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

NEWS AND UPDATES

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- Launch of FHA Catalyst: Electronic Appraisal Delivery Module
- Job Opportunity Alert: Supervisory Review Appraiser, Denver, CO

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Launch of FHA Catalyst: Electronic Appraisal Delivery Module

Today, the Federal Housing Administration (FHA) published [Mortgage Letter \(ML\) 2020-26](#), *FHA Catalyst: Electronic Appraisal Delivery (EAD) Module*. This ML announces the launch of a new EAD module on the FHA Catalyst platform that allows mortgagees to electronically submit appraisals for forward mortgage transactions. As part of FHA's ongoing information technology modernization initiative, the EAD module is the first of several planned FHA Catalyst modules available for lenders to use when originating forward mortgages intended for FHA insurance endorsement.

The EAD module in FHA Catalyst supports the existing appraisal reporting forms and appraisal protocols. Beginning September 1, 2020, mortgagees may begin submitting appraisals for single family forward mortgage insurance endorsements through the EAD module.

In preparation for the module's use date, mortgagees are encouraged to:

- Contact the FHA Resource Center via email at answers@hud.gov or by phone at 1-800-CALL FHA (1-800-225-5342) to request access to the EAD module in FHA Catalyst;
- Ensure designated third-party service vendors (e.g., appraisal management companies, appraisal delivery systems, etc.) are readying for technology system integrations, as required; and
- Start delivering appraisal submissions for forward mortgages through the EAD module in FHA Catalyst as early as September 1, 2020.

Mortgagees or designated third-party service vendors will be able to request access to the technology integration specifications for the module in the coming weeks. To support the transition to the module, a user guide and a pre-recorded webinar will be available shortly. Additional details regarding the technology and integration specifications, training resources, and the module's mandatory use date will be communicated in an upcoming FHA INFO.

FHA plans to expand the EAD module to include Home Equity Conversion Mortgage appraisal submissions in the future.

Quick Links:

- View FHA Catalyst information at: <https://www.hud.gov/catalyst>
- View Mortgagee Letter 2020-26 and all other archived Mortgagee Letters at: https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/administration/hudclips/letters/mortgagee

Job Opportunity Alert: Supervisory Review Appraiser, Denver, CO

If you are interested in becoming an integral part of dynamic teams that help make affordable and sustainable housing solutions available to millions of low- to moderate-income individuals and families each year, then you might be a perfect candidate to fill the following vacancy within the Federal Housing Administration's (FHA) Office of Single Family Housing:

Job Title:	Supervisory Review Appraiser , Processing and Underwriting Division
Job Announcement Number:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 20-HUD-1938-P – Open to the Public• 20-HUD-1937 – Open to Current Federal employees and Other Specific Groups Listed in the Job Announcement
Date Range to Apply for the Position:	Opens 8/17/2020; closes 8/31/2020 at 11:59 PM (Eastern)
Pay Scale-Series–Grade:	GS-1171-13
Location:	Denver, CO

If you or someone you know is interested in applying for these positions, click on the appropriate link (above), which will take you to the vacancy announcement on [USAJobs.gov](https://www.usajobs.gov).

Quick Links:

- View all available federal job postings at: [USAJobs.gov](https://www.usajobs.gov).

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.
- 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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