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FHA Single Family Housing



NEWS

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

### 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.

**Quick Links:** (Use a different web browser if you encounter problems opening documents in Internet Explorer)

- View Mortgagee Letter 2020-31 and all other archived Mortgagee Letters at:  
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- View Appendix 7.0– FHA Defect Taxonomy at: <https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/OCHCO/documents/2020-31hsgmlatch.pdf>
- Access the Loan Review System web page at:  
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- Access the online or PDF versions of the *Single Family Housing Policy Handbook* 4000.1 at:  
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- 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-CALL-FHA (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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