Endorsing a Single Family FHA Case

The Direct Endorsement (DE) process allows FHA-approved lenders to submit a mortgage insurance application for a loan to a single family, low-to-moderate-income homebuyer. The Insurance Application function on the FHA Connection (Figure 1) is used to request mortgage insurance for a DE case and to add or update the request information as needed prior to endorsement.

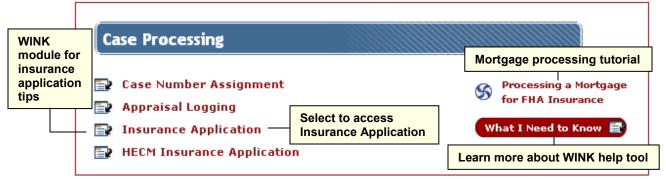


Figure 1: Insurance application available on the Case Processing menu

This **FHA Connection Guide** module provides the following sections to assist you in obtaining FHA mortgage insurance:

- Basic Prerequisites and Requirements
- **Insurance Application Processing**, which includes:
 - Key Steps in Using Insurance Application
 - General Information, Worksheet Information, Borrower Information, Mortgage Information, and Endorsement Information section-by-section illustrations and explanations of each part of the online Insurance Application form. These sections also facilitate data entry by mapping the case binder document data to the fields to be completed on the Insurance Application form.
- Additional Binder Information Sources provides a listing of possible information sources for insurance application processing.
- Lender Insurance (LI) Endorsement Processing provides a high level overview of the LI lender's role and their additional use of **Insurance Application**. LI lenders, lending institutions that apply and qualify for HUD authorization for the Lender Insurance (LI) Forward program, endorse their own traditional (forward) FHA mortgage loans for insurance without a preendorsement review by HUD. (In addition to referencing the Lender Insurance Endorsement Processing section, LI lenders should read all sections of this FHA Connection Guide module for full background.)
- Insurance Application Results (MIC or NOR) provides an overview of the endorsement process and briefly discusses insurance denial and resolution steps.

Notes

- For a DE Home Equity Conversion Mortgage (HECM) (reverse) case, use the HECM Insurance **Application** function and refer to the **FHA Connection Guide** module on that topic.
- For training and assistance in using the FHA Connection, refer to the **FHA Connection Guide** modules: Using the FHA Connection and FHA Connection Training Resources. Specific information pertaining to Insurance Application is also available using What I Need to Know (WINK) accessed via the icon located directly adjacent to the Insurance Application function on the Case Processing menu (Figure 1).

Basic Prerequisites and Requirements

In order for a loan to become FHA-insured, the originating lender (or its sponsor/agent) must:

- 1. establish a case in HUD's origination system. For information on establishing a case, see the *FHA Connection Guide* modules: *Case Processing Overview* and *Case Number Assignment*.
- 2. complete all **basic case requirements**, including providing complete and accurate borrower information, valid street address, underwriter information, and mortgage credit analysis.
- provide case-specific "as required" information related to an appraisal, upfront mortgage insurance premium (UFMIP), compliance inspection, firm commitment, and property flipping issues. See Insurance Application WINK (Preparing to Use Insurance Application, Requirements).
- 4. complete the **Insurance Application** and submit the case binder (closing package) to the HUD Homeownership Center (HOC) within 60 days after the closing date of the mortgage. For LI lenders, the case binder is only submitted upon request.

Once the Insurance Application is successfully processed, the case is either endorsed by HUD or issued a NOR (see the Insurance Application Results (MIC or NOR) section). LI lenders endorse their own forward mortgage loans for insurance using Insurance Application (see the Lender Insurance Endorsement Processing section).

Insurance Application Processing

This section begins with the basic steps for processing the FHA Connection online Insurance Application form, and is followed by sections with detailed illustration on completing each section of the form.

Key Steps in Using Insurance Application on the FHA Connection

Follow these basic steps to process the Insurance Application form.

- Access Insurance Application after sign on by following the menu path: Single Family FHA >
 Single Family Origination > Case Processing > Insurance Application. The FHA Connection
 menu path appears as a "breadcrumb trail" in the red banner at the top of each function page.
- 2. On the Insurance Application page (Figure 2), enter the case number in the FHA Case Number field.



Figure 2: Insurance Application query page

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3. Successful entry of the case number opens Insurance Application Update to enter or update case information. Data entry on this very detailed page is done using multiple resources found in the case binder.

Note: The information entered on Insurance Application Update is validated against numerous official sources. Entry of incorrect or invalid data or failure to supply information required for the loan type may result in a denial of insurance with the binder returned to the lender by HUD.

