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Page Layout

The Financial Assessment Subsystem for PHAs (FASS-PH) allows users to electronically submit Financial Data Schedules (FDS) and Data Collection Forms (DCF) to HUD. The system consists of data entry pages that allow authorized PHA users to enter financial information. The page layout in FASS-PH is consistent throughout the system as shown in the example below. Some common features:

- **Additional Help** link provides PHAs with on-screen assistance. These links are located at the top and bottom of most pages.
- Links to other pages located at the top or bottom of most pages and are underlined. For example, the following links are located at the bottom of the page: Top of Page, User Guide and System Documentation, and Technical Assistance Center. The current page is not underlined.
- An Instructions box containing instructions for completing the page is located at the top of most pages.

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**Page Layout Example**

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Additional Help

The Additional Help feature provides PHA users with on-screen assistance for each page, as well as help for each line item. This enhancement allows users to have instant access to information about the current page.

For assistance, click on the Additional Help link.

- The Help Information page pertaining to the existing page opens providing detailed information on the current/open page. This example displays information for the Financial Data Schedule – Balance Sheet.
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- An Online Help Information Search feature is available in addition to the detailed description for the current page the user is viewing. Users can execute a search on a specific FDS line item for a particular account or a specific DCF element number by entering the line item number or element number in the Please select the desired Account number field and clicking on the Submit button.

- The description for the line item selected displays.
• If a PHA user submits an incorrect account number, the user receives an error message, as demonstrated below.

Click on the Close button to close the Help Information page.
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Links to Other Pages

In the middle of each page is a data entry table where users enter financial information in the blank fields. Users can click on the tabs at the top of the table (or the underlined links at the bottom of the page) to move to another page. Some pages also include underlined Details links to additional pages requesting more detailed information for a specific item. Most pages include User Guide and System Documentation and Technical Assistance Center links at the bottom of the page.

Instructions are shown at the top of the page.

Click the tabs to move between pages.

Click the links to move between pages.

Click the Details links to enter line item details.

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*mandatory field

**Investment income (711 and 720) are mandatory fields only if data has been reported in the corresponding cash and investment account. Cost of sale of assets (713.1) is mandatory only if proceeds from disposition of assets held for sale is reported. Zero is an acceptable value.

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Click the Details links to enter line item details.
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Buttons

At the bottom of most data entry tables are two buttons: Save and Reset. Always use the Save button to save your entries before leaving the page. To ensure that your work is properly saved, avoid using the browser Back and Forward buttons. The Reset button resets the fields to the last save. Some pages also have a Clear button. This button clears all fields on the data entry page and deletes the associated data from the database.

Printing Pages

To print pages, use the browser Print button at the top of the page or select File menu, and then select Print.
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Contacting the Technical Assistance Center

If you have questions about using the FASS-PH system, you can contact the PIH-REAC Technical Assistance Center (formerly the REAC Customer Service Center) by phone or by email.

By Phone

You can call the REAC Technical Assistance Center with system questions toll-free Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Eastern Time at 1-888-245-4860.

By Email

Users can send an electronic message to the TAC via the REAC Contact Us page. For instructions, click the Technical Assistance Center link at the bottom of the FASS-PH page.

1. At the bottom of the FASS-PH page, click on the Technical Assistance Center (formerly the Customer Service Center) link. The User Guide/TAC Instructions page displays.

Accessing the FASS-PH User Guide:

1. Print this instructions page for your reference.
2. Click here to access the REAC Home Page.
3. On the REAC Home Page, click the "business area products" link to navigate to the REAC Products page.
4. Click the "FINANCIAL ASSESSMENT - PUBLIC HOUSING AGENCIES" link to navigate to the FASS-PH Products page.
5. Click the "Documents and Guidance" link to access the FASS-PH User Guide.

Contacting the REAC Technical Assistance Center:

1. Print this instructions page for your reference.
2. Click here to access the REAC Home Page.
3. On the REAC Home Page, click the "contact us" link.
4. Follow the instructions for contacting REAC by either Phone, U.S. Mail, or Email.
2. Follow the instructions on the page. The **Real Estate Assessment Center (REAC) Technical Assistance Center Submission** page will display.

3. Click in the blank fields and enter the information requested.

4. Click on the Submit button to send the question or comments to the REAC Technical Assistance Center.