

DU for Government Loans Release Notes

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During the weekend of Oct. 19, 2019, Desktop Underwriter® (DU®) for government loans will be updated to support the Maximum Loan-To-Value and Combined Loan-To-Value Percentages for Cash-out Refinance Mortgages announced by FHA in [Mortgagee Letter 2019-11](#).

NOTE: For ease of reference, this document generally uses the term “DU” to refer to “DU for government loans.”

Updated Messaging

FHA Mortgagee Letter 2019-011 reduced the maximum allowable LTV and CLTV limits for cash-out refinances. To support these changes, several impacted DU eligibility messages will be updated. These updates will apply to all FHA cash-out refinance loan casefiles submitted or resubmitted on or after the weekend of Oct. 19, 2019. Between the FHA effective date of Sept. 1, 2019, and the weekend of Oct. 19, 2019, lenders will need to ensure that the updated FHA LTV and CLTV guideline is met.

Additional Resources

For additional information, please reference the documents and web sites listed below.

Document Name and Description	URL
Online HUD Handbook 4000.1	https://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/housing/sfh/handbook_4000-1
HUD Mortgagee Letters	https://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/housing/sfh/FHA_info_messages
FHA Mortgage Limits	https://entp.hud.gov/idapp/html/hicostlook.cfm
CHUMS Data Files	https://www.hud.gov/pub/chums/file_layouts.html
FHA Resource Center: Contact Information and FAQs	https://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/housing/sfh/fharesourcectr

For More Information

More information can be found in the Help Center, which is accessed through the Desktop Originator® (DO®)/DU User Interface. Additionally, lenders may contact their Fannie Mae account team, and mortgage brokers should contact their DO sponsoring wholesale lender. For questions regarding HUD policies and guidelines, lenders and mortgage brokers should contact HUD at 1-800-CALL-FHA (1-800-225-5342).