- 4. To assist you with (a) locating the requisite case binder information to enter on Insurance Application Update and (b) processing the FHA Connection's online Insurance Application form itself, refer to the following sections of this module: General Information, Worksheet Information, Borrower Information, Mortgage Information, and Endorsement Information. Each section provides processing tips followed by mapping illustrations of the inputs from the three key case binder resources:
 - FHA Loan Underwriting and Transmittal Summary form HUD-92900-LT,
 - Uniform Residential Loan Application (URLA) Fannie Mae Form 1003, Freddie Mac Form 65
 - HUD/VA Addendum to Uniform Residential Loan Application form HUD-92900-A

Note: Additional documentation is required for a HOPE for Homeowners loan. See HUD Mortgagee Letter 2008-29, *HOPE for Homeowners Origination Guidance*, and the associated exhibits/attachments that accompany this letter.

For additional data entry assistance, refer to **Insurance Application Help** (**Steps for Processing** and **Field Descriptions**). Click Help Links at the upper right of the Insurance Application Update page (**Figure 3**).

Successful processing of Insurance Application Update and subsequent endorsement results in issuance of the Mortgage Insurance Certificate (MIC). View the MIC using **Mortgage Insurance Certificate** on the Single Family Origination **Case Processing** menu.

or,

If the case is not endorsed, a NOR is issued. Use **Notice of Return** (on the Single Family Origination **Case Processing** menu) to view and print the NOR.

For more information, refer to the section **Insurance Application Results (MIC or NOR)** at the end of this module.

General Information

The **General Information** section of Insurance Application Update appears in **Figure 3**, followed by some processing tips for this section. Key portions of the HUD forms used to complete this section are illustrated in **Figures 3a-3c**, following.

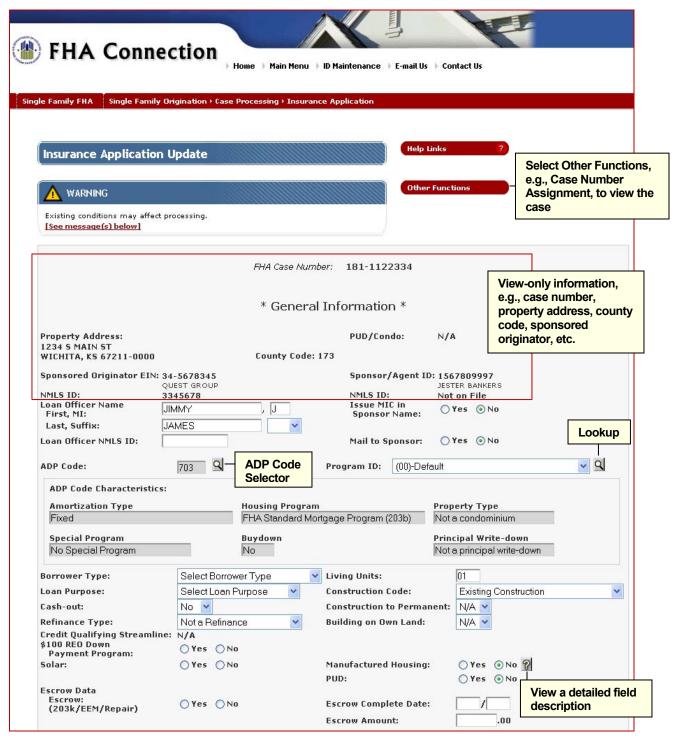


Figure 3: General Information section of Insurance Application Update

Processing Tips for the General Information Section (Figure 3)

Refer to the *What I Need to Know* (*WINK*) icon next to the **Update an Existing Case** function on the **Case Number Assignment** menu for:

- background on updating view-only information entered during case number assignment
- instructions on how to change a Home Equity Conversion Mortgage (HECM) case to a non-HECM case or a non-HECM case to HECM case

Note: the **ADP Code** cannot be changed to a HECM case if the case was not initially established as such (or vice versa).

Mapping of the HUD form sources for completing **General Information** fields appears in the **Case Binder Sources for Entering General Information** section that follows (**Figures 3a-3c**).

Case Binder Sources for Entering General Information

Figures 3a-3c illustrate the source form fields for the specific **General Information** section fields to which they relate. The callouts (pointing to the form fields) are the field names found on Insurance Application Update.

Refer to the case binder and **Insurance Application Help** (*Field Descriptions*) if you need to determine:

- \$100 REO Down Payment Program
- · Credit Qualifying Streamline
- Escrow
- Escrow Amount
- Escrow Complete Date
- Loan Officer Name, Loan Officer NMLS ID
- Program ID
- Property Type
- PUD
- Solar

ADP Code appears on the Addendum to URLA (VA Form 26-1802a /HUD-92900-A).



