

Request for Waiver of Housing Directive

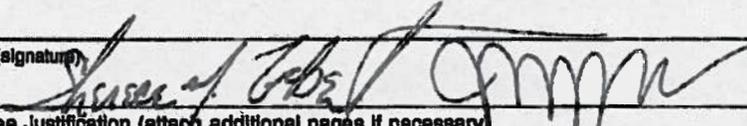
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Office of Housing
Federal Housing Commissioner

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| 1. Field Office HUD Headquarters | 2. Program and DAS (e.g., multifamily development) Housing, Office of Single Family Program Development |
| 3. Waiver Requested by (person, entity, HUD employee) Department of Veterans Affairs | |
| 4. Waiver Item (directive number, date, page, paragraph, etc.) HUD Handbook 4000.1, II.A, 4.c.xii.(A)(2)(b) and 5.b.xii.(A)(2)(b); Mortgagee Letter 2014-22, HECM Financial Assessment Guide, Section 3.34 Relief Sought Mortgagees seeking to document disability income from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) for FHA-insured forward and reverse mortgages are required to obtain VA-Form 26-8937, Verification of VA Benefits (copy attached), showing the amount of the assistance and the expiration date of the benefits. Housing is seeking to temporarily waive the requirement that this form be obtained. | |

5. Did a check of SharePoint indicate Prior Approval of a factually similar waiver? Yes (skip No. 6) No (go to No. 6) If previously approved, give Counsel's name and date of approval.

6. Counsel Determination. The Waiver Proposal does not conflict conflicts with statutory or regulatory provisions (cite rule or provision)

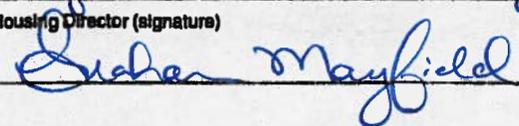
Counsel (signature)  Date 9-18-15

7. Employee Justification (attach additional pages if necessary)

Disability benefits from the VA is one of the acceptable sources of Borrower income for forward and reverse mortgages. Per HUD Handbook 4000.1, Section II.A.4.c.xii (A)(2) for mortgages underwritten using the TOTAL Mortgage Scorecard, and Section II.A.5.b.xii (A)(2) for manually underwritten loans, mortgagees are required to verify and document the borrower's receipt of benefits and obtain documentation that establishes award benefits. In addition, mortgagees must obtain VA-Form 26-8937, Verification of VA Benefits, and either federal tax returns or bank statements. Per Section 3.32 of the HECM Financial Assessment and Property Charge Guide attached to Mortgagee Letter 2014-22, mortgagees are required to verify and document the receipt of benefits using the award letter or equivalent documentation. In addition, per Section 3.34 they must obtain VA Form 26-8937.

VA has reported to Housing that their regional offices are dealing with a significant number of requests for this form. VA communicates eligibility for benefits electronically at the time benefits are awarded, and due to the streamlining of the communication of eligibility, processing this form would cause undue hardship to the VA. They have requested that Housing immediately terminate the requirement that mortgagees obtain this form. (See additional page attached)

Field Office Concurrence

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| Name NA Graham Mayfield | Title Deputy Director NA Office of Single Family Program Development | Date |
| 8. <input type="checkbox"/> Granted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Granted | Housing Director (signature)  | Date 9-18-15 |

Comments

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