

Instructions for Builder's Certification, form HUD-92541

To obtain maximum loan to value financing (high ratio loan) for a new property, a builder must:

- a. Become a certified builder in accordance with HUD requirements and certify that the plans and specifications for the home meet HUD requirements prior to the beginning of construction; or
- b. Have the plans and specifications for the home approved by HUD prior to the start of construction; or
- c. Provide a HUD accepted ten year protection (warranty) plan.

If the property is eligible for maximum loan to value financing on the basis of a, b, or c above, then the builder must complete Items 1 - 12 on this form. The builder or its agent may complete Items 9 and 10.

If the builder does not meet the criteria listed above for maximum loan to value financing, then the loan to value financing will be limited to 90 percent (low ratio loan). For these cases, the builder must complete Items 1, 9 and 10 on this form. The builder, not the builder's agent, must complete Items 9 and 10.

Item 1. Site Analysis: All builders must answer all the questions in this item even when the improved area procedure is required. An addendum may be added, if necessary, to provide a full explanation about any of the site conditions listed.

- a. **Flood Hazards:** HUD prohibits new construction in Special Flood Hazard Areas unless there is a Letter of Map Amendment (LOMA), a Letter of Map Revision (LOMR), or an Elevation Certificate in accordance with 24 CFR 200.926d(c)(4) provided to the lender.
- b. **Noise:** Self-explanatory.
- c. **Runway Clear Zones/Clear Zones:** If the property is located in a Runway Clear Zone / Clear Zone, the lender must require, as a condition of borrower approval, that the borrower will sign a statement acknowledging receipt of the notification required by 24 CFR 51.303(a)(3).
- d. **Explosive/Flammable Materials Storage Hazard:** Self-explanatory.
- e. **Toxic Waste Hazards:** Self-explanatory.
- f. **Foreseeable Hazards or Adverse Conditions:** Self-explanatory.

Items 2 - 8: If the lender desires the property to be eligible for maximum financing (a high-ratio loan), the certified builder/certified builder's agent **must** complete these items as follows:

- 2. & 3.** Place an "X" in the box in Items 2 and 3. The certified builder must complete Items 4 thru 8 as follows:
- 4.** The local/State code in Item 4 is the HUD accepted code for a locality as identified by a mortgagee from a list provided by HUD.
- a. A "fully accepted code" is indicated by placing a "X" in the first space, identifying the code in the second space and placing the word "All" after "Applicable Provisions."
- b. A "partially acceptable code" is indicated by naming the unacceptable portion as shown in the example: "All except materials standards."

The additional requirements needed from the Table in 24 CFR 200.926c, to supplement a partially acceptable local code, must be shown in Item 4.

If a local code has been changed since last accepted by HUD, a builder is required to submit for HUD review, a copy of such changes to the Code. Include all applicable service codes, appendices, and a copy of the statute, ordinance, regulation or ordinance making such changes.

5. When the whole CABO Code is used as the HUD referenced code in jurisdictions with "no code" or an "unacceptable code," place an "X" in the box in Item 5 and place the word "All" in the space.

6. Place an "X" in the box on line 6, because builders must comply with this energy code.

7. Place an "X" in the box on line 7, because the Electrical Code for One and Two Family Dwellings, NFPA 70A/1984 is required in conjunction with the CABO Code.

8. If the dwelling is a manufactured (mobile) home, place an "X" in the box in Item 8. Properly complete lines 4 through 7 for all "foundation and site work."

Items 9 & 10. The builder or the builder's agent must complete and sign these items. If the builder's agent completes and signs these items the builder's agent is certifying that builder's agent has the knowledge and experience to determine whether the plans and specifications comply with HUD/FHA requirements set forth in 24 CFR 200.926d and with other applicable HUD requirements in 24 CFR 200.926(d)(1) and (2). The builder's agent is further certifying that the information about the site is accurate to builder's agent's best knowledge and belief.

Item 11. If a builder has sold or intends to sell five (5) or more newly constructed properties within a twelve (12) month period, the builder is required to have one of the following:

- a. Be in good standing to a Voluntary Affirmative Marketing Agreement (VAMA); or
- b. Have a HUD approved Affirmative Fair Housing Marketing Plan (AFHMP); or
- c. Have a contract with a Marketing Agent to implement its approved AFHMP; or a contract with a Marketing Agent with signatory to a National Association of Realtors VAMA; or
- d. Certify to the requirements which are hereby listed, taken from 24 CFR 200.620.

Items 12 & 13. The builder must complete and sign Items 12 and 13. The certification is self-explanatory. All changes to the original form must be initialed and dated by the builder.

Appraiser / Direct Endorsement Lender's Responsibility

Fee Appraiser / Direct Endorsement Staff Appraiser. The fee appraiser / DE staff appraiser must receive a fully executed form HUD-92541 before performing the appraisal on proposed or under construction properties or properties less than one year old.

The appraiser must review Item 1 and note in the Appraisal Report any discrepancies between the information in Item 1 and the actual conditions observed on site. The appraiser must take into consideration the effects of any site conditions on the value of the property.

Direct Endorsement Underwriter. The DE Underwriter must review the Appraisal Report and the Builder Certification as part of the underwriting process, taking into consideration the effect of any site conditions on the value of the property. Page 1 of this form must be complete and legible. Only the builder or the builder's agent is authorized to complete or change this form. The DE Underwriter cannot change and/or modify this certification form.

MCRV/CRV Submissions

Form HUD-92541 is required on all newly constructed properties and must be in the HUD Case Binder on all conversions from VA.