

U.S. Housing and Urban Development Multifamily Accelerated Processing (MAP) Guide Webinar 3



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Effective now:

Chapters 2 and 15
Processing Efficiencies

Transition Rules - Apps received prior to December 19, 2020

- Subject to 2016 MAP Guide
- No waivers to use any provision of 2020 MAP (Ex: Submitted LIHTC deals may not selectively utilize 2020 MAP)
- App may be withdrawn & resubmitted subject to new queue assignment

Transition Rules - Apps received after December 18, 2020 (new MAP Guide issued)

 Subject to discrete effective dates, lender must declare choice of 2016 or 2020 MAP Guide, no mixing of favored provisions

Effective Dates for MAP Guide Transition - 2



Effective Mar 18 for Firm Commitments: (revised)

Chapter 19, Closing

- New MAP Guide Closing Chapter 19 effective for MF transactions with Firm Commitments issued on or after March 18, 2021
- Lenders and their Counsel should carefully review chapter, new protocols in 19.1.2 and 19.1.3 to request/maintain preferred closing date
- Revised closing checklists under development; to be issued in future

Effective Dates for MAP Guide Transition - 3



Effective March 18, 2021

• Full transition; all provisions of 2020 MAP Guide

 Lenders no longer declare 2016 or 2020 MAP Guide – the 2020 MAP Guide is in full effect

Upcoming Events & Updates



- Webinar #4, Chapter 9 Radon Deep Dive
 - Save the Date: Feb. 25, 2:00 to 3:30 PM, ET
- Webinar #5, Chapter 9 Section 106 Delegation-Historic Preservation
 - Save the Date: Mar. 17, 2:00 to 3:30 PM, ET
- Errata
 - Re-release of MAP Guide with corrections forthcoming
- Ask A Question (AAQ) Tutorial (recorded resource)
- New User Features Tutorial (recorded resource)

Today's HUD Presenters



- Chapter 14 Ken Doresky
- Chapter 19 Irit Lockhart
- Q&A on Chapters 14 and 19 Ken Doresky and Irit Lockhart
- Chapters 4, 17, 18 (as time permits) Zack Skochko



Chapter 14 Ken Doresky



Change:

Initial Operating Deficit (IOD) timing

- IOD timing changed to point in time when HUD signs the Permission to Occupy, form HUD-92485 (Substantial Completion) rather than at Initial Endorsement
- This is for LIHTC projects only

Section 14.10 (continued)



Change:

 Eliminated requirement of Working Capital Escrow (without a HUD-2 Waiver) for Sub Rehab projects with 90%+ Section 8 and 90%+ LIHTC

- When lender demonstrates property will generate sufficient income during rehab to cover items typically funded by Working Capital Escrow
- When Interim Income is not being used as a source of financing



Change:

Deferred Developer Fee as eligible debt in a refinancing

- Allows Deferred Developer Fee as eligible debt in a refinancing (except in a 223(a)(7))
- Subject to conditions (limited partner consent, verification, when supported by underwriting)



Change:

Changes to LIHTC equity pay-ins

Explanation:

 Reduced the initial 20% LIHTC Equity Pay-In from a hard 20% Equity to a minimum of 10% Equity with the other 10% provided via Equity Bridge Loan proceeds



Change:

EBL repayment timing

- Extended the Equity Bridge Loan repayment requirements to one year after Final Endorsement for a 221(d)(4)
- For one year after the repair period for a 223(f)



Chapter 19

Irit Lockhart

Chapter 19 – General



Change:

Closing Chapter incorporated back into MAP Guide

Explanation:

- Overarching goal is uniformity and transparency in closing process
- Fulfills PRA requirements and ensures greater collaboration
- MAP + TAP

Effective Date: Firm Commitments issued on and after MARCH 18, 2021



General Counsel Memo 3/16/2020

Change:

COVID-19 closing protocols remain in effect

Explanation:

 General Counsel March 2020 memo on MF closings during COVID-19 remains in effect and overrides any conflicting provisions in Ch 19

Section 19.1.2



Change:

Transparent and standardized closing protocols

Explanation:

