which is explained below in greater detail.

PHA User Role Assignment

The following are steps for the PHA's WASS security coordinator to provide users with access to the portal. **Please wait two (2) business days for the security role to be effective.**



User Maintenance

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Search by User ID

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User ID [What's This?](#)

(S)earch for User

Search Users or

To search for a User, enter a search criteria (optional) and then click the "Search Users" button.

Business Partner - TIN/SSN/PHA ID/IPA ID [What's This?](#)

First Name

Last Name

User Status All [What's This?](#)

☐ Check here to limit search to Independent Users

Search (U)sers Cancel

2. Search by User ID

Search by User Name

Maintain User

User Information	
User ID	
First Name	
Middle Initial	
Last Name	
User Status	Active
Coordinator	No
User Type	PHA User/Business Partner

Choose a Function

Maintain User Information
Maintain User Profile - Actions
Maintain User Profile - Groups
Maintain User Profile - Roles

3. Select "Maintain User Profile - Roles" & click Submit

Assign/Unassign Roles for User

User Information	
User ID	
First Name	
Middle Initial	
Last Name	
User Status	Active
Coordinator	No
User Type	

Please check/uncheck box for role assignment
 Disabled roles cannot be assigned. See appropriate Assignment Matrix for details.

[OFPIH](#) | [OPFBI](#)

OFPIH - PIH Operating Fund	
<input type="checkbox"/>	OPD - PHA Executive Director
<input type="checkbox"/>	OPE - OFPIH System PHA User
<input type="checkbox"/>	OPI - OFPIH System PHA Read-Only User
<input type="checkbox"/>	OPL - OFPIH Board Chair

OPFBI - Operating Subsidy-Business Intelligence	
<input type="checkbox"/>	OSP - PIH ObSub PHA User

4a. Select only ONE user role for access to the Public Housing Portal (see the explanation of roles in the table below)

4b. Select this user role for access to the OpFund MicroStrategy Reports

Then click on the Assign/Unassign Actions button at the bottom of the screen.

PHA User Role Definitions

The graphic below describes the current and future capabilities of the User Roles. **Only select ONE role for each user and select the role appropriate for the user.**

System	Role	Description
Public Housing Portal	OPD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This user role is for the PHA's Executive Director only. This user can create, edit, upload supporting documents, and manually or electronically sign or submit certifications, plans, forms, and other types of submissions.
Public Housing Portal	OPE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This user can create, edit, and upload supporting documents for the submission. This user cannot sign or submit certifications, plans, forms, and other types of submissions.
Public Housing Portal	OPI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This user can only read completed submissions. This user cannot create, edit, upload supporting documents, sign or submit certifications, plans, forms, and other types of submissions.
Public Housing Portal	OPL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This user role is for the PHA's Board Chair only. This user can create, edit, manually or electronically sign required Board certifications, and upload supporting documents. This user cannot sign or submit plans, forms, or other types of submissions.
OpFund MicroStrategy Reports	OSP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Read Only Role This role does not require PHA assignment This user can view OpFund unit status and Asset Repositioning Fee (ARF) reports

Assign/Unassign Role Confirmation for User

Roles to Assign to User MPG608

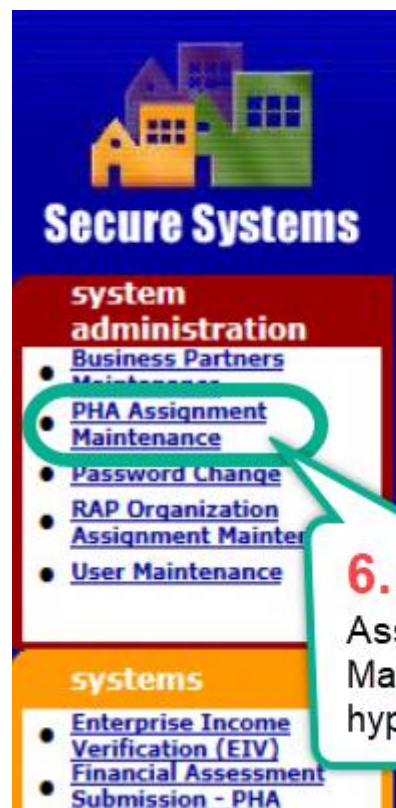
System Code	Role Code	Role Description
OFPIH	OPI	OFPIH System PHA Read-Only User

No roles were selected to unassign.

