



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

## NEWS AND UPDATES

### *Single Family Housing Policy Handbook 4000.1 Versions 5.0 and 5.5 Update Published Today*

Today, the Federal Housing Administration (FHA) published an update to its *Single Family Housing Policy Handbook* 4000.1 (SF Handbook), the first update since December 2016. With today's update, FHA is recommitting to the industry that it will continue to maintain and enhance the SF Handbook so that it becomes a single, comprehensive source of policy guidance for lenders and other stakeholders doing single family business with FHA.

The March 27, 2019, update contains technical changes for consistency and clarity, and several policy updates. All stakeholders in FHA transactions should review and become familiar with the changes outlined in SF Handbook Transmittal, available in FHA's [Online Housing Policy Library](#), as revisions have been made throughout Sections I through V of the SF Handbook. Handbook changes identified in the Transmittal do not affect previously announced effective dates and are effective immediately.

FHA intends to resume regular quarterly SF Handbook updates. In addition, the Home Equity Conversion Mortgage (HECM), Title I, and Condominium Approval sections of the SF Handbook are in the development stage.

### Quick Links

- Review the March 27, 2019 SF Handbook Transmittal available at:  
[http://www.allregs.com/tpl/public/fha\\_freesite.aspx](http://www.allregs.com/tpl/public/fha_freesite.aspx)
- Access the online and/or portable document format SF Handbook from HUD's Client Information Policy Systems' Housing Handbooks web page at:  
[http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program\\_offices/administration/hudclips/handbooks/hsg](http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/administration/hudclips/handbooks/hsg)

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### Resources

Contact the FHA Resource Center:

- Visit our online knowledge base to obtain answers to frequently asked questions 24/7 at:  
[www.hud.gov/answers](http://www.hud.gov/answers).
- E-mail the FHA Resource Center at: [answers@hud.gov](mailto:answers@hud.gov). Emails and phone messages will be responded to during normal hours of operation, 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM (Eastern), Monday through Friday on all non-Federal holidays.
- Call 1-800-CALLFHA (1-800-225-5342). Persons with hearing or speech impairments may reach this number by calling the Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339.

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