Figure 3a: ADP Code field input

Living Units and **Borrower Type**, e.g., Occupant or Landlord, appear on the **URLA** (Freddie Mac Form 65/Fannie Mae Form 1003) section II. Property Information and Purpose of Loan.

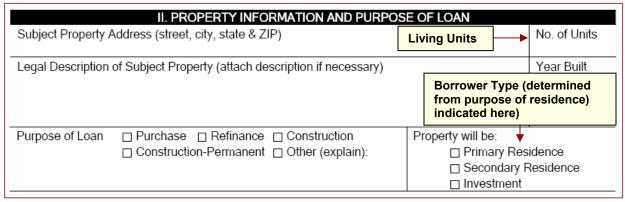


Figure 3b: Living Units and Borrower Type field inputs

Building on Own Land, Cash-out, Construction Code, Construction to Permanent, Loan Purpose, and Manufactured Housing field information appears on the top portion of the FHA Loan Underwriting and Transmittal Summary (form HUD-92900-LT).

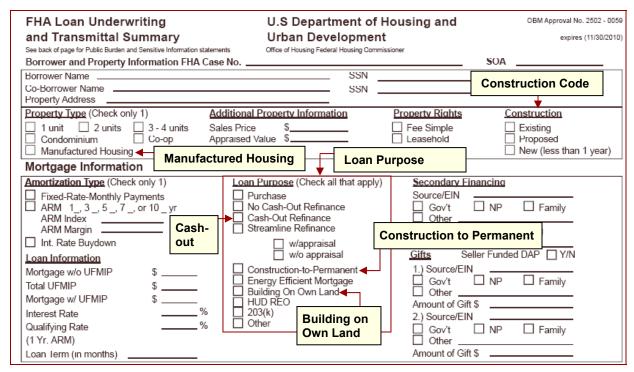


Figure 3c: Other General Information field inputs

Note: For 203k (substantial rehabilitation) cases, **Construction Code** information can be found under **Loan Purpose**.

Worksheet Information

The Worksheet Information section of Insurance Application Update appears in Figure 4, immediately followed by some processing tips for this section. Key portions of the HUD forms used to complete this section are illustrated in Figures 4a-4e following.

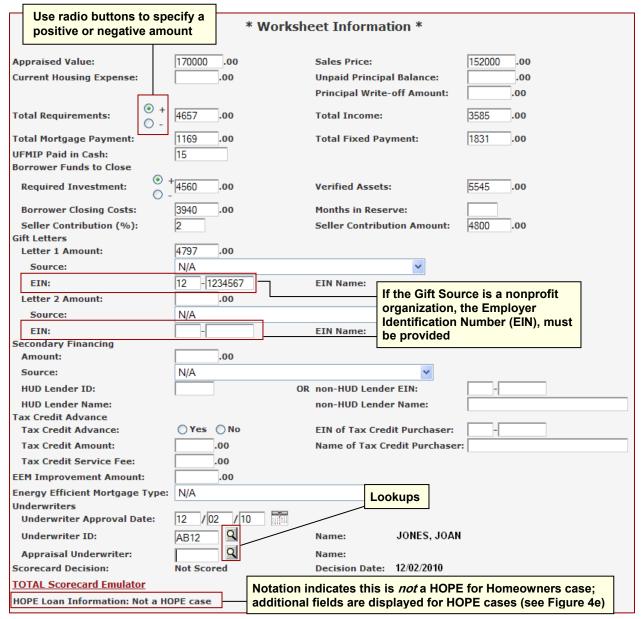


Figure 4: Worksheet Information section of Insurance Application Update

Processing Tips for the Worksheet Information Section (Figure 4)

Tips include:

in the monetary value fields, dollar signs (\$) are not entered (they are "understood" by the system). For the Required Investment and Total Requirements fields, you can use the radio button to indicate either a positive amount, e.g., for new construction, or a negative amount, e.g., for some refinances

- the Scorecard Decision and Decision Date are view-only information based on the underwriting decision provided by the FHA TOTAL Scorecard, used within the lender's automated underwriting system (AUS) for evaluation of the loan's credit risk. Values may be:
 - o Accepted: Borrower determined to be an acceptable risk for the loan amount
 - o Referred: Borrower determined a possible bad risk for the loan amount, requiring full, manual underwriting by the lender
 - Not Scored: FHA TOTAL Scorecard was not used

Mapping of the HUD form sources for completing **Worksheet Information** fields appears in the **Case Binder Sources for Entering Worksheet Information** section that follows (**Figures 4a-4e**).

