Guide to HUD Secure Systems Access

TRACS Toolkit:

for owners of properties that have converted through RAD Component 1 to PBRA

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Introduction

General

All entities that own HUD insured and/or assisted properties, including those that have undergone Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) conversion and are receiving project based rental assistance (PBRA), must have access to HUD Secure Systems. This is required for accessing TRACS and performing mandatory monthly compliance tasks to receive HUD Housing Assistance Payments (HAP).

To access HUD Secure Systems, entities must take several steps.

- Register their organization through HUD's Active Partners Performance System (APPS).
- Designate at least one organizational coordinator, who will be responsible for assigning various roles and permissions to organizational users.
- Ensure that the coordinator and all users within the organization have access to HUD Secure Systems and required subsystems before they attempt to transmit information to TRACS.

Purpose of this Guide

This guide is designed to teach new owner/management entities of properties that have undergone RAD conversion to PBRA about registering their entities, assigning an organizational coordinator, and obtaining access to HUD Secure Systems and relevant subsystems so that they can enter certifications into and use TRACS for transmitting their monthly Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) vouchers.

The guide will assist owners with obtaining TRACS access by:

- Identifying the subs-systems to which an entity needs access.
- Describing how an organization becomes a HUD business partner so its employees may access HUD Secure
 Systems.
- Providing step-by-step instructions on how individuals within an organization register for a HUD Secure Systems login.
- Explaining the role of entity coordinator and the coordinator set-up process.
- Identifying how coordinators assign appropriate access to individual users within their organization.

Note: This guide provides information on <u>how to access</u> HUD Secure Systems and the APPS, EIV, iMAX, and TRACS sub-systems. It does not provide you with instructions on how to navigate these sub-systems. Please refer to the Resources section of this document for information on how to use these sub-systems.

HUD Secure Sub-Systems

There are multiple subsystems within HUD Secure Systems. Ownership and management agent entities of properties that have undergone RAD conversion to PBRA must have access to the following sub-systems:

- APPS Active Partners Performance System. This registration system ensures that companies and individuals participating in HUD's multifamily housing programs have been vetted and approved by HUD to do so. This is the first sub-system an ownership or management entity of a property that has converted through RAD to PBRA must access to become a business partner with HUD and complete required tasks to obtain access to the other sub-systems.
- EIV Enterprise Income Verification System. This system provides owners with access to some types of income verifications. EIV obtains monthly Social Security (SS) and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits data from the Social Security Administration (SSA), and monthly employer new hires (W-4), quarterly wage, and quarterly unemployment data from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). This information is reviewed as part of the tenant certification process. This system also provides verification of identity for household members from the Social Security Administration.
- **iMAX Integrated Multifamily Access Exchange.** This is the system owners use to transmit tenant certifications (HUD Form 50059/50059A) and monthly HAP Requests (HUD Form 52670s) from their TRACS compliant software program to HUD.
- TRACS Tenant Rental Assistance Certification System. This system is the repository database that displays compliant tenant data (from Form HUD 50059 and voucher information transmitted by the owner/manager to HUD.)

Registering an Organizational Entity in APPS

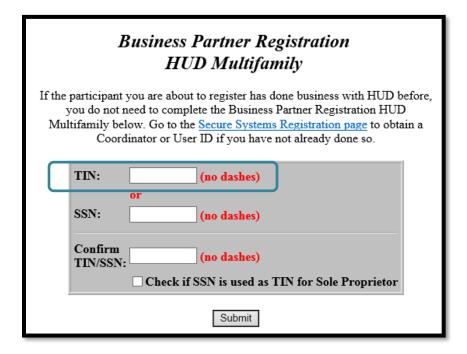
For individuals to have access to TRACS, the entity/organization with which they are associated must be registered as a HUD business partner in APPS.

To register an entity in APPS, go to the APPS home page at https://www.hud.gov/program offices/housing/mfh/apps/appsmfhm.

• Click on "Business Partner Registration HUD Multifamily" (see below).



