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New Training Updates for Housing Counselors:

1. IRS Educational Training for Exempt Organizations: The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) offers training for non-profit organizations. [View the IRS training calendar](#). Training dates include:

- May 19, 2015 - Dallas TX
- September 24, 2015 - Austin, TX

Also [view the IRS webinar course catalog](#). The IRS provides [on-line](#) training for tax-exempt organizations and charitable organizations seeking tax-exempt status. The site includes information for new applicants; information to help existing exempt organizations maintain their exemption; and more in-depth topics.

2. Water Wednesday's Training: HUD and EPA have launched a series of webcasts on water conservation and water efficiency for HUD partners and stakeholders. For further information and registration, please visit EPA [on-line](#).
Upcoming Webinar Schedule:

- May 27, 2015 - Communicating the Need for Water Efficiency
- June 17, 2015 - WaterSense and LEED Housing Programs
- July 29, 2015 - Water Efficiency Best Management Practices for Multi-unit Property Managers
- August 26, 2015 - Tracking Water & Energy Savings
- September 16, 2015 - Incorporating Green Infrastructure into Housing Developments
- October 28, 2015 - Greywater Reuse: Is it Right for Your Facilities?

3. NeighborWorks® Training Opportunities: More information can be found on their [training calendar](#). For on-line training visit NeighborWorks® [Training Website](#) to see their on-line course catalog and register for training opportunities.

- August 17-21, 2015 - Philadelphia, PA. NeighborWorks Training Institute (NTI). Registration, class schedules, scholarships, and other information can be found [on-line](#).
- NeighborWorks Updated HECM Basics eLearning Course: Home Equity Conversion Mortgage (HECM) Counseling Basics Overview, an eLearning

course, has been updated with the latest information on loan costs, loan calculation, payment plans, HECM counseling session requirements, and post-counseling follow-up. To register for this as well as other eLearning Courses visit NeighborWorks® [online](#).

- The NeighborWorks Store: NeighborWorks Center for Homeownership Education and Counseling (NCHEC) is a leading resource on pre-purchase and post-purchase homeowner education. Prospective homeowners learn the entire home-buying process, from managing money and understanding credit to securing a mortgage loan and shopping for a home in Realizing the American Dream. The manual's teaching companion, realizing the American Dream Trainer's Manual, provides instructors with teaching tools, activities, worksheets and visual aids. Are you counseling homeowners? Keeping the American Dream will give them the skills they need to remain secure in their new home purchase. To learn more about these publications or make a purchase, visit the [NeighborWorks Store](#).

4. NHNLA Training for Housing Counselors: The National Council of La Raza Homeownership Network Learning Alliance (NHNLA) offers housing counselors extensive training opportunities on a wide variety of topics. For more information, registration and course details, please visit the [NHNLA training Calendar](#). Please see the list of new webinar and live courses below:

- May 20, 2015 - Rental Counseling
- May 21, 2015 - Fair Housing
- May 26, 2015 - Basic Client Management Using Home Counselor
- May 27, 2015 - Home Equity Conversion Mortgage (HECM) Counseling
- May 28, 2015 - Advanced Client Management Using Home Counselor Online
- June 23-26, 2015 - Hanover, MD. Private Training Financial Counseling

5. National Community Reinvestment Coalition (NCRC): For more information about training opportunities please visit NCRC [on-line](#).

May 18-22, 2015 - Detroit, MI. NCRC Training Academy is offering training courses for Housing counselors and professional staff affiliated with HUD Approved Housing Counseling Agencies. The following training courses will be offered:

- Test Taking Practices - Preparing for the HUD Housing Counselor Certification Exam. Register [on-line](#).
- Housing Counseling Principles for Today's Economic Reality. Register [on-line](#).
- Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing. Register [on-line](#).
- Financial Management Part Two. Register [on-line](#).

6. The Counselor's Corner Training: For more information visit The Counselor's Corner [website](#).

Webinars: These webinars are refresher classes to help build competency in various topics. There is a fee for these webinars. Attendees must pass a short test after the webinar to receive a Certificate of Completion. Registration closes 24 hours before each webinar begins.

- May 27, 2015 - Financial Management: Register [on-line](#).

Webinar: Beginner Course - Certified Military Home Specialist. Sponsored by The Counselor's Corner and Boots Across America. This beginner course is designed to acquaint housing professionals with military terminology that is often foreign to the housing community. The course provides the tools and introduces the skills needed by housing professionals to provide the expert service our military personnel need and deserve. This is a certification course, which is free. There is a fee for taking the exam online after the webinar.

- May 28, 2015 - Register [on-line](#).

7. FHA Servicing & Loss Mitigation Live Training: Classroom Training. Early Delinquency Servicing Activities and HUD's Loss Mitigation Training. Classroom training is for HUD-approved mortgagees, HUD-approved Housing Counselors, and Nonprofit Housing Counselors. For-profit Housing Counselors are not permitted to attend this training. This training covers a broad range and includes full coverage on: HUD Handbook 4330.1 REV-5, Chapter 7, Delinquencies, Defaults, Mortgage Collection Activities and HUD's Loss Mitigation Waterfall Program. Additionally, overviews will be presented pertaining to Extension of Time Requests and Variances and Single Family Default Monitoring System. No fee. Space is limited to 45 participants; Registration is first come, first served. For more information please email: eclass@hud.gov, Register [on-line](#). Training dates include:

- August 11-12, 2015 - Oklahoma City, OK

Upcoming FHA Servicing & Loss Mitigation Webinars:

- May 20, 2015 - Neighborhood Watch System: Servicer Tools. Register [on-line](#).
- June 03, 2015 - Overview of Early Delinquency Activities and Loss Mitigation Programs. Register [on-line](#).
- June 10, 2015 - Loss Mitigation: Home Retention Options. Register [on-line](#).
- June 17, 2015 - Loss Mitigation: Home Retention Options (HAMP). Register [on-line](#).

- June 24, 2015 - Loss Mitigation: Home Disposition Options. Register [on-line](#).
- July 08, 2015 - Neighborhood Watch System: Servicer Tools. Register [on-line](#).
- July 15, 2015 - SFDMS: Reporting Basics. Register [on-line](#).
- July 