Case Binder Sources for Entering Worksheet Information

Figures 4a-4c illustrate the source form fields from the **URLA** (Freddie Mac Form 65/Fannie Mae Form 1003) section fields to which they relate. The callouts (pointing to the form fields) are the field names found on Insurance Application Update.

Unpaid Principal Balance appears on the **URLA** (Freddie Mac Form 65/Fannie Mae Form 1003) in section II. Property Information and Purpose of Loan.

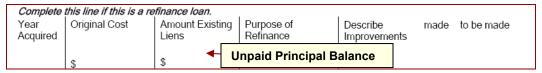


Figure 4a: Unpaid Principal Balance field input

Current Housing Expense appears on the **URLA** (Freddie Mac Form 65/Fannie Mae Form 1003) in section V. Monthly Income and Combined Housing Expense Information.

V. MONTHLY INCOME AND COMBINED HOUSING EXPENSE INFORMATION							
Gross Monthly Income	Borrower	Co- Borrower	Total	Combined Monthly Housing Expense	Present	Proposed	
Base Empl. Income*	\$	\$	\$	Rent	\$		
Overtime				First Mortgage (P&I)		\$	
Bonuses				Other Financing (P&I)			
Commissions				Hazard Insurance			
Dividends/ Interest				Real Estate Taxes			
Net Rental Income				Mortgage Insurance			
Other (before completing, see the notice in "describe other income," below)				Homeowner Assn. Dues			
				Other:			
						Sum of this colu	
Total	\$	\$	\$	Total	\$	provides the amount f Current Housing Expe	

Figure 4b: Current Housing Expense field input

Total Requirements and **Seller Concession Amount** appear
on the **URLA** (Freddie Mac
Form 65/Fannie Mae Form
1003) in section VII. Details of
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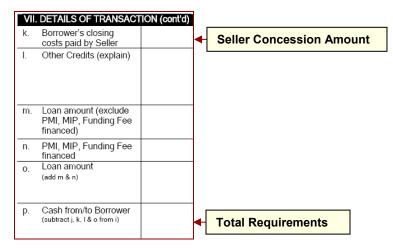


Figure 4c: Seller Concession Amount and Total Requirement field inputs

Figure 4d illustrates the source form fields from the **FHA Loan Underwriting and Transmittal Summary** (form HUD-92900-LT) section fields to which they relate. The callouts (pointing to the form fields) are the field names found on Insurance Application Update.

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	FHA Loan Underwriting and Transmittal Summary	U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development	Approval No. 2502 - 0059 expires (11/30/2010)						
	See back of page for Public Burden and Sensitive Inform	ation statements Office of Housing Federal Housing Commissioner							
	Borrower and Property Information I								
	Borrower Name								
	Property Address								
	Property Type (Check only 1)	Additional Property Information Property Rights Construc							
	1 unit 2 units 3 - 4 unit Co-op	s Sales Price \$ Fee Simple Existin							
	Manufactured Housing	New (less than 1 year)						
	Mortgage Information	Appraised Value Sales Price Se	econdary Financing						
	Amortization Type (Check only 1)	Loan Purpose (Check all that apply) Secondary Financing							
	Fixed-Rate-Monthly Payments ARM 1_, 3_, 5_, 7_, or 10_ yr	☐ Purchase Source/EIN ☐ No Cash-Out Refinance ☐ Gov't ☐ NP ☐ F	amily						
	ARM Index	☐ Cash-Out Refinance ☐ Other							
	ARM Margin	Streamline Refinance Amount of Secondary Financing							
Ir	Int. Rate Buydown Loan Information	w/appraisal \$	□Y/N Gift						
	Mortgage w/o UFMIP \$	Construction-to-Permanent 1.) Source/EIN	- Jottoro						
	Total UFMIP \$	│ │ │ │ Energy Efficient Mortgage │ │ │ Gov't │ │ NP │ │ F	amily						
	Mortgage w/ UFMIP \$								
	Interest Rate	%							
	Qualifying Rate (1 Yr. ARM)	— Gov't □ NP □ F	amily						
	Loan Ierm (in months)	UFMIP Paid in Cash Amount of Gift \$							
	Underwriting Information	7.110.11.01.01.01							
	Monthly Income Proposed Monthly Payments								
	Borrow	er Co-Borrower Jotal Borrowers Primary Residence							
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		Second Mortgage P&I	5						
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Borı	rower Paid Closing Costs	Iaxes & Special Assessments Iotal Mortgage Payment							
	Debts & Obligations	Monthly Unpaid Balance Qualifying Ratios	, —						
	lotal Installment debt	LTV	%						
		Child Support CLTV (if 2nd permitted)%							
	Negative Rental Cash Flow Mortgage Payment-to-income % All other monthly payments Fixed Payment-to-Income %								
	Total Fixed Payment	Total Fixed Payment							
	Borrower Funds to Close Required	SRequired Investment Total Mortga	ge Payment						
	Verified Assets Verified Assets	S Borrower Co-Borrow	wer						
\ \	Closing Costs	\$ CAIVRS#							
	Source of Funds No. of Months in Reserves	LDP/GSA yes no yes	□ no						
	Seller Contribution	Seller Concession (%)							
	Underwriter Comments Mo	nths in Reserve							
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		A/A or loans where the appraisal and credit reviews are performed by different underwriters.)							
		10'	m HUD-92900-LT (11/30/2010)						