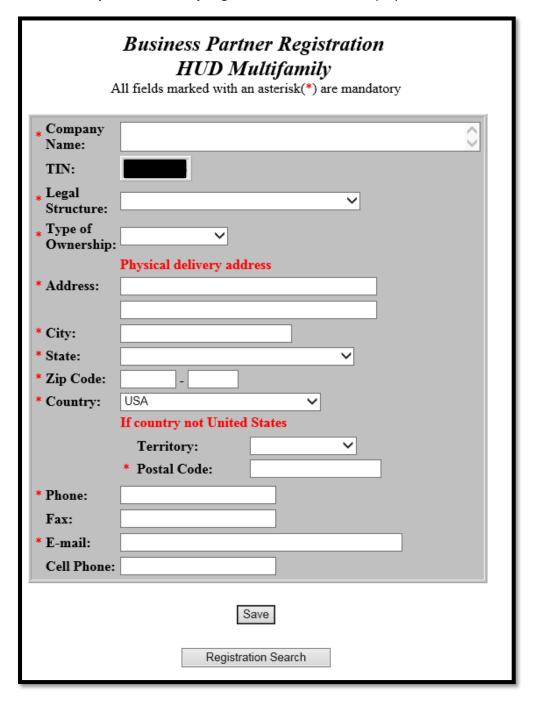
- Secure Systems Login
 - ▶ Business Partner Registration HUD Multifamily
 - For registering your company if it is not listed in HUD's database.
 - When entering data in this system, do not use punctuation in the company name.
 - Multifamily Coordinator and User Registration
 - For registering as a coordinator in HUD's systems for the first time.
- Enter the entity's TIN (see below).
 - The TIN will be displayed on the executed HAP contract.



- If the ownership entity already has an address of record, a message will be displayed stating that the organization is already registered.
- If the company has not been registered and thus does not have an address of record, a second Business
 Partner Registration HUD Multifamily screen will be displayed (see below).
 - Complete all the required information (indicated with an *) on this screen and click on the" Save" button.
 - The Confirm Participant screen will be displayed.



To change the information that is displayed on the Confirm Participant screen, click on the "Edit"
 button. The Participant Successfully Registered screen will be displayed.





Note: Each entity/ organization must have a coordinator before a user within the organizational entity can apply for their HUD Secure Systems credentials.

Obtaining Access to HUD Secure Systems

Once an organization is set up in APPS, individuals within the organization may apply for access to HUD Secure Systems by obtaining an M-ID. Coordinators must do this as well.

Obtaining an M-ID: Individual Users

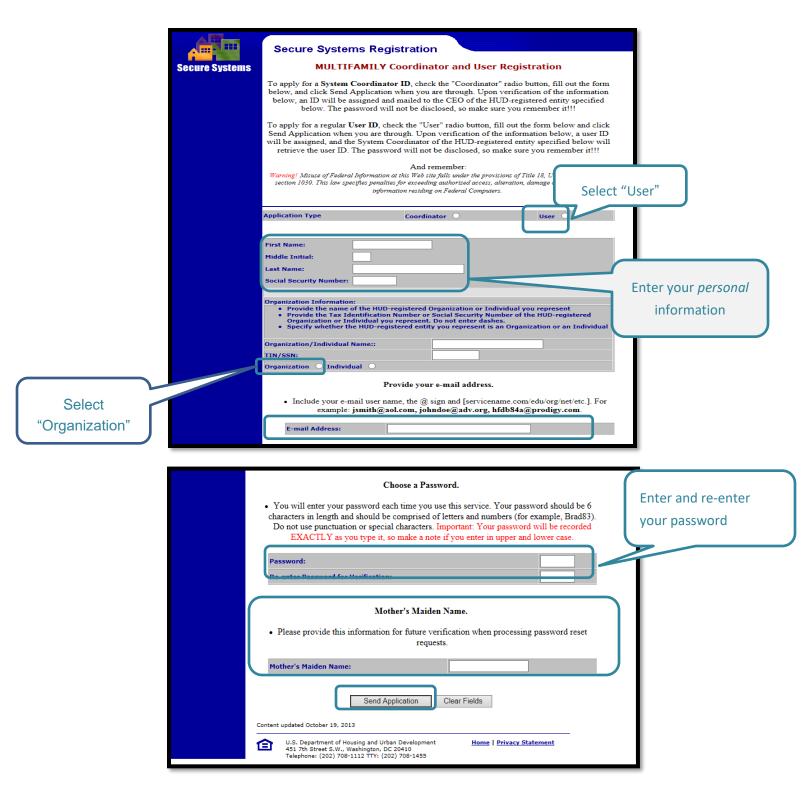
To apply for an M-ID, also known as a WASS ID, individuals must go to https://hudapps.hud.gov/public/wass/public/participant/partreg_page.jsp and complete the electronic Multifamily Coordinator and User Registration form (see below). When completing this form, please note the following:

