

DU for Government Loans Release Notes

April 2019 Release

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During the weekend of April 20, 2019, Desktop Underwriter® (DU®) for government loans will be updated to support the announced FHA Third Party Verification changes announced by FHA in [Mortgage Letter 2019-01](#), as well as other message related updates.

NOTE: For ease of reference, this document generally uses the term “DU” to refer to “DU for government loans.”

Updated Messaging

FHA Mortgagee Letter 2019-01 provides guidance on the use of Third Party Verification (TPV) services to verify a borrower’s employment, income, and asset information. To support these changes, several impacted DU messages will be updated and one new message created. Additionally, one message will be updated to better align with FHA policy. These updates will apply to all cases submitted or resubmitted on or after the weekend of April 20, 2019.

Additional Resources

For additional information, please reference the documents and web sites listed below.

Document Name and Description	URL
Online HUD Handbook 4000.1	https://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/housing/sfh/handbook_4000-1
HUD Mortgagee Letters	https://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/housing/sfh/FHA_info_messages
FHA Mortgage Limits	https://entp.hud.gov/idapp/html/hicostlook.cfm
CHUMS Data Files	https://www.hud.gov/pub/chums/file_layouts.html
FHA Resource Center: Contact Information and FAQs	https://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/housing/sfh/fharesourcectr

For More Information

More information can be found in the Help Center, which is accessed through the Desktop Originator® (DO®)/DU User Interface. Additionally, lenders may contact their Fannie Mae account team, and mortgage brokers should contact their DO sponsoring wholesale lender. For questions regarding HUD policies and guidelines, lenders and mortgage brokers should contact HUD at 1-800-CALL-FHA (1-800-225-5342).