5. Click Confirm

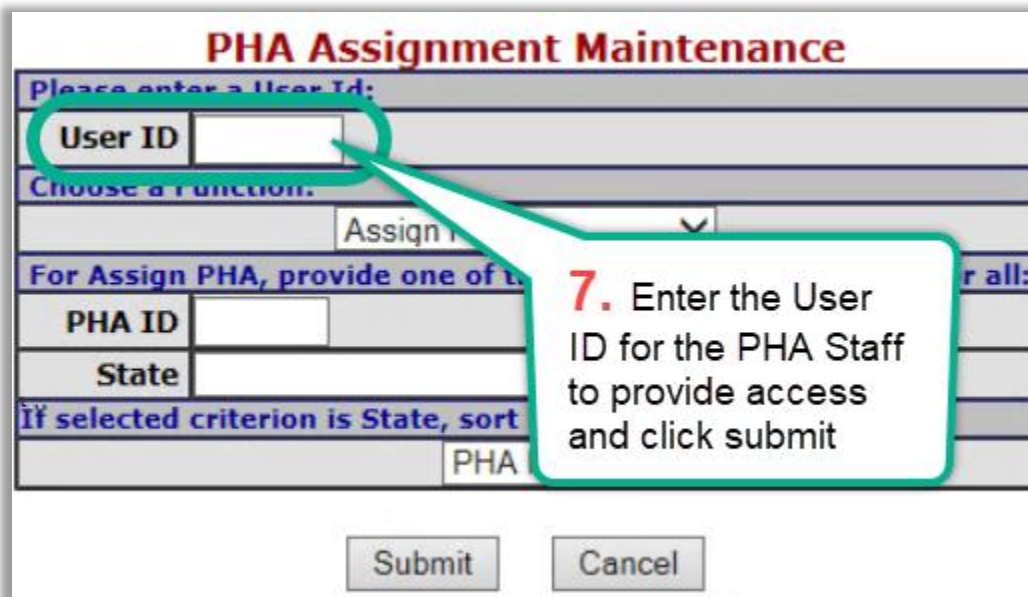
Confirm

Cancel



6. Click the "PHA Assignment Maintenance" hyper link

Note: The PHA assignment steps 7 through 12 are not required for the OpFund MicroStrategy user role OSP



PHA Assignment Maintenance

Please enter a User Id:

User ID

Choose a Function:

Assign

For Assign PHA, provide one of the following:

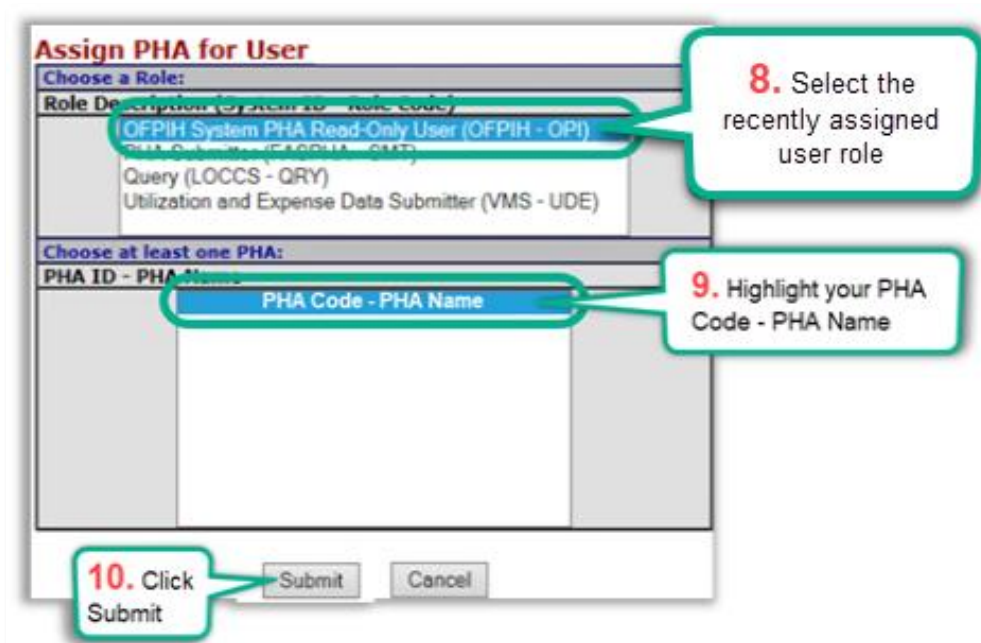
PHA ID

State

If selected criterion is State, sort by PHA

7. Enter the User ID for the PHA Staff to provide access and click submit

Submit Cancel



Assign PHA for User

Choose a Role:

Role Description (System ID - Role Code)
OFPIH System PHA Read-Only User (OFPIH - OPI)
PHA System (FACPHM - GMS)
Query (LOCCS - QRY)
Utilization and Expense Data Submitter (VMS - UDE)

8. Select the recently assigned user role

Choose at least one PHA:

PHA ID - PHA Name
PHA Code - PHA Name

9. Highlight your PHA Code - PHA Name

10. Click Submit

Submit Cancel

Assign PHA Confirmation for User

User Information	
User ID	
First Name	
Middle Initial	
Last Name	

PHAs to Assign to User MLL555 for Role OPI .	
PHA ID	PHA Name
PHA Code	Public Housing Authoriy Name

11. Click Confirm

Confirm

Cancel

Successful Transaction

You have successfully assigned the PHA to User [].

OK

12. Click OK

Quick Guide: PHA WASS Coordinator & User Role Assignment

PHA WASS Coordinator Role Assignment Steps

I. Coordinator role assignment steps

1. Under “Maintain User Profile-Actions,” the Coordinator box under “OFPIH - PIH Operating Fund” should be checked
2. At the bottom of the screen, select “Assign/Unassign Actions”
3. Select “OK”
4. Under “Maintain User Profile-Roles,” check only **ONE** user roles under “OFPIH - PIH Operating Fund” (note: OPD role is designated for the ED or an authorized delegate)
5. At the bottom of the screen, select “Assign/Unassign Roles”
6. Select “Confirm” and Select “OK”

II. Select “PHA Assignment Maintenance” from the menu on the left of your screen

1. On the “PHA Assignment Maintenance” screen, your ID should be at the top
2. Scroll to the bottom of the screen and select “Submit”
3. On the next screen, highlight the roles previously selected
4. Highlight the PHA on the bottom half
5. Select “Submit”
6. Select “Confirm” and Select “OK”

Note: The WASS Coordinator only needs to be assigned once. Please wait two (2) business days for the security role to be effective.

PHA WASS PHA User Role Assignment Steps

I. User role assignment steps

1. Login as a WASS coordinator and select the PHA user ID
2. Under “Maintain User Profile-Roles,” check only **ONE** user roles under “OFPIH - PIH Operating Fund” (note: OPD role is designated for the ED or an authorized delegate) and the OSP role under “OPFBI - Operating Subsidy-Business Intelligence”
3. At the bottom of the screen, select “Assign/Unassign Roles”
4. Select “Confirm” and Select “OK”

II. Select “PHA Assignment Maintenance” from the menu on the left of your screen. (*Note: these steps are not required for the OpFund MicroStrategy Reports user role OSP*)

1. On the “PHA Assignment Maintenance” screen, the PHA User ID should be at the top
2. Scroll to the bottom of the screen and select “Submit”
3. On the next screen, highlight the role previously selected
4. Highlight the PHA on the bottom half
5. Select “Submit”
6. Select “Confirm” and Select “OK”

Note: Please wait two (2) business days for the security role to be effective.

Unassign User Roles

The user abilities in the portal are adversely impacted when the users have two or more assigned user roles for the portal. Below is an image of a user with multiple roles for the portal in WASS.

