



DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-7014-N-03]

60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection:

FHA Lender Approval, Annual Renewal, Periodic Updates and Required Reports by FHA-Approved Lenders

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Housing- Federal Housing Commissioner, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: HUD is seeking approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for the information collection described below. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, HUD is requesting comment from all interested parties on the proposed collection of information. The purpose of this notice is to allow for 60 days of public comment.

DATES: Comments Due Date: **[INSERT DATE THAT IS 60 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER.]**

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB Control Number and should be sent to: Colette Pollard, Reports Management Officer, QDAM, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW, Room 4176, Washington, DC 20410-5000; telephone 202-402-3400 (this is not a toll-free number) or email at Colette.Pollard@hud.gov for a copy of the proposed forms or other available information. Persons with hearing or speech impairments

may access this number through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Volky Garcia, Director, Lender Approval and Recertification Division, Office of Lender Activities and Program Compliance, Office of Single Family Housing, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, 490 L'Enfant Plaza East, SW, Room P3214, Washington, DC 20024-8000; email Volky.a.garcia@hud.gov, or telephone 202-402-8229. This is not a toll-free number. Persons with hearing or speech impairments may access this number through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

Copies of available documents submitted to OMB may be obtained from Ms. Pollard.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice informs the public that HUD is seeking approval from OMB for the information collection described in Section A.

A. Overview of Information Collection

Title of Information Collection: FHA Lender Approval, Annual Renewal, Periodic Updates and Required Reports by FHA-Approved Lenders.

OMB Approval Number: 2502-0005.

Type of Request: Extension.

Form Number: Online Application for Lender Approval (previously HUD-92001-A) and Annual Certification.

Description of the need for the information and proposed use: Title II of the National Housing Act, as amended, 12 U.S.C. 1703, 1709, and 1715b, 42 U.S.C. 1436(a) 3535(d), authorizes the Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development to prescribe terms and conditions with respect to mortgage insurance under the above act. Criteria for

approval to become a Title I lender and/or Title II mortgagee, as well as requirements to maintain that approval, are specified in 24 CFR 202, 24 CFR 203.433, 24 CFR 203.434 and Handbook HUD 4000.1, which became effective on September 14, 2015. The requirements in Handbook HUD 4000.1 represent the consolidation of those previously set forth in Handbooks HUD 4700.2 & 4060.1 and various Title I Letters and Mortgagee Letters.

31 U.S.C. § 7701, the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1986, authorizes “the head of an agency administering an included Federal loan program” to collect taxpayer identifying numbers for “a lender or servicer in a Federal guaranteed or insured loan program administered by the agency.” Executive Order 9397, as amended by E.O. 13478, also authorizes federal departments and agencies to use Social Security Numbers “as a system to organize and identify individual persons.”

The information is used by FHA to verify that lenders meet all approval, renewal and compliance requirements at all times. It is also used to assist FHA in managing its financial risks and to protect consumers from lender noncompliance with FHA regulations.

Respondents (i.e. affected public): Regulatory or compliance.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 3,140.

Estimated Number of Responses: 19,796.

Frequency of Response: Annual/Periodic.

Average Hours per Response: 1 hour.

Total Estimated Burdens: 19,796 hours.

B. Solicitation of Public Comment

This notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affected parties concerning the collection of information described in Section A on the following:

- (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- (2) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information;
- (3) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- (4) Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond; including through the use of appropriate automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

HUD encourages interested parties to submit comment in response to these questions.

C. Authority: Section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35.

Dated: February 28, 2019.

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Secretary for Housing – Federal Housing Commissioner,
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