

HOME FRONT WEBSITE RESOURCE LIST

<http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/affordablehousing/training/index.cfm>

HOME Front is HUD's web-based training and technical assistance site for individuals and organizations implementing the HOME Program throughout the United States. This site provides access to valuable HOME information and resources. Below is a list and brief description of the resources available:

Training Modules

The HOME Front is made up of a series of interactive training and technical assistance modules. The following six training modules are currently available via the website:

- ABC's of HOME** provides a comprehensive overview of the major components of the HOME Program.
- How to Become a CHDO** provides detailed descriptions of CHDO characteristics, roles, funding, and special assistance. In addition, it describes the process, requirements, and benefits of obtaining official CHDO status.
- Calculating Income Eligibility** permits the user to determine the income eligibility of applicants to HOME-funded programs, as well as calculate the amount of HOME program assistance each applicant may receive (when applicable).
- HOME Check-up** assists PJs in developing effective monitoring systems. It includes checklists that can be used to implement monitoring activities.
- Relocation "Just in Time" Assistance** provides HOME PJs with an overview of the Federal relocation requirements under the Uniform Relocation and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act (URA) and Section 104(d) of the Housing and Community Development Act.
- Exercises and Case Studies** test the user's knowledge of the HOME Program.

Six new training modules are forthcoming, including: crosscutting Federal requirements, lead-based paint, energy efficiency, underwriting, ensuring compliance in rental properties, and combining HOME and Low Income Housing Tax Credits.

Helpful Tools for PJs

A number of useful tools are available via Home Front. These include:

- HOME Sample Forms.** Users can view, download, and/or print numerous HUD-approved forms to implement effective HOME programs. HOME forms and checklists are provided in the following subject areas: Administration, Homeowner Rehabilitation, Income Determination, Rental Housing, and Tenant Based Rental Assistance.
- Glossary.** Users can look up terms and acronyms that have definitions specific to the HOME Program.
- Building HOME: A HOME Program Primer.** Users can download a copy of this training manual, along with a set of companion PowerPoint slides, to learn the basics of the HOME Program.
- CPD Training Institute Website.** This website provides information about upcoming courses on HOME and other CPD program topics.

Useful Links

Home Front provides links to other parts of HUD's website. The following list provides a sample of the wealth of resources available online:

- American Dream Downpayment Assistance Initiative** (<http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/affordablehousing/programs/home/addi/index.cfm>): Provides up-to-date information about this new source of funds to assist first-time homebuyers with downpayment and closing costs.
- Office of Community Planning and Development Homepage** (<http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/index.cfm>): Provides access to CPD updates, contact information, and related links.

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- ❑ **HUD News** (<http://www.hud.gov/news/index.cfm>): This newsroom includes HUD's "top stories" and provides frequently requested information.
- ❑ **Homes** (<http://www.hud.gov/buying/index.cfm>): Answers homebuyers' frequently asked questions and provides information on a variety of topics related to the home buying process, such as how to find a real estate broker or how to get a mortgage.
- ❑ **Communities** (<http://www.hud.gov/community/index.cfm>): Informs users about how to get involved in their communities. In addition, it lists resources and community funding groups.
- ❑ **Working with HUD** (<http://www.hud.gov/grants/index.cfm>): Lists grants awarded by HUD, announces grant fund availability, describes how to apply for HUD funds, and provides descriptions of all HUD programs. In addition, it provides links to grants offered by other Federal Agencies.
- ❑ **Resources** (<http://www.hud.gov/library/index.cfm>): Serves as HUD's online library. It includes resources related to all housing topics such as: homelessness, lead hazards, and Native American housing.
- ❑ **Tools** (<http://www.hud.gov/webcasts/index.cfm>): Provides user access to live webcasts (videos that can be viewed on the computer screen) as well as an archive of previously aired training sessions and programs.