Assign/Unassign Roles for User

User Information	
User ID	
First Name	
Middle Initial	
Last Name	
User Status	Active
Coordinator	Yes
User Type	PHA User/Business Partner

Please check/uncheck boxes to assign/unassign roles to the user.

Disabled roles cannot be unassigned until they are in appropriate Assignment Maintenance screens

[OFPIH](#) | [OPFBI](#) |

OFPIH - PIH Operating Fund

<input type="checkbox"/>	OPD - PHA Executive Director
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	OPE - OFPIH System PHA User
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	OPI - OFPIH System PHA Read-Only User

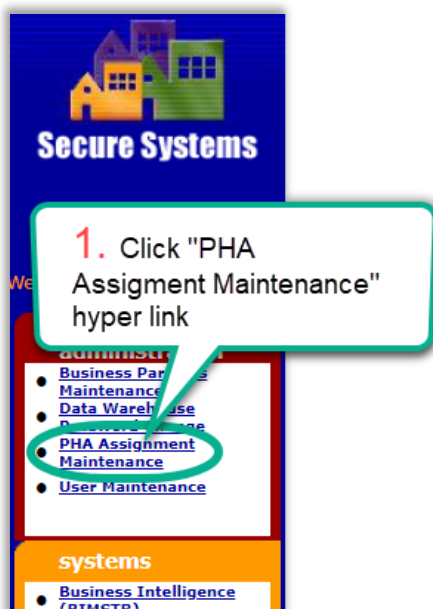
OPFBI - Operating Subsidy-Business Intelligence

<input type="checkbox"/>	OSP - PIH ObSub PHA User
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[Assign/Unassign Roles](#) [Cancel](#)

User with more than one user role in the OpFund Web Portal

The following steps guide the PHA's WASS security coordinator remove incorrect user roles from a user. **Please wait two (2) business days for the security role to be effective.**



PHA Assignment

Please enter a User Id:

User ID

Choose a Function:

Assign PHA
Assign PHA
View or Unassign PHA

If selected criterion is State, sort by:

PHA ID

Submit Cancel

2. Enter the User ID

3. Select "View or Unassign PHA"

4. Click "Submit"

View/Unassign PHA for User []

To unassign a PHA, check the box and click submit.

☐ Select/Deselect All

PHA ID	PHA Name	Role Code	Role Description
<input type="checkbox"/>	Housing Authority	OPD	PHA Executive Director
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Housing Authority	OPE	OFPIH System PHA User
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Housing Authority	OPI	OFPIH System PHA Read-Only User

Submit Cancel

5. Place a check mark on the roles to remove. In this example the user retains the OPD- PHA Executive Director role.

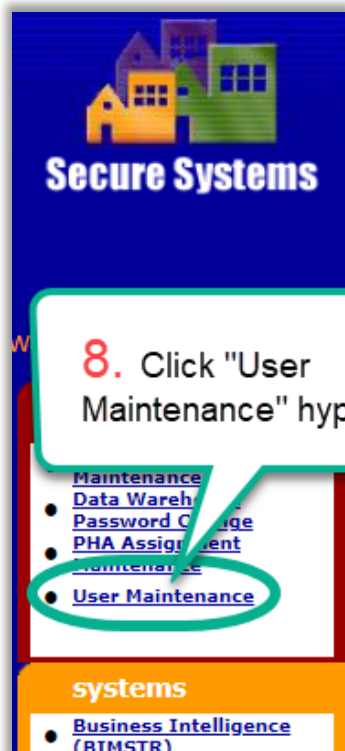
6. Click "Submit"

Successful Transaction

You have successfully unassigned the PHA from User [].

