



Desktop Underwriter/Desktop Originator Release Notes DU Version 10.0 March Update

February 21, 2017

During the **weekend of March 25, 2017**, Fannie Mae will update Desktop Underwriter® (DU®) Version 10.0 with the changes described below.

The enhancements will apply to DU Version 10.0 loan casefiles **submitted or resubmitted** after the weekend of March 25, 2017.

DU Validation Service Updates

Updates will be made to the messages returned by the DU validation service.

Income and Employment Message Updates

The message issued when VOE and/or VOI information was obtained but income could not be validated will now be seen as a list message, and only the specific reason that income could not be validated will be shown in the list. Those reason will include no active employment, no income provided, or report date more than 30 days prior to casefile creation.

The message specifying that tax return information was received for a borrower from a specific vendor will be updated to remind lenders that the tax return information may include tax return data for another borrower on the loan casefile if the tax returns were filed jointly, and that the tax return data may be used to validate that borrower's income.

Income Calculation Update

For borrowers who receive hourly income, the year-to-date (YTD) income received from The Work Number is used to estimate the average number of hours worked per week, which is then used to calculate the monthly income. For reports received in January 2017, there have been some reports with no YTD amount for 2017 (zero or missing), which causes the validated income amount to be \$0.

This calculation for hourly income will be updated to account for reports received at the beginning of a new year. If the Information Effective date is prior to Feb 1, and the YTD income is zero or missing, DU will use prior year's income to estimate the average number of hours worked per week, which will then be used to calculate the monthly income.

DU Message Update

The message issued by DU requiring the lender to obtain a completed and signed Form 4506-T for all borrowers at or before closing will be updated. This message will state that if all of a borrower's income has been validated through the DU validation service, a completed and signed Form 4506-T is not required for that borrower.

For More Information

For more information about these Release Notes, lenders may contact their Fannie Mae customer account team; and mortgage brokers should contact their DO sponsoring wholesale lender.