



# Seller Guide Update



SEL-2021-059: Multiple Topics

October 29, 2021

- Correspondent Lending
- Housing Finance Agency (HFA)

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## Summary



The following items have recently been updated in the U.S. Bank Correspondent Seller and HFA Division Lending Guides, specific to Loan Delivery, Underwriting and Credit Policy.

**U.S. Bank Correspondent Seller and HFA Division Lending Guides:** Unless notated within each section as Correspondent only policy or based on product availability such as Portfolio products available only in Correspondent, these updates are applicable to both our Correspondent and HFA lenders. The respective sections of the U.S. Bank Correspondent Seller and HFA Division Lending Guides are included in each section. This communication serves to announce changes and updates including an effective date. Always review the U.S. Bank Correspondent Seller and HFA Division Lending Guides for the most current policy. Guidelines are updated with the information in this communication and should be referred to instead of the communication for guidance.

## Underwriting, Delivery, and Product Grids

For overall ease of use, we have enhanced our communications to now include underwriting and delivery method checkboxes to each section when applicable. You'll also find a new grid that outlines the applicable products.

## Effective Date

Immediately unless otherwise noted within each section below.

## Keeping you informed

U.S. Bank continues to closely monitor the ever-changing landscape of our business as a result of the impacts of the coronavirus (COVID-19).

For information about our ongoing work to support our lending partners and customers, we invite you to visit our Correspondent/HFA COVID-19 Resource Page within AllRegs for regular updates and the most current information.

We know you have many questions, and we are diligently working to address each of them. We have developed a list of [COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions](#) and will continue to update this document on a regular basis to keep you informed of process and policy updates.

For additional information about our ongoing work to support customers, we invite you to visit [U.S. Bank's COVID-19 support site](#) for regular updates and the most current information.



## Government Expiration Temporary COVID Requirements

Underwriting/Delivery	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Corr. Delegated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Corr. Non-Delegated
<input type="checkbox"/>	Corr. EZD
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Corr. Mandatory
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	HFA Delegated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	HFA Non-Delegated
Products	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Conv. (Freddie)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Conv. (Fannie)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Conv. (Portfolio)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	FHA
<input type="checkbox"/>	VA
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rural Development

In **U.S. Bank's SEL-2021-055** published on October 8, 2021, we reminded lenders that FHA indicated that they will not be extending the temporary requirements and flexibilities that were effective for Application Received Dates through June 30, 2021 to Mortgages with Application Received Dates through September 30, 2021 for the following:

- SEL-2020-022 - Temporary Flexibilities for Verification of Business for FHA
- SEL-2020-069 - FHA Temporary Guidance Self-Employment and Rental Income

As a follow up to that original communication, the additional documentation and reserves requirements were applied to FHA, VA, and RD COVID-19 policies. With this update, they are being removed and are no longer required.

U.S. Bank will follow requirements listed in the 4000.1, VA Lenders Handbook, and RD 3555.1.

**Guide Update:** Correspondent and HFA Overlay matrices have also been updated.

## FHA 4000.1 Update

Underwriting/Delivery	
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**Effective Date:** Immediately

FHA has announced the Single-Family Housing Policy Handbook 4000.1 updates.

### Updates and Clarifications

FHA has incorporated previously published Mortgagee Letters into the 4000.1. Clarifications, additions and deletions have also been made. A redline version can be found [4000.1 Updates](#).

One key change is that if the borrower does not hold the deposit account solely, the lender is no longer required to obtain a letter from non-borrowing parties that the borrower has full access and use of the funds.

## Disaster Area Declarations

Underwriting/Delivery	
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Products	
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rural Development

The following counties have been declared as Presidential Disaster Area with Individual Assistance on the [FEMA Disaster Website](#) and re-inspection requirements detailed in our Correspondent Seller and HFA Lending Guide must be met. In some cases, additional counties may have been added. Lenders are responsible for verifying procedures to monitor new and/or updated declarations.

- Agency, Portfolio, VA, and RD loans with subject properties located in counties listed below that have not CLOSED by the Disaster Declaration Date must follow the requirements listed in AllRegs.
- FHA loans with subject properties located in the parishes listed below that have not been ENDORSED as of the Disaster Declaration Date must follow the FHA requirements listed in AllRegs.

Declaration Date	ST	County/Parish
October 22, 2021	MS	Amite, Hancock, Harrison, Jackson, Pearl River, Pike, Walthall, Wilkinson

**Guide Section:** 711.20 – Natural Disaster Procedures (FHA), 712.20 – Natural Disaster Procedures (VA), 713.21 – Natural Disaster Procedures (Conventional), 714.1.10 – Appraisal Procedures (Portfolio – Correspondent Only), 715.20: Natural Disaster Procedures (USDA)

## Questions



**Correspondent:** Please contact your Account Executive or the Client Support Area at 800.200.5881, option 1.

**HFA:** Please contact the Housing Finance Agency Hotline at 800.562.5165, option 1 for the HFA Customer Care Team.