Figure 4d: Other Worksheet Information field inputs

If energy efficient improvements are a mortgage factor, get the **EEM Improvement Amount** and **Energy Efficient Mortgage Type** from the Home Energy Rating Systems (HERS) report. For a 203k case, get this information from form HUD-92700, line 6.

HOPE for Homeowners Loans

Figure 4e illustrates the fields that are displayed for HOPE for Homeowners (H4H) cases. The H4H program is effective for endorsements on or after October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2011. For additional guidance, documentation, and direction pertaining to the H4H Program, see the following HUD Mortgagee Letters: 2008-29, *HOPE for Homeowners Origination Guidance*; 2009-03, *HOPE for Homeowners Origination and Servicing Guidance Supplement*, and the associated exhibits/attachments for both; 2009-15, *Using First-Time Homebuyer Tax Credits*; and 2009-43, *HOPE for Homeowners Program - Comprehensive Guidance*.

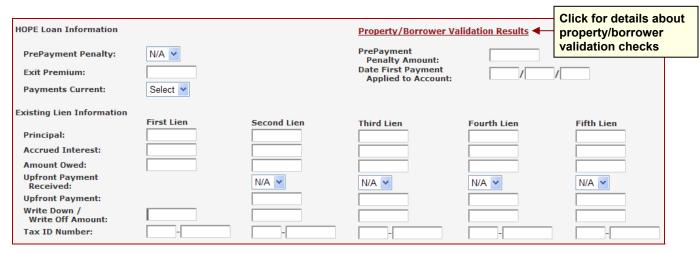


Figure 4e: HOPE for Homeowners section of Insurance Application Update

Borrower Information

The **Borrower Information** section of Insurance Application Update appears in **Figure 5**, immediately followed by some processing tips for this section. Key portions of the HUD forms used to complete this section are illustrated in **Figures 5a-5d**, following.

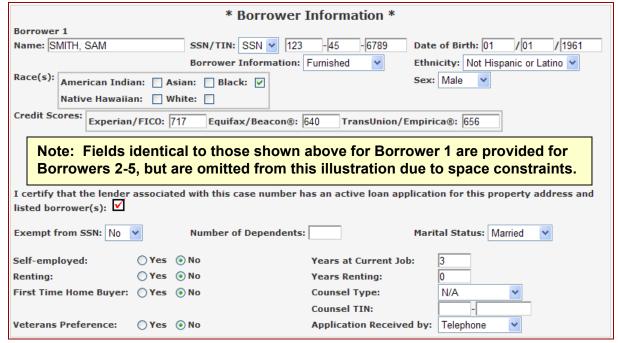


Figure 5: Borrower Information section of Insurance Application Update

Processing Tips for the Borrower Information Section (Figure 5)

Tips include:

if the borrower's/coborrower's Name, SSN, and/or Date of Birth are added or updated, the Insurance Application process validates the new identification information overnight with the Social Security Administration (SSA). The following message is displayed on the Update and/or Results page:

Warning: Pending Borrower Validation; Check Holds Tracking Next Business Day.

Important: Check Holds Tracking the next business day to determine the status of the borrower validation. If the borrower validation fails, the case cannot be endorsed for FHA insurance without Homeownership Center (HOC) acknowledgment of the warning.

See Insurance Application WINK (Completing the Insurance Application, Tips for Changing **Borrower Information**) for details.

- if values are not displayed in the Credit Scores field, refer to the case binder for the borrower's three-digit credit scores and enter as applicable in the appropriate field(s), e.g., Experian/FICO
 - Use Insurance Application Help (Steps for Processing) if the Borrower Type is a corporation/partnership or government agency/nonprofit or if the case is a streamline refinance.
 - FHA TOTAL Scorecard credit risk evaluations for FHA loans submitted via an automated underwriting system using FHA TOTAL Scorecard are automatically entered by the system and cannot be changed.

Mapping of the HUD form sources for completing Borrower Information fields appears in the Case Binder Sources for Entering Borrower Information section that follows (Figures 5a-5d).

