



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

NEWS AND UPDATES

Mortgagee Letter 2016-25: 2017 Nationwide Forward Mortgage Limits – Correction for Special Exception Areas (Alaska, Hawaii, Guam, and the Virgin Islands)

On December 22, 2016, the Federal Housing Administration (FHA) issued [Mortgagee Letter 2016-25: 2017 Nationwide Forward Mortgage Limits – Correction for Special Exception Areas \(Alaska, Hawaii, Guam, and the Virgin Islands\)](#), to provide official notification of the previously announced correction to the ceiling limits for calendar year 2017 in the special exemption areas of Alaska, Hawaii, Guam, and the Virgin Islands. This error was first communicated in [FHA INFO #16-76](#), dated December 8, 2016.

Although [Mortgagee Letter 2016-20](#), dated December 1, 2017, referenced incorrect ceiling limits for special exception areas, there were **no changes to the forward mortgage limits in these, or any other jurisdiction**, as previously noted. The [downloadable files](#) that provide the complete list of FHA loan limits for 2017 are posted on the [Maximum Mortgage Limits web page](#), and **are not impacted**.

Also as noted, the forward mortgage limits for calendar year 2017 in all areas are effective for case numbers assigned on or after January 1, 2017. More information regarding forward mortgage loan limits can be found in Section II.A.2.a.11 of the [Single Family Housing Policy Handbook 4000.1](#).

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- View Mortgagee Letter 2016-25 and all other Mortgagee Letters at: http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/administration/hudclips/letters/mortgagee
- View FHA INFO #16-76 at: https://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/documents/huddoc?id=SFH_FHA_INFO_16-76.pdf
- View 2017 forward mortgage limits:
 - Maximum Mortgage Limits web page at: http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/housing/sfh/lender/origination/mortgage_limits
 - FHA mortgage limits by MSA and County at: <https://entp.hud.gov/idapp/html/hicostlook.cfm>
 - Complete listing of FHA loan limits at: http://www.hud.gov/pub/chums/file_layouts.html
- View the online or PDF versions of the *Single Family Housing Policy Handbook 4000.1* at: https://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/administration/hudclips/handbooks/hsgb

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- 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.
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