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**TO: All FHA-Approved Mortgagees
All Other Stakeholders**

NEWS AND UPDATES

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- FHA Connection Business-to-Government Direct Interface Updates
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- Now Available — Additional SF Handbook Frequently Asked Questions Previews Document

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FHA Connection Business-To-Government Direct Interface Updates

On June 23, 2015, the Federal Housing Administration (FHA) posted updates to its FHA Connection Business-to-Government (FHAC B2G) Interface. The changes to the interface support the implementation of the *Single Family Housing Policy Handbook* (SF Handbook; HUD Handbook 4000.1) *Origination through Post-Closing/Endorsement for Title II Forward Mortgages* (Origination through Post-Closing/Endorsement) section that becomes effective for case numbers assigned **on or after September 14, 2015**. The FHAC B2G Interface provides mortgagees with an automated electronic method to send loan origination system (LOS) data directly to the FHAC system.

The FHAC B2G Interface changes are detailed in the online Welcome Package, which can be accessed from the [FHAC Business to Government Interface](#) web page by clicking on the "FHAC B2G Welcome Package" link. Mortgagees using the FHAC B2G Interface should review the details in their entirety, as they contain information on changes that mortgagees will need to make to their systems and processes by the Origination through Post-Closing/Endorsement section's September 14, 2015 effective date. Mortgagees should particularly note the following changes to:

- Appraisal Logging;
- Case Number Assignment;
- Escrow Closeout;
- Insurance Application; and
- Case Query.

[Quick Links](#)

- Access the FHAC B2G Interface changes from the “FHAC B2G Welcome Package” link on the FHAC Business to Government (B2G) Interface page at:
http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/housing/sfh/f17c.

FHA Connection System Updates

On May 28, 2015, FHA posted a SF Handbook [FHAC System Updates](#) document that includes enhancements that are scheduled to take effect on September 14, 2015. FHA revised the Solar and Wind Amount section (pages 14-15) in this document to accommodate revised calculation rules that clarify elements in the calculation. The new document, dated June 30, 2015, with this change highlighted, is now available on FHA’s [Case Processing Requirements](#) web page.

[Quick Links](#)

- Review the FHAC System Updates document at:
http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/documents/huddoc?id=sf_hb_fhac_sys.pdf.

Now Available — Additional SF Handbook Frequently Asked Questions Previews Document

To assist mortgagees and others in preparing for the upcoming September 14, 2015 effective date of many sections of the *Single Family Housing Policy Handbook* (SF Handbook; HUD Handbook 4000.1), today FHA augmented its June 17, 2015 preview of detailed [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\)](#) **with over 120 new FAQs**. Additional FAQ previews will be added to this document as needed until the September 14, 2015 effective date.

The latest version of the SF Handbook detailed FAQ preview document is available on the [Single Family Housing Policy Handbook Information \(HUD Handbook 4000.1\) Page](#), and now includes FAQs for both the *Doing Business with FHA—Mortgagees*, and the *Quality Control, Oversight, and Compliance—Mortgagees* sections of the SF Handbook, as well as additional FAQs for other SF Handbook sections. With today’s additions, the document now includes over 400 FAQ previews, all marked with the date they were added to the document.

All posted FAQs are for informational purposes only. This preview is another way FHA is helping the industry prepare for implementation, but mortgagees accessing these FAQs should note:

- These preview FAQs are not official FHA policy, and should only be used as a guide for reviewing the policy contained in the SF Handbook;
- All existing FHA policy remains in effect until superseded by SF Handbook policies on the effective date;
- Mortgagees should not apply the policies in the SF Handbook to their current FHA mortgage business until the effective date.

For simplicity, and to better enable those doing business with FHA to operationalize their business in anticipation of the SF Handbook’s effective date, these FAQs are now posted on the Single Family Housing Policy Handbook Information Page, and will migrate to the permanent online FAQ site, the FHA Resource Center Knowledge Base, on September 14, 2015. Existing FAQs for current policy can be viewed on the [FHA Resource Center Knowledge Base](#), or can be obtained by calling the Resource Center directly.

[Quick Links](#)

- View the updated SF Handbook detailed FAQ preview at:
http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/documents/huddoc?id=SFH_FAQ_Preview.pdf.
- Access Origination through Post-Closing/Endorsement pre-recorded training modules at:
http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/housing/sfh/events/sfh_hb_webinars.

Resources

- Contact the FHA Resource Center:
 - Visit our online knowledge base to obtain answers to frequently asked questions 24/7 at www.hud.gov/answers.
 - E-mail the FHA Resource Center at 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-CALLFHA (1-800-225-5342). Persons with hearing or speech impairments may reach this number by calling the Federal Information Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339.

RESOURCE INFORMATION

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