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## Lender Update 2021-07

July 1, 2021

### In this Update:

- **Changes to the Advantage Conventional HomeStyle® Renovation Program begin July 1, 2021**
  - Updated guidelines
  - Updated required training
  - Updated resources, forms and manuals

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**Changes to the Advantage Conventional HomeStyle® Renovation program go into effect with all new HomeStyle® Renovation (HSR) loans registered on or after Thursday, July 1, 2021.**

### Updated program guidelines:

- HSR loans are **no longer eligible for Correspondent Channel delivery**.
  - Broker and Mini-Correspondent Delivery Channels continue to be acceptable.
- **A HUD Consultant will be required on all HSR loans.**
  - A list of acceptable HUD Consultants can be found [here](#) or at the following address: <https://entp.hud.gov/idapp/html/f17cnsldata.cfm>
- **A Title Company must be used to close all HSR loans** and coordinate the renovation draw process. Specifically, the Title Company will:
  - Perform all renovation progress inspections in collaboration with the HUD Consultant;
  - Collect lien waivers;
  - Provide a title update (Letter report) following completion of the renovations;
  - Submit necessary documentation to WHEDA for final approval of each draw request; and
  - Disburse funds.
- **Please ensure the fees for all of the above activities are fully described and disclosed based on the scope of work.**
- **The Contingency Reserve is increasing to 15%.**
- **WHEDA will provide Renovation Loan Closing Instructions**, once the loan is "Clear to Close" per WHEDA Underwriting.
  - The Lender will be required to give the Renovation Loan Closing instructions to the Title Company for them to follow and confirm all aspects are met.
  - The Renovation Loan Closing Instructions must be signed by the Title Company and Borrower(s) at closing.

### Updated required training:

- **All Originators who would like to offer the Advantage Conventional HomeStyle® Renovation loan will need to attend a 30 minute training, even if you have previously been certified.**
- A training schedule to register for a training class is available [here](#) or on our [Lender Toolkit](#) under "Scheduled Lender Training", "Lender Training Sessions".

## Updated HSR resources:

- [WHEDA Advantage Conventional Eligibility Matrix](#)
- [WHEDA Advantage Conventional Underwriting Guide](#)
- [WHEDA Advantage Policy and Procedures Manual](#)
- [Application Package Checklist \(Form 6\)](#)
- [Closing Package Checklist \(Form 12\)](#)
- [Compliance Income Evaluation \(Form 29\)](#)

## Staff Roster & Important Numbers

Need assistance from a Single Family staff member? Use our [Staff Roster](#) to connect with the people who can best serve you.

Underwriting	<a href="mailto:underwriting@wheda.com">underwriting@wheda.com</a>	800-334-6873
Lock Desk	<a href="mailto:lockdesk@wheda.com">lockdesk@wheda.com</a>	
Post-Closing	<a href="mailto:postclosing@wheda.com">postclosing@wheda.com</a>	
Sales	<a href="mailto:sales@wheda.com">sales@wheda.com</a>	
Servicing <sup>(1)</sup>	<a href="mailto:servicing@wheda.com">servicing@wheda.com</a>	800-562-5546

Receiving calls from existing WHEDA Borrowers with questions on how to make their payments, or payment options? Have them contact our Servicing Department for assistance.

Servicing	<a href="mailto:servicing@wheda.com">servicing@wheda.com</a>	800-562-5546
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