- In the "Application Type" row, select "User"
- In the section that asks for your name, please include your personal information and Social Security Number
- In the "Organizational Information" section of the form, enter your *entity's* name and its TIN. Then select "Organization." *Do not enter your personal information in this section of the form.*
- Enter your email address at the bottom of the form, where indicated.
- Choose a password). You will be asked to enter your mother's maiden name as a security measure.
- Click on the "Send Application" button.
- After selecting "Send Application," a "Confirm/Submit" button will appear (not shown). Click on the "Confirm/Submit" button to submit the form to HUD for processing.

Note: Coordinators follow the same steps to register for an M-ID except that next to Application Type, they select "Coordinator" instead of "User"

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The user and organizational coordinator will receive an email each time a user registers for an M-ID. After the coordinator receives the information, it will retrieve and provide the user with their M-ID. Once users obtain their M-ID, they may log into HUD Secure Systems using the following screen.



• It is important that you remember your password. A forgotten password must be reset by calling the Technical Assistance Center (TAC) at 1-888-245-4860 or by using the automated process via https://hudapps.hud.gov/reac/wass/resetPwd.html as shown below.



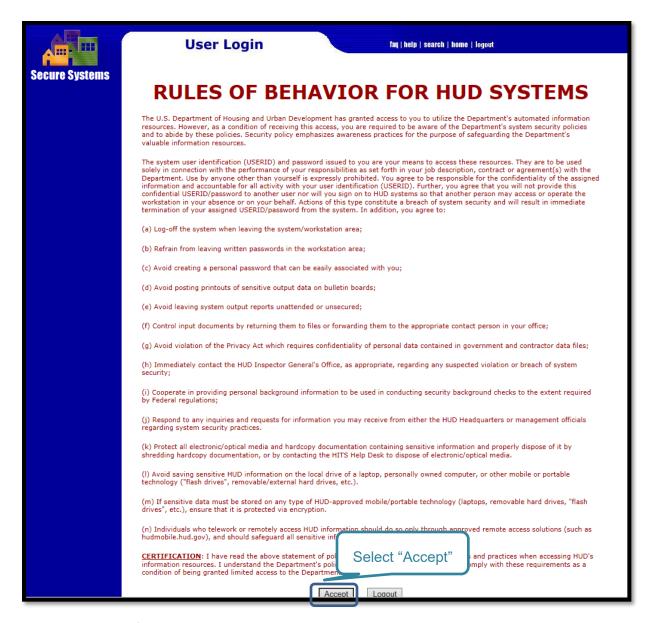
In about 3 days your company will receive a letter or secure email from HUD containing your user ID.

- Once you have your User ID, log on to HUD Secure Systems via <u>Secure Systems External Login (hud.gov)</u>.
- The **User Login** screen shown below will appear.



