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### **FHA Extends Temporary COVID-19 Guidance for Verification of Self-Employment; Rental Income; and 203(k) Rehabilitation Escrow Account**

Today, the Federal Housing Administration (FHA) published [Mortgagee Letter \(ML\) 2021-16, Extension of the End Date for COVID-10 Multisubject: Updated Temporary Guidance for Verification of Self-Employment; Rental Income; 203\(k\) Rehabilitation Escrow Account](#), which further extends the various temporary policy guidance initially announced in [ML 2020-24](#), dated July 29, 2020, and last extended in [ML 2021-07](#), dated February 23, 2021.

This ML includes extending:

- Additional guidance to industry partners regarding the verification of business operations for self-employed borrowers;
- Verification of rental income policy guidance; and
- Guidance for the administration of the 203(k) rehabilitation escrow for borrowers in forbearance.

The self-employment and rental income policy extensions are effective immediately for case numbers assigned on or before September 30, 2021.

Additionally, the extended guidance for the administration of the 203(k) rehabilitation escrow for borrowers in forbearance is effective immediately for open escrow accounts through September 30, 2021.

These policy extensions are temporary; therefore, they will not be incorporated into any future update to FHA's [Single Family Housing Policy Handbook 4000.1](#).

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