 Sets expectations and creates standardized process for communication among Housing, OGC, lenders and lenders' counsel (LC) to achieve smoother closings

Section 19.1.2.3.A



Change:

New Communication Standard: HUD "Hello" letter

Explanation:

Closing Coordinator (CC) will send "Hello" communication within
 2 business days of FC and include contact info for CC and initial
 OGC point of contact (POC)

Section 19.1.2.3.B



Change:

Required lender response

- Lender must respond to Hello Letter with preferred closing date and other requested information
- Timeline must be consistent with Ch. 19 benchmarks

Section 19.1.2.3.B (continued)



Change:

New benchmark – tentative closing date (TCD)

- The CC and OGC POC will review lender's request and set TCD
- Subject to change by HUD if outside parties fail to adhere to review times and protocols, and exigent circumstances

Section 19.1.2.3.D



Change:

Lender Submission Deadline for Draft Closing Package

- 30 business days + to maintain TCD
- Draft packages must include all checklist items except "nearclosing" documents, and include redlines
- Late and deficient packages may be returned, TCD cancelled

Section 19.1.2.4.E



Change:

HUD Closing Attorney outreach to lender's Counsel and general availability

- HCA contacts LC within 2 days following CC's approval to start review of draft package
- HCA available to discuss specific legal issues

Section 19.1.2.4.1



Change:

Distribution of HUD comments

Explanation:

Anticipate that Closing Coordinator will distribute all comments,
 OGC and MF technical, together with instructions for resubmission

Section 19.1.2.4.1 (continued)



Change:

Lender's resubmission deadline to maintain TCD

- To maintain TCD, lender must submit a complete resubmission within 5 business days from date HUD distributed comments
- Narrative/imbedded responses recommended
- Redlines against previous submission

Section 19.1.2.4.J



Change:

New standard: Substantial Completeness

- Substantial Completeness determination from MF and HCA is prerequisite to transition from a TCD to Confirmed Closing Date
- Everything except near closing docs, signatures and dates

Section 19.1.2.4.L



Change:

Setting the Confirmed Closing Date

- CC will coordinate with all parties to set Confirmed Closing Date
- Will provide lender with instructions and deadlines for submitting signature package (Regional variation) and nearclosing documents (deadline 4 business days prior to CCD)





Change:

Resolution of remaining issues/comments

Explanation:

 To maintain a CCD, any identified deficiencies must be resolved at least one business day prior to lender's submission of Closing Docket

Section 19.1.2.5



Change:

Changes to closing dates

- Housing and OGC will evaluate change requests, both internal and external
- Lender adherence to Ch. 19 submission standards and deadlines will assist in avoiding changes to set closing dates

Section 19.1.3.5



Change:

Closing Docket content and delivery requirements

- Two-sets of hard copies still required (re: custody of documents, Covid-19 memo remains in effect)
- Lender's deadline for submitting electronic transmittal is 14 calendar days after closing

Section 19.1.3.7



Change:

Mail closings now standard

- Mail closings now standard; lender may request
- Closing by mail requests will be accommodated except when RCD and RC determine in-person is necessary b/c complex transaction
- Dockets must be submitted to HUD 2 business days prior to CCD

Section 19.2.2



Change:

Davis-Bacon

- Detailed procedures for RCD's communication with DBLS, lenders, LC and the HCA
- Updated to minimize recurring wage rate issues that upend closing timelines

Section 19.4.1.6



Change:

Form/Closing Chapter change requests

- Process expanded from 2015 Closing Guide
- "Substantive revision" means any modification of an OMBapproved form not about form completion, or any deviation from Ch. 19

Section 19.4.1.6 (continued)



Change:

Form/Closing Chapter change requests (continued)

Explanation:

 LC's required to prepare/submit written justification supporting requested change, preferably with FC; otherwise, preferred closing date could be impacted

Section 19.4.1.6.A.3



Change:

Form/Closing Chapter change requests (continued)

Explanation:

 For HUD-2 waiver requests that necessitate substantive change, HUD-2 should not be approved unless OGC and Housing also agree to substantive form change, including any required multitiered HQ review

Section 19.4.1.6.A.4



Change:

Form/Closing Chapter change requests (continued)

- Substantive change request based on state or local law = Regional decision
- Must be supported w/ legal citations and documentation

Section 19.4.1.7



Change:

Form/Closing Chapter change requests (continued)

- Business-oriented substantive change request (not based on state or local law), multi-tiered HQ review
- Communication w/ HQ to be through the field office

Section 19.4.9.3



Change:

Subordination Agreement - Public

- Requested changes for state or local law now handled by RCD, RC/HC
 - Legal citations & analysis required

Section 19.4.9.3 (continued)



Change:

Subordination Agreement – Public (continued)

- RCD continues to have authority to allow deal-specific changes to certain provisions as shown in form: early maturity of subordinate loan and compounding interest
- All other requested changes must be processed pursuant to substantive change request procedures in 19.4.1.6





Change:

Construction Contract

- AIA A201 may not be altered except for removal of binding arbitration provision
- Side agreements must contain HUD supremacy conflicts language

Q & A – Ch 14 and Ch 19



Resources



The MAP Guide and related items are available at

https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/administration/hudclips/guidebooks/hsg -GB4430

2020 MAP Guide (12/18/2020)	PDF
Appendix 4 Application Exhibit Checklists (12/18/2020)	EXCEL
HUD RfR Financial Factors Tool v3.0_2 (11/19/2020)	EXCEL
Estimated Useful Life Table (EUL) for CNA eTool (2/11/2016)	PAGE
Transmittal (12/18/2020)	PDF
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Archived Guidebooks - January 2016, August 2011 and March 2002 versions

MAP Guide Ask A Question (AAQ)



- COMING SOON: HUD will announce the availability of a new resource, the MAP Guide Ask-a-Question virtual Help Desk, to be available at https://www.hudexchange.info/program-support/my-question/
- All future MAP Guide questions **should** be submitted to the MAP Guide AAQ, no longer to your favorite HUD staff.

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Chapter 4 Zack Skochko

Section 4.2.1.5



Change:

 Clarified extension policy for Firm Commitments and process for reopening commitments that have expired

Explanation:

 Corrected reopening fee from 2016 guide and provided criteria for contents of reopening application

Section 4.2.2.1



Change:

Clarified information about when Concept Meetings are required

- Not required, but strongly encouraged, for new construction or rehabilitation applications (based upon experience with Covid-19)
- Optional for affordable housing
- Required for LIHTC 221(d)(4) New PILOT program

Section 4.3.1.E



Change:

 Updated the threshold amount for large loan borrowers to \$500,000,000

Explanation:

Change implemented via issuance of HUD Mortgagee
 Letter 2018-09



Chapter 17 Zack Skochko

Section 17.2.B.1



Change:

 Added language to confirm ability to include guest suites per Notice 2018-10. https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/OCHCO/documents/2018-10hsgn.pdf

Explanation:

Updating guide to reflect current policy

Section 17.3.1.B



Change:

Eliminated Gross Sell off value as part of Criterion 3

Explanation:

 Determined it was theoretical (vs practical) and not helpful in assessing/mitigating risk or determining a final loan amount

Section 17.3.1.B (continued)



Change:

Eliminated feasibility test for Criterion 5

Explanation:

Language was incoherent and therefore eliminated

Section 17.3.2. A



Change:

 Permits General Operating Reserve to be funded up to 25% but no less than 15% of annual carrying fee as determined by cooperative borrower and underwriting

Explanation:

Reduced HUD's risk and is non-controversial

Section 17.5.2



Change:

- Aligns commercial space underwriting with Chapter 7
- Permits occupancy at 90%

Explanation:

Syncs Chapter 17 with other chapters in the MAP guide

Section 17.5.2.B.3



Change:

- Multifamily eliminated requirement for Level "C" Market Analysis
- Instead permits A, B, or C, depending upon market complexity

Explanation:

Conforms guidance with Chapter 7 requirements without increasing risk to HUD



Chapter 18 Zack Skochko

Section 18.3.3.A



Change:

 Clarifies Criterion 10 – accrued by unpaid interest on the payoff is considered eligible debt

Explanation:

Clarifies existing policy

Thank You