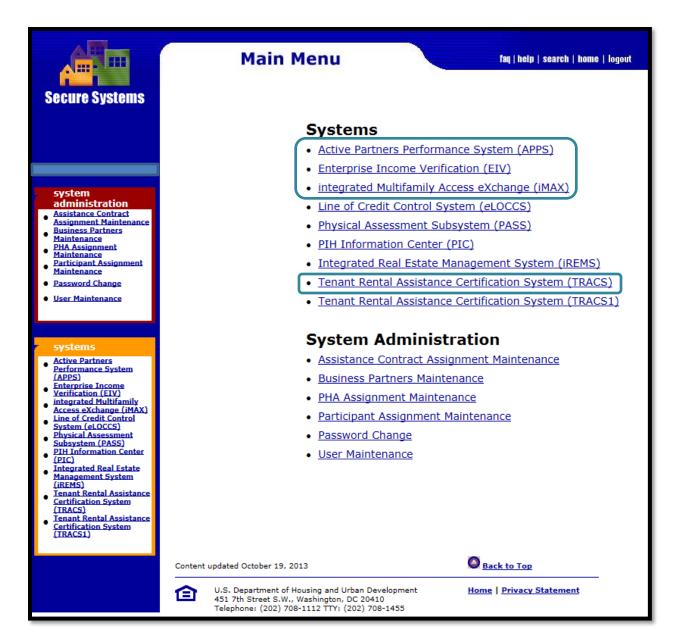
- Enter your user ID (also referred to as your M- ID) and password (initially the password you selected when you applied for an M- ID).
- On initial login, you will be asked to accept the Rules of Behavior for HUD Systems on the following screen.
 - Select "Accept" at the bottom of the screen.





Once you log in successfully to Secure Systems, you will be taken to the **Main Menu**, as shown below. From there, you will be able to access the sub-system you wish to enter by clicking on the applicable link.





Note: The items you will see listed on the **Main Menu** screen shown above will vary depending upon the sub-systems to which you have access. To be able to transmit Certifications and Vouchers through TRACS, you will need access to the iMAX, and TRACS sub-systems.

Obtaining an M-ID: Coordinators

One registers to be a coordinator when applying for an M-ID. The steps for doing so are the same as when individuals apply for their M-IDs, as described above under section 3, except that in the "Application Type" row, you will select "Coordinator" rather than "User"



Note: You can have only one M- ID. If you will be both a coordinator and a regular user for the same or different business partners, register as a coordinator. If you apply to be a user and later need to be a coordinator, you will be given a new M-ID to replace your old M-ID and consequently will lose the rights to the systems to which you had access as a user.

HUD Secure Systems Coordinators

Every business registered with HUD must have at least one Secure Systems coordinator. The coordinator's role is to ensure that users are properly assigned system privileges and are recertified in those systems, as required by HUD. A business partner should have at least two coordinators and never more than five. Organizational coordinators granting access to TRACS must grant users with M-IDs access to the sub-systems discussed above under section 1 of this document.

So that coordinators may confer roles and access to users within their organizations, they first must go through several steps:

- Establishing Business Partner relationships.
- Becoming a coordinator for the requisite sub-systems an assign themselves roles and assign themselves to specific HAP Contracts.

Each of these steps is described below.



Establishing Business Partner Relationships

After logging in as a new coordinator, before you may grant roles to other users within your organization, you must establish a business partner relationship with your own organization and, if necessary, each of the ownership entities whose properties you are associated with.

Click on Business Partner Maintenance from the Main Menu.

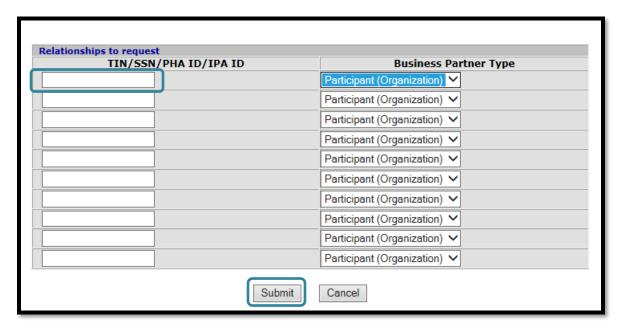


- Enter your M-ID as shown below.
- Select Request New/Delete Existing Relationship from the drop-down menu and click on "Submit."





- In the Relationship to Request section, enter the entity's TIN. This will need to be the same TIN entered on the executed HAP contract. Keep the Business Partner Type as the default, "Participant (Organization)."
- Click on the "Submit" button.

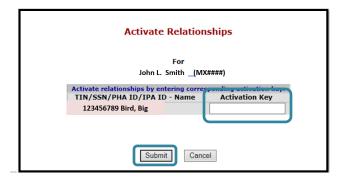


Within 10 business days, HUD will send the ownership entity a letter with an activation key. This letter will be mailed to the address of record now displayed for the ownership entity in the APPS system.

