

Housing Counseling Certification Final Rule: Key Provisions and Dates

Provision	
Requirement that agencies participating in HUD's Housing Counseling program that provide Homeownership Counseling must address the entire process of homeownership.	Effective Date January 13, 2017
Requirements related to the Distribution of Home Inspection Materials .	Effective Date January 13, 2017
Requirements related to the Misuse of Housing Counseling Program Grant funds that constitutes a "Material Violation" .	Effective Date January 13, 2017
Requirements related to the prohibition against Distributing Housing Counseling Program Grant Funds to Organizations convicted for a violation under Federal Law related to an election for Federal Office .	Effective Date January 13, 2017
Requirement that all individuals who provide Housing Counseling required under or in connection with a HUD program are HUD certified housing counselors .	Effective Date August 1, 2021
Requirement that any agency providing Housing Counseling required under or in connection with a HUD program must be approved to participate in HUD's Housing Counseling program.	Effective Date August 1, 2021
Requirement that all housing counseling reported on HUD Form 9902 that occurs after the Final Compliance date is performed only by HUD certified housing counselors.	Effective Date August 1, 2021
Responsibility for Intermediary/State Housing Finance Agency (HFA)/Multi State Organization participating in HUD's Housing Counseling program to ensure all housing counseling performed by their affiliates is performed by a HUD certified housing counselor.	Effective Date August 1, 2021
Agencies applying to participate in HUD's Housing Counseling Program must meet the Housing Counseling Certification Requirements .	Effective Date August 1, 2021