Case Binder Sources for Entering Borrower Information

Figures 5a-5d show where to find the Borrower Information form fields' sources on the URLA, Freddie Mac Form 65/Fannie Mae Form 1003. The callouts (pointing to the form fields) are the field names found on Insurance Application Update.

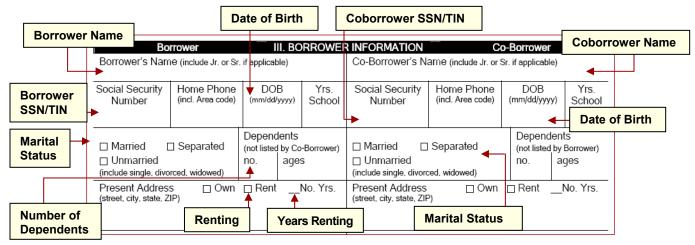


Figure 5a: Borrower information appears on the left; Coborrower information appears on the right



Figure 5b: Borrower employment information

Figure 5c shows where to find ethnicity, race, and sex information if furnished by the borrower.

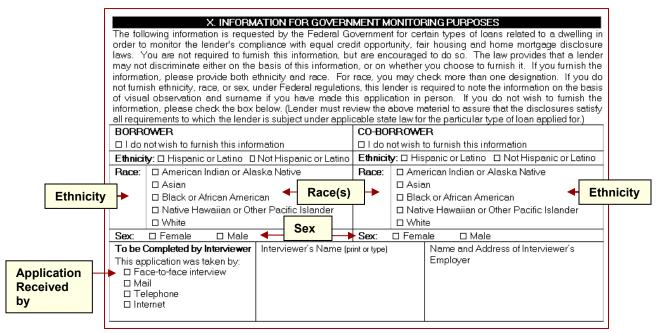


Figure 5c: Borrower information appears on the left; Coborrower information appears on the right

The First Time Home Buyer indicator is found on the Addendum to URLA (VA Form 26-1802a/ HUD-92900-A). If counseled, see the Counseling Certificate in the case binder for input for the Counsel Type and Counsel TIN fields.

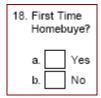


Figure 5d: First Time Home Buyer information source

Refer to the case binder to locate information to determine input for the fields **Exempt from SSN** and Veterans Preference. Typical documents include the IRS form W-8 for Exempt from SSN and Certificate of Veteran Status for Veterans Preference.

Mortgage Information

The Mortgage Information section of Insurance Application Update (Figure 6) is followed by some processing tips for this section. Key portions of the HUD forms used to complete this section are illustrated in Figures 6a-6b, following.

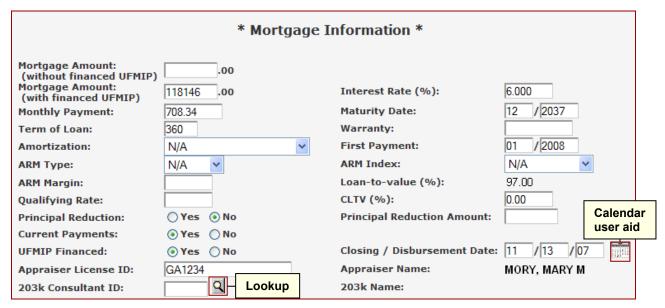


Figure 6: Mortgage Information section of Insurance Application Update

Processing Tips for the Mortgage Information Section (Figure 6)

Tips include:

- Mortgage Amount (without financed UFMIP) must be within FHA mortgage limits. The amount entered should not include UFMIP.
- If UFMIP is included in the mortgage, include the UFMIP in the mortgage amount entered in the Mortgage Amount (with financed UFMIP) and also select Yes in the Upfront MIP Financed field.
 - **Note:** If UFMIP is required for the case, the calculated amount due must be paid in full prior to processing Insurance Application.
- If the principal balance was reduced to qualify the mortgage for FHA insurance, be sure to select Yes in the Principal Reduction field and type the amount paid by the lending institution in the Principal Reduction Amount field (not to exceed \$20,000). Evidence, such as a copy of the payment ledger showing the principal balance was paid down to an insurable amount, must be provided by your lending institution.
- Although not a prerequisite for endorsement, monthly mortgage insurance premium payments must be made from the beginning of loan amortization for cases requiring monthly MIP.

Mapping of the HUD form sources for completing Mortgage Information fields appears in the Case Binder Sources for Entering Mortgage Information section that follows (Figures 6a-6b).

