

Get Ready - UCD Critical Edits Phase 1 Is Coming May 2021

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Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae (the GSEs) announced on August 11, 2020, that they are implementing a two-year transition to convert certain edits in their Uniform Closing Dataset (UCD) collection systems from “warning” to “critical.” This transition will begin May 31, 2021, and is designed to enhance data quality and consistency for single-family loans the GSEs purchase.

Transition Preparation

The GSEs recommend lenders and software partners/technology solution providers (TSPs) take the following steps to prepare for the transition:

- **[Review GSE-specific feedback messages](#)**. In preparation for the transition to “critical” edits, lenders should review all feedback messages returned by the UCD collection systems and resolve any issues, particularly those relating to future “critical” edits. Each GSE published a list of feedback messages for Phase 1 of the UCD Critical Edits for their respective UCD collection systems. Currently, each GSE’s respective UCD collection system issues a “warning” message if the data provided is missing, inconsistent, or incorrect according to the UCD specification.
- **Test your UCD XML files**. The respective GSE UCD collection system testing environments are available for testing for Phase 1 UCD Critical Edits. Test your UCD XML files to resolve potential critical issues prior to the Phase 1 transition on May 31, 2021.
- **Plan implementation with the updated UCD Critical Edits Implementation Guide**. The GSEs have updated the UCD Critical Edits Implementation Guide to provide additional clarity on certain critical edits. [Review the UCD Critical Edits - Implementation Guide](#).
- **Review the UCD Critical Edits Matrix 2.0**. The GSEs published the matrix, which contains the edits and associated datapoints for all phases. Lenders are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the matrix prior to implementation.
- **Review the Transition Timeline**. The rollout approach consists of transitioning edits from “warning” to “critical/fatal” in four phases that closely align with the various sections of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau’s Closing Disclosure. The effective date of each edit transition to “critical/fatal” is identified by phases 1-4.

Refer to the [Freddie Mac UCD page](#) and the [Fannie Mae UCD page](#) for links to these resources or for more information.

Additional Information

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