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NEWS AND UPDATES

New FHA Defect Taxonomy Appendix 7.0 to Single Family Housing Policy Handbook

Today, the Federal Housing Administration (FHA) published Mortgagee Letter (ML) 2020-31, Federal Housing Administration (FHA) Defect Taxonomy Appendix to Handbook 4000.1, which announced the incorporation of Appendix 7.0 – FHA Defect Taxonomy to the Single Family Housing Policy Handbook 4000.1.

Beginning immediately, FHA will reference Appendix 7.0 – FHA Defect Taxonomy for loan reviews. The appendix is currently accessible on the Loan Review System web page. Mortgagees should note that the use and maintenance of the FHA Defect Taxonomy in any previous document format has been discontinued. The appendix will be included in a future Single Family Housing Policy Handbook update.

Appendix 7.0 – FHA Defect Taxonomy includes the content implemented with Version 2 of the FHA Defect Taxonomy, which became effective for Title II loan reviews as of January 1, 2020.

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- Access the online or PDF versions of the Single Family Housing Policy Handbook 4000.1 at: http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/administration/hudclips/handbooks/hsgh
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