Case Binder Sources for Entering Mortgage Information

Figures 6a-6b illustrate the source form fields found on the FHA Loan Underwriting and Transmittal Summary (form HUD-92900-LT). The callouts (pointing to the form fields) are the field names found on Insurance Application Update.

Single Family FHA | Single Family Origination > Case Processing > Insurance Application Mortgage Amount (without financed UFMIP) Mortgage Information **ARM** Amortization Type (Check only 1) Loan Purpose (Check all that apply) Secondary Financing Purchase **Type** Source/EIN Fixed-Rate-Monthly Payments Gov't Other □ NP ARM 1_, 3_, 5_, 7_, or 10_ No Cash-Out Refinance ☐ Family ARM Index Cash-Out Refinance ARM Streamline Refinance **ARM** ►ARM Margin Amount of Secondary Financing Index ☐ Int. Rate Buvdown w/appraisal Margin w/o appraisal Seller Funded DAP Y/N Gifts Loan Information 1.) Source/EIN Construction-to-Permanent Mortgage w/o UFMIP Gov't Other Energy Efficient Mortgage □ NP ☐ Family ☐ Energ ☐ Buildir ☐ HUD F ☐ 203(k) ☐ Other Total UFMIP Building On Own Land Mortgage w/ UFMIP HUD RĚO Amount of Gift \$ % 203(k) Interest Rate 2.) Source/EIN Mortgage 0/6 Qualifying Rate Gov't Other □ NP ☐ Family Amount (with (1 Yr. ARM) financed UFMIP) Amount of Gift \$ Loan Term (in months) Underwriting Information Monthly Term of Loan Payment Proposed Monthly Payments Monthly Income (includes Borrower Co-Borrower Total Borrowers Primary Residence First Mortgage P&I Base Income principal Monthly MIP Other Income \$_ and Net Rental Income HOA Fees interest) ___ \$ _ Lease/Ground Rent Total Income _ \$. Second Mortgage P&I Interest Rate (%) Hazard Insurance **Qualifying Rate** Taxes & Special Assessments Total Mortgage Payment Debts & Obligations Unpaid Balance Qualifying Ratios Monthly Total Installment debt LTV % **CLTV** Child Support CLTV (if 2nd permitted) % Negative Rental Cash Flow Mortgage Payment-to-income .%

Figure 6a: Mortgage Information source

Total Fixed Payment-to-Income

The information to enter in the Amortization fields in the **Mortgage Information** section is found on the **URLA** (Freddie Mac Form 65/Fannie Mae Form 1003) (**Figure 6b**).



Figure 6b: Source for Amortization fields

Refer to the case binder and Insurance Application Help (Field Descriptions) if you need to determine:

- **203k Consultant ID** (HUD-9746-A)
- Appraiser License ID (Appraisal Report)
- Closing/Disbursement Date (form HUD-1)
- First Payment (Note)

All other monthly payments

- Maturity Date (Note, Mortgage, or other security instrument)
- Principal Reduction and Principal Reduction Amount (payment ledger showing principal balance was paid down)
- Warranty (warranty certificate, insurance policy, or other document of similar purpose)

Note: Loan to Value, Appraiser Name, and **203k Name** are system-generated after the application information is processed.

Endorsement Information

HUD completes the **Endorsement Information** section (**Figure 7**), except for those organizations participating in the LI Program (described in Lender Insurance Endorsement Processing). See Insurance Application Results (MIC or NOR).

Additional Binder Information Sources

The sources of information for insurance application processing may include, but are not limited to:

- FHA Loan Underwriting and Transmittal Summary form HUD-92900-LT
- Uniform Residential Loan Application (URLA) Fannie Mae Form 1003, Freddie Mac Form 65
- HUD/VA Addendum to Uniform Residential Loan Application form HUD-92900-A
- Appraisal Report
- Mortgage (or other security instrument)
- Note
- Settlement Statement form HUD-1
- Gift letter
- Secondary financing instruments
- Mortgagee's Assurance of Completion form HUD-92300
- Draw Request, Section 203(k) form HUD 9746-A
- Ten-year warranty certificate, or similar document (generally needed for a new construction case with a high loan-to-value ratio)
- Application for Homeownership Assistance (Section 235 of the National Housing Act) form HUD-93100
- Section 235 Payoff Statement or Assistance Payment Contract/Notice of: (1) Termination, (2) Suspension, or (3) Reinstatement - form HUD-93114 (issued by the servicing lender of the prior Section 235 mortgage)
- Home Energy Rating Systems (HERS) report
- 203k Maximum Mortgage Worksheet form HUD-92700
- Builder's Certification of Plans, Specifications, & Site form HUD-92541

These documents, together with any other required documents, are included in the case binder.