OK

7. Click "OK"



8. Click "User Maintenance" hyper link

User Maintenance	
On this form, you can either search for a User by User ID, or search for Users by entering your search criteria.	
Search by User ID	
To search for a User by User ID, enter a User ID and then click the "Search for User" button.	
User ID	<input type="text"/> What's This?
(S)earch for User	
Search Users or	
To search for a User, enter a search criteria (optional) and then click the "Search Users" button.	
Business Partner - TIN/SSN/PHA ID/IPA ID	<input type="text"/> What's This?
First Name	<input type="text"/>
Last Name	<input type="text"/>
User Status	All <input type="button" value="v"/> What's This?
<input type="checkbox"/> Check here to limit search to Independent Users	
<input type="button" value="Search (U)sers"/>	<input type="button" value="Cancel"/>

9. Search by User

Search by User Name

Maintain User

User Information	
User ID	
First Name	
Middle Initial	
Last Name	
User Status	Active
Coordinator	Yes
User Type	PHA User/Business Partner
Choose a Function	
	Maintain User Profile - Roles

10. Select "Maintain User Profile - Roles"

11. Click "Submit"

Assign/Unassign Roles for User

User Information	
User ID	
First Name	
Middle Initial	
Last Name	
User Status	Active
Coordinator	Yes
User Type	PHA User/Business Partner

Please check/uncheck boxes to assign/unassign roles to the user

Disabled roles cannot be unassigned until they are removed in the appropriate Assignment Maintenance screens

[OFPIH](#) | [OPFBI](#)

OFPIH - PIH Operating Fund	
<input type="checkbox"/>	OPD - PHA Executive Director
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	OPE - OFPIH System PHA User
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	OPI - OFPIH System PHA Read-Only User
OPFBI - Operating Subsidy-Business Intelligence	
<input type="checkbox"/>	OSP - PIH ObSub PHA User

12. Remove the check marks for the roles to remove. *In this example the user retains the OPD - PHA Executive Director role.*

13. Click "Assign/Unassign Roles"

Assign/Unassign Role Confirmation for User

No roles were selected to assign.

Roles to UnAssign from User

System Code	Role Code	Role Description
OFPIH	OPE	OFPIH System PHA User
OFPIH	OPI	OFPIH System PHA Read-Only User

14. Review that the changes are correct and click "Confirm"

Confirm

Cancel

Successful Transaction

You have successfully assigned/unassigned role(s) to user M46772.

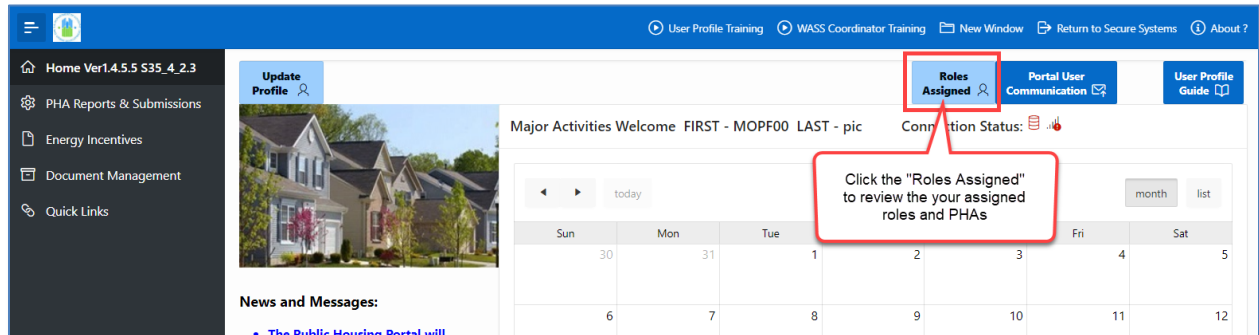
OK

15. Click "OK"

It is recommended for the WASS security coordinator to repeat steps 8 through 11 to verify the user is assigned on one user role and user has the correct user role.

Verifying PHA User Role Assignment in Portal

Users may review their Role and PHA assignments from the portal. From the home page, click the “Role Assigned” button on the top right corner of the page.



By clicking the button, a pop-up window reports the user’s portal roles and associated PHAs:

Roles Assignment

Portal role(s) with PHA assignment. For any questions, please contact your PHA's WASS coordinator.

Q v

Go

Actions v

1	PHA Name	Portal Role Assigned	Role Description	PHA Code
	PHA Name	OPD	Executive Director Role	XX001

1 - 1

Portal role(s) without PHA assignment. For any questions, please contact your PHA's WASS coordinator.