Note: The letter will not be addressed to a specific individual's name, so you may need to alert staff at this address to be on the lookout for this letter.

- Once the activation key code is received, you must activate the business partner relationship by:
 - Clicking on" Business Partners Maintenance" on the Main Menu.
 - Entering your M-ID.
 - Selecting "Activate/Deactivate Relationships" from the drop-down menu and click "Submit."
- Enter the activation key given you by your business partner and then click "Submit." This should be done very soon after receipt because the code will expire within 30 days.





Assigning Yourself as a Coordinator to Specific Sub-Systems and Roles

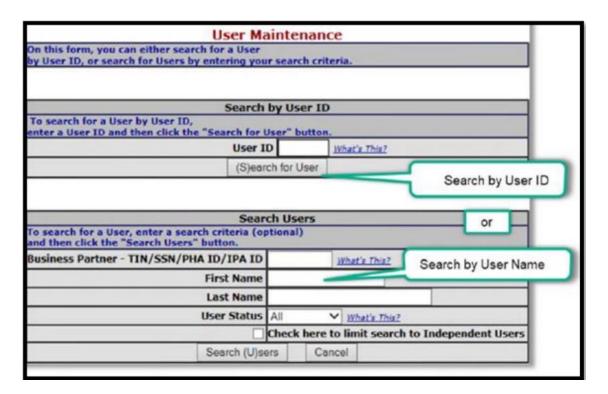
To be able to give access to others within your organization to sub-systems, you must assign yourself as coordinator to specific systems and roles by following these steps:

• Click on "User Maintenance" from the Main Menu.



• In the "Search by User ID" section on the screen shown below, enter your M-ID and click on the" Search for User" button.

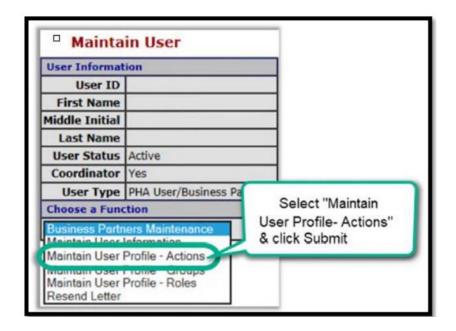




Note: You can search by the user's name rather than M-ID, but this is not as affective a search method as searching by M-ID.

- Click on the blue hyperlink displaying your M-ID.
- The **User Information** section will appear (see below). Select "Maintain User Profile Actions" from the drop-down menu and click "Submit."



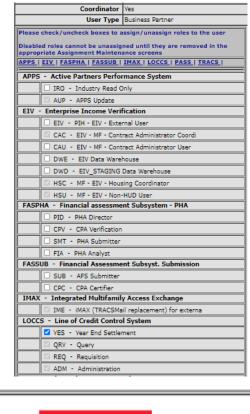


- Assign yourself as coordinator for the following sub-systems by clicking on the checkbox next to the entry for "COR-Coordinator."
 - iMAX Integrated Multifamily Access Exchange.
 - TRACS Tenant Rental Assistance Certification System.
 - APPS Active Partners Performance System.

Note: By default, as the coordinator, you will already have been assigned the roles for APPS.

• Click on the "Assign/Unassign Actions" button.







Note: There are unique steps require if you want to be a coordinator for the EIV system. One, you must complete an **EIV Coordinator Access Authorization Form** at https://www.hud.gov/sites/documents/90011.PDF and forward it to HUD Headquarters. Two, HUD's HQ will assign you the EIV coordinator role of your organization. You cannot assign it to yourself.

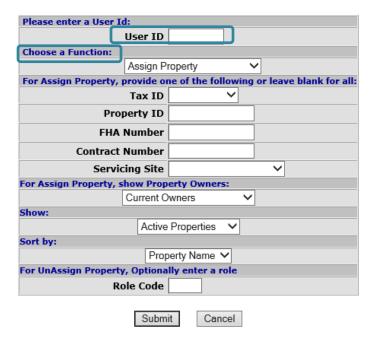
Assigning Yourself to Specific HAP Contracts

The final step to completing coordinator set-up is to assign yourself to specific HAP contracts to which you need to be associated.



