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**TO: All FHA-Approved Mortgagees and Servicers;
All Other Interested Stakeholders in FHA Transactions**

NEWS AND UPDATES

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- Digital Submission of Loss Mitigation Home Retention Claims Now Available on FHA Catalyst
- Job Opportunity Alert: Economist, Washington, DC (4 vacancies)

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Digital Submission of Loss Mitigation Home Retention Claims on FHA Catalyst

Today, the Federal Housing Administration (FHA) published [Mortgagee Letter \(ML\) 2020-18, FHA Catalyst: Claims Module - Single Family Forward Loss Mitigation Home Retention Claims](#). This ML announces the implementation of a new digital submission process that enables single or bulk loss mitigation home retention claims for Single Family forward mortgages to be transmitted through FHA Catalyst for the following loss mitigation home retention claim types:

- Claim Type 31 – Special Forbearance
- Claim Type 32 ** – FHA-HAMP Loan Modification
- Claim Type 33 ** – FHA-HAMP Partial Claim
- Claim Type 33 – Natural Disaster Standalone Partial Claim
- Claim Type 33 – National Emergency Standalone Partial Claim

Beginning Monday, June 15, loss mitigation home retention claims may be processed through the FHA Catalyst: Claims Module, which is the same portal utilized for supplemental claims. Submission of loss mitigation home retention claims through the FHA Catalyst: Claims Module is optional. The [FHA Single Family Housing Claim Filing Technical Guide](#) has been updated.

To access the FHA Catalyst: Claims Module, interested parties should contact the FHA Resource Center by email: answers@hud.gov or by calling 1-800-CALLFHA (1-800-225-5342). For more information, mortgagees may also refer to the [FHA Catalyst: Claims Module User Guide](#).

[Quick Links](#) (You should use a different web browser if you encounter issues opening documents in Internet Explorer)

- View Mortgagee Letter 2020-18 and all other archived Mortgagee Letters at:
https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/administration/hudclips/letters/mortgagee

- The FHA Single Family Housing Claim Filing Technical Guide at: https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/SFH/documents/SFH_POLI_CLAIMTECH.pdf
- View FHA Catalyst: Claims Module - Single Family Forward Loss Mitigation Home Retention Claims User Guide at: <https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/Housing/images/FHACatalystClaimsModuleSingleFamilyForwardClaimsUserGuide3.0.pdf>
- View FHA Catalyst information at: https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/housing/fhatechmod001

Job Opportunity Alert: Economist, Washington, DC (4 vacancies)

The Federal Housing Administration's (FHA) Office of Evaluation is seeking qualified candidates to fill the following vacancies in its Office of Risk Management and Regulatory Affairs:

Job Title:	Economist (4 vacancies)
Job Announcement Number:	20-HUD-1217-DH – Direct Hire — Open to the Public
Date Range to Apply for the Position:	6/11/2020; closes 6/24/2020 at 11:59 PM (Eastern)
Pay Scale-Series–Grade:	GS-0110-13
Location:	Washington, DC
Brief Description:	<p>As an Economist, you will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan and conduct research, econometric, and empirical studies of current financial conditions of FHA insurance funds that include assessments of the adequacy of existing programs; and the analysis of complex problems of a financial, economic, or mathematical/statistical nature. The incumbent constructs econometric models for in-house reviews of FHA programs and for identifying emerging trends or risk factors affecting the performance of FHA programs; prepares research reports and presentations for both technical and non-technical audiences; and prepares policy briefs for senior management and other organizations; and provides technical guidance to other Office Staff and to contractors working on research and analysis projects for the Office of Housing. • Assume responsibility for accuracy and timeliness of cash-flow estimates used in the preparation of FHA's audited financial statements, budget estimates, actuarial reviews, and/or other reports prepared by the Office of Evaluation or its contractors. • Perform technical analysis related to economic, financial and actuarial assessments and audits of various FHA mortgage insurance programs by Federal oversight entities, such as the Office of Management and Budget, the General Accounting Office, the Office of the Inspector General, and the Congressional Budget Office. • Prepare oral and written reports and presentations; prepare graphs and charts that present clear, concise, and effective analytical results of evaluations and studies performed in support of FHA policy development, program monitoring and assessing effectiveness and budget formulation.

If you or someone you know is interested in applying for this position, click on the link provided, which will take you to the vacancy announcement on USAJobs.gov.

Quick Links

- View this specific job vacancy announcement at: <https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/570058500>
(Direct Hire — Open to the Public)

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- Visit our online knowledge base to obtain answers to frequently asked questions 24/7 at: www.hud.gov/answers.
- E-mail the FHA Resource Center at: 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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