Q v

Go

Actions v

2

Q

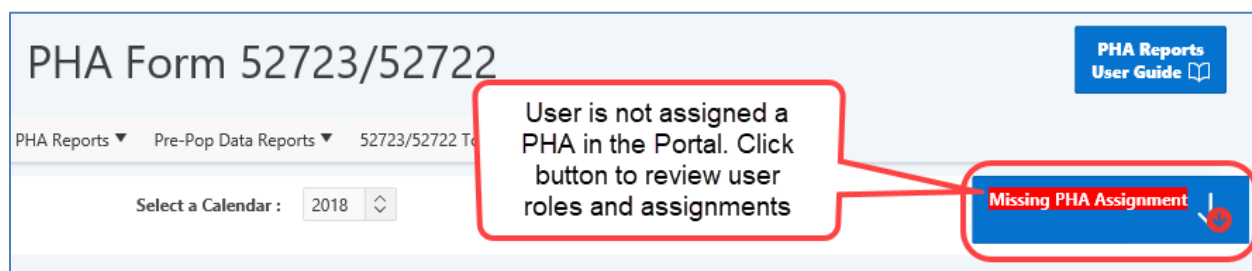
No data found.

Area 1: Reports portal roles and the associated PHA assigned to the user.

Area 2: Provides portal roles assigned to the user **WITHOUT** an associated PHA. The user should contact the PHA's WASS Security Coordinator to assign their PHA. Changes to the user's roles and assignments may take two business days to be effective.

Users must contact their WASS Security administrator to correct and update their roles and assignment.

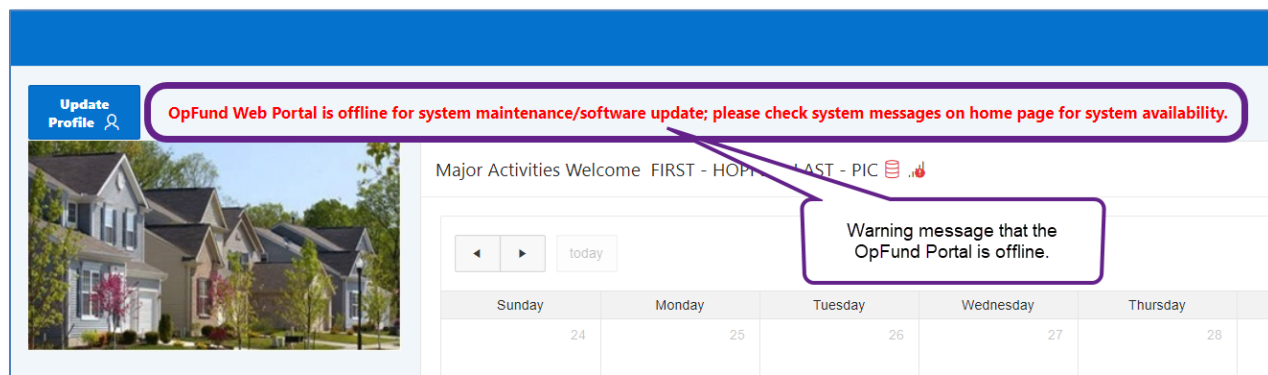
In the portal, users that receive a **"Missing PHA Assignment"** warning and button means that the user role was not assigned to a PHA when the WASS Security Coordinator provided the user with access.



Click the Missing PHA Assignment button to open the pop-up window reporting the users portal roles and associated PHAs: Users must contact their WASS Security administrator to correct and update their roles and assignment.

System Maintenance and Software Updates

Users maybe be locked out of the portal during system maintenance and software updates. User will be notified when the system is offline with a warning message displayed on the Welcome Screen.



The portal will be available once the maintenance or update is complete.

How to Contact HUD for Support

If you have comments, questions, or need help finding information in the portal, we are here to help!

- If you have questions or technical issues regarding your access to the portal, contact the Real Estate Assessment Center – Technical Assistance Center (REAC-TAC) by calling 1-888-245-4860 Option #4 or send an email to REAC_TAC@hud.gov.
- For questions regarding technical issues with using the Public Housing Portal, contact publichousingportal@hud.gov.