- Return to Property Assignment Maintenance (see screen shot below).
- Enter your M-ID.
- Select "Assign Property" from the **Choose a Function** dropdown menu.
- Select the TIN number from the dropdown menu and click on the Submit button.
- Next, select all the available role descriptions and all the Property IDs within the box by clicking on the role
 while holding down the control key.
- Click "Submit" followed by "Confirm."

Property Assignment Maintenance



What You Should See as the Coordinator

Having completed the above steps, including submitting the external EIV Coordinator Authorization Access Form, you should now have access to information associated with your HAP contract in EIV and TRACS.

This access will enable you to:

- Review household income information stored in EIV during the certification process.
- Verify tenant certifications are processed into the TRACS database to support monthly subsidy payments.



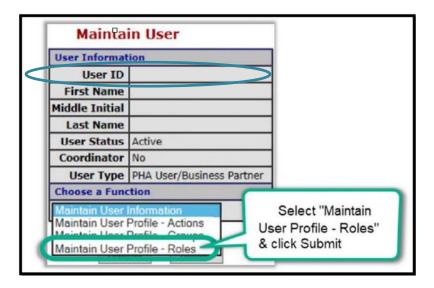
Functioning as a Coordinator

As a coordinator, once you have a coordinator M-ID, establish your business partner relationships, give yourself access as a coordinator to various sub-systems, assign yourself your roles, and assign yourself to the HAP contracts for the properties to which you need to be associated, you are now ready to assign roles to users within your entity/organization.

Section 4 discusses how coordinators assign themselves roles and associate themselves with specific HAP contracts. Once users within the organization obtain M-IDs, coordinators can assign roles to users and associate them with HAP contracts.

The steps for doing so are identical to the processes explained above in sections 4.C and 4.D. The exceptions are as follows:

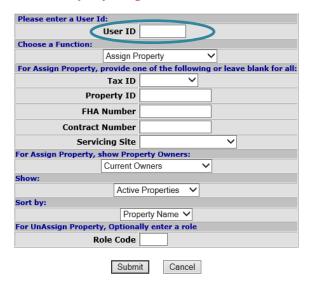
• To assign roles to a user, on the **User Maintenance** screen, under **Maintain User**, enter the user's M-ID, rather than your own, and follow the other steps described in section 4.C.



• To associate a user with specific HAP contracts, at the Property Assignment Maintenance, enter the user's M-ID instead of your own, and follow the other steps described in section 4.D.



Property Assignment Maintenance



Helpful Links and Resources

- HUD's Secure System Login :
 - https://hudappswassdev.hud.gov/login/login_wass_external.fcc?TYPE=33554433&REALMOID=06-c940b4f2-495d-446b-a976-ccafedebad2a&GUID=&SMAUTHREASON=0&METHOD=GET&SMAGENTNAME=-SM-%2bYoMhR%2fAISf5Tt2DCIWV%2fuO%2bc%2bhOyUkndwX3GAVOgE3SIQJYW0QsqhtLnPC9PuDK&TARGET=-SM-https%3a%2f%2fhudappswassdev%2ehud%2egov%2fCNA%2f
- HUD's Industry User Guide for TRACS Internet Applications:
 https://www.hud.gov/program offices/housing/mfh/trx/trxsum/trxusrguide.
- TRACS Recertification Guidelines: https://www.hud.gov/sites/documents/TRACSRECERTGUIDE.PDF.
- HUD's Enterprise Income Verification (EIV) System for Multifamily Housing Program Users webpage: https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/housing/mfh/rhiip/eiv/eivhome.
 - HUD's Multifamily Online Systems Main Page to include quick summaries, hyperlinks to subsystem guides, and technical assistance phone numbers: https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/housing/mfh/fhaosmf.
- HUD's iMAX User's Manual: https://www.hud.gov/sites/documents/IMAXUSERGUIDE.PDF

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