Lender Insurance Endorsement Processing

FHA's Lender Insurance (LI) Forward program enables qualifying lenders to endorse their traditional forward (DE non-HECM) mortgage loans for FHA insurance without a pre-endorsement review by a HUD Homeownership Center (HOC). This expedited procedure is part of HUD's overall effort to make the processing of FHA loans easier and more cost-efficient so that lenders are better able to offer FHAinsured loans and expand the availability of affordable financing for potential homebuyers.

Lending organizations must meet the following criteria for eligibility in the LI Forward program:

- Be an unconditionally approved Direct Endorsement (DE) lender for at least two years
- Have an acceptable current default/claim rate at or below 150% of either the:
 - national average rate for all insured mortgages for national lenders or
 - state average rate for insured mortgages for lenders operating in a single state

The current default/claim rate is determined at the corporate level (Home office level) of the lender, based on the lender underwriting the loan (see Lender Insurance Guide, section 1.6, for details (http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/documents/huddoc?id=DOC 12648.pdf)). The lender's default/ claim rate is re-evaluated annually on their LI Authorization anniversary date against performance information displayed in Neighborhood Watch on the FHA Connection. Authorized lenders can view their own

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information in **Neighborhood Watch** using the Lender Detail Lender Summary page, which provides lender insurance status and the date associated with the status.

Once approved for the LI Forward program, an LI lender:

- is required to perform a pre-endorsement review of each of its own forward cases before processing the endorsement
- processes the endorsement for all of its forward cases
- is required to send case binders to HUD only when requested. Submission of case binders is done electronically or in paper format.

However, only the HOC can endorse a case or issue a NOR if the:

- LI lender is requested to submit a case binder, or
- case was issued a NOR and the LI lender resubmitted the case binder.

To find out more about the LI Forward program and applying for approval, refer to the following:

- HUD Housing Lender Insurance Program website: (http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/housing/sfh/lender/lendins)
- HUD Mortgagee Letter 2005-36 (see the 2005 Mortgagee Letters from the following:
- http://www.hud.gov/offices/adm/hudclips/letters/mortgagee/index.cfm)
- Lender Insurance Guide (http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/documents/huddoc?id=DOC 12648.pdf)
- **Electronic Case Binder Developer's Guide**, directed primarily to lenders using *Loan Origination Systems (LOS)*, provides the necessary information for software development to establish and maintain the required interface (www.hud.gov/pub/chums/electronicCaseBinder.pdf).

For more details related to LI processed endorsements, refer to FHA Connection:

- Insurance Application WINK (Figure 1)
- Insurance Application Help

Insurance Application Results (MIC or NOR)

Once the **Insurance Application** is completed and successfully submitted, an authorized representative (e.g., an authorized HOC staff member for non-LI lenders or an authorized LI-lender employee for the LI lender) endorses the case using the **Endorsement Information** section of **Insurance Application**. If there are no problems, the Insurance Application Results page displays a message indicating that processing was successful. Endorsement information appears at the bottom of the page indicating that the case is insured (**Figure 7**).

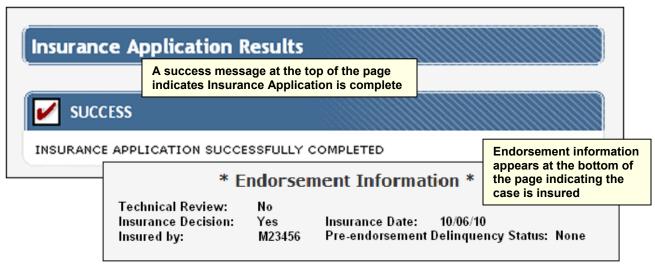


Figure 7: Insurance Application Endorsement Information

After a case is submitted for endorsement, lenders may use the MIC/NOR List function on the Case **Processing** menu to retrieve a list of their cases that were either:

- a. endorsed and issued a MIC, or
- b. not endorsed and issued a NOR

From the retrieved list, the lender can view and/or print the MIC or NOR.

Note: For more information on MIC/NOR List and resolving a NOR, refer to:

- Insurance Application WINK (Insurance Application Accepted or Rejected?, Retrieving Mortgage Insurance Certificate (MIC), or Resolving a Notice of Return (NOR)),
- MIC/NOR List Help (Business Background and Steps for Processing)

The electronic MIC serves as evidence of FHA insurance of the mortgage loan. HUD issues the NOR to indicate a mortgage loan cannot be endorsed for FHA insurance and provides the reason(s) for nonendorsement. The case binder (closing package) is returned to the originator or sponsor/agent of the loan. The lender may address the NOR by resolving the noted problems, updating case information, and resubmitting the case binder for reconsideration and possible endorsement.