DU for Government Loans Release Notes

August 2026 Release

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During the weekend of Aug. 22, 2026, Desktop Underwriter® (DU®) for government loans will be updated to support VA changes.

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

New VA version 4.1

Veterans Affairs (VA) version 4.1 will be implemented and will apply to new VA loan casefiles created on or after the weekend of Aug. 22, 2026. Loan casefiles created in VA version 4.0 will continue to be underwritten with VA version 4.0. With the release of VA version 4.1, VA version 3.1 will be retired. Customers will be able to view online loan applications and DU Underwriting Findings reports that were created under VA version 3.1, but in order to obtain an updated underwriting recommendation after the weekend of Aug. 22. 2026, customers must create a new loan casefile and submit it to DU.

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

Document Name and Description	URL
VA Lenders Handbook	https://benefits.va.gov/warms/pam26_7.asp
VA Circulars	https://www.benefits.va.gov/HOMELOANS/resources_circulars.asp
VA Loan Limits	https://www.va.gov/housing-assistance/home-loans/loan-limits/
VA Regional Loan Centers: Contact Information	https://www.benefits.va.gov/homeloans/contact_rlc_info.asp

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 Single-Family Market Engagement team, and mortgage brokers should contact their DO sponsoring wholesale lender. For questions regarding VA policies and guidelines, lenders and mortgage brokers should contact their VA Regional Loan Center.