

Request for Waiver of Housing Directive

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Office of Housing
Federal Housing Commissioner

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1. Field Office	2. Program and DAS (e.g., multifamily development) Office of Healthcare Programs (OHP)/Office of Residential Care Facilities (ORCF)
3. Waiver Requested by (person, entity, HUD employee) Office of Healthcare Programs (OHP)/Office of Residential Care Facilities (ORCF)	
4. Waiver Item (directive number, date, page, paragraph, etc.) HUD Handbook 000.2, REV-3, HUD Directive System, Section D.	
Relief Sought Request to postpone full Departmental clearance (per HB 000.2) of draft policy/procedural publications, including edits to Section 232 Handbook, until industry feedback on contemplated edits is obtained. Before posting, drafts will be cleared through OGC program counsel as appropriate. Once further edits are made following industry feedback, Departmental clearance will occur where required before final publication. This will position HUD to more readily implement urgently needed policy/procedural adjustments. ORCF will use a "drafting table" web page such as what Single Family Housing has used. The ORCF drafting table will be used to gather feedback on policy/procedural draft publications through 12/31/16.	
5. Did a check of HUDClips indicate Prior Approval? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (go to No. 6) <input type="checkbox"/> No (go to No. 7)	If Previously Approved give Counsel's name and date of approval
6. Counsel Determination. The Waiver Proposal does not conflict <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> conflicts <input type="checkbox"/> with statutory or regulatory provisions (cite rule or provision) Reference: HUD Handbook 000.2, REV-3, HUD Directive System - Section D. This handbook reference generally requires full Departmental clearance before making draft documents available to the public.	
Counsel (signature)	Date

7. Employee Justification (attach additional pages if necessary)

HUD Handbook 4232.1 is a comprehensive handbook published for the first time in 2014, under time constraints that did not allow for industry input. With its implementation, it became clear that the industry urgently needs clarity on some handbook provisions in order to most effectively do business under the Section 232 Program. ORCF is working diligently to meet the demand by updating the existing HUD Handbook 4232.1 --and related policy/procedural documents-- as time is of the essence. In doing so, ORCF is striving to better assure what is ultimately published in final form is workable and timely upon release. As such ORCF will be gathering feedback by utilizing the ORCF "Drafting Table" via HUD.gov (similar to the approach that Single Family Housing has taken). This will allow ORCF to incorporate feedback into the final draft that will then be routed for full Departmental clearance. In the end, the updated Handbook-- and related policy publications-- will reflect needed guidance that meets the needs of HUD Stakeholders involved in the Section 232 Program.

Field Office Concurrence		
Name Roger A. Lewis	Title Director, OHP/ORCF	Date April 2, 2015
8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Granted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Granted	Housing Director (signature) <i>Roger A. Lewis</i>	Date <i>04/02/2015</i>
Comments		

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