

Desktop Underwriter/Desktop Originator Update - May 2021

Integration Impact Memo

Feb. 25, 2021

As announced in the [February 16 Uniform Residential Loan Application \(URLA\) March 1 Mandate communication](#), Fannie Mae will implement updates to Desktop Underwriter® (DU®) on May 1, 2021, in support of the redesigned URLA (Form 1003) mandate on March 1.

Note: The changes in this update will apply to conventional, FHA, and VA loan casefiles created on or after **May 1, 2021**.

New DU Underwriting Findings Message

This update will introduce one new DU message in the DU Underwriting Findings report in support of the redesigned Form 1003. Integrated systems that parse the DU Codified Findings (UNDERWRITING_FINDINGS_XML), DU Underwriting Findings report data file (RES) or DU Messages API response file (JSON) may require updates to support the new message.

New Messages	Modified Messages	Retired Messages
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Reminders

- The mandate for implementing the redesigned Form 1003 and DU MISMO v3.4 is March 1, 2021.
- All new loan applications started on or after March 1 must use the redesigned form and DU MISMO v3.4 file format to submit to DU. The DU MISMO v3.4 file format will not be accepted via a legacy DO or DU Direct Web Post integration or the classic DU UI.
- Fannie Mae does not have any requirements for how a lender determines the loan application start date; however, the expectation is that the lender will apply its definition consistently.
- To accommodate loan applications started in a legacy loan application file format, but not submitted to DU by March 1, DU will not issue an Out of Scope recommendation for new loan applications created using the legacy 1003 v3.2 or MISMO AUS v2.3.1 file format until May 1, 2021.
- Conventional loan casefiles created on or after May 1 and submitted to DU using a legacy 1003 v3.2 or MISMO AUS v2.3.1 file format will receive an Out of Scope recommendation from DU.
- All loan applications started in legacy formats that may take longer than average to close, such as loans for new construction, can continue to use a legacy 1003 v3.2 or MISMO AUS v2.3.1 file format to re-submit to DO/DU via Direct Integration or the classic DU UI until February 28, 2022.
- Effective March 1, 2022, DU will no longer underwrite any loans in legacy formats, regardless of start date or initial DU submission date.

DU Underwriting Findings – Out of Scope Message

The following message will be issued when the Out of Scope recommendation is received on conventional loan casefiles created on or after May 1 using a legacy file format (1003 3.2 or MISMO AUS v2.3.1).



Integrated systems that parse the DU message identifiers and related message text will need to be updated to support this change.

DU Message Status	DU Message ID	DU Message Text	Description
New	3521	This loan casefile is out of scope as it was submitted using the 1003 v3.2 or MISMO v2.3.1 loan application. As of March 1, 2021, all new loan applications must be submitted using the redesigned Form 1003 (MISMO v3.4).	An Out of Scope recommendation indicates that DU is unable to underwrite the particular product, mortgage, or borrower described in the submission.

DU Casefile Create Date

DU supports the Casefile Create Date in the DU Underwriting Findings report.

Integrated systems that receive and parse the DU Underwriting Findings report XML, RES and/or JSON response files may choose to parse the messages referenced below to extract the date the loan casefile was created in DU and the related DU casefile ID.

DU Message ID	DU Message Text	Status
237	<i>This loan casefile was submitted to Desktop Underwriter version %a by %a to %a. The following information is associated with this loan: The casefile ID is %a, the loan casefile was created on %a, the submission number is %a, and submission type is %a. If the loan is delivered to Fannie Mae, the Casefile ID must be provided at delivery.</i>	Existing DU Observation message issued on loan casefiles submitted using DO.
943	<i>This loan casefile was submitted to Desktop Underwriter version %a by %a. The following information is associated with this loan: The casefile ID is %a, the loan casefile was created on %a, and the submission number is %a. If the loan is delivered to Fannie Mae, the Casefile ID must be provided at delivery.</i>	Existing DU Observation message issued on loan casefiles submitted using DU.

Response Date and Time – DU XIS Output Response

In addition, the response date and time and related DU casefile ID can be extracted from the XIS Output Response via DO/DU Direct Integration to support workflow automation.

DU XIS Response Group	Attribute	Description
Routing Output - RO.XML	ResponseDateTime	Date timestamp of the DU XIS response
Control Output - CO.XML	MORNETPlusCasefileIdentifier	A unique number generated by Fannie Mae to track a loan.

DU for Government Loans

FHA and VA loan casefiles created on or after May 1 using a legacy 1003 v3.2 or MISMO AUS v2.3.1 file format will receive an Error recommendation from DU.



Release Support

This update will be implemented in the DU integration test environment on or about April 1, 2021. Integration partners will be notified after implementation.

Note: *Integrators that may want to support DU testing using the legacy file formats, 1003 v3.2 or MISMO AUS v2.3.1, should submit test cases in the DU integration test environment prior to April 1. These test cases can be resubmitted to DU on and after April 1 if the loan casefile remains active. DU loan casefiles are removed from the DU integration environment after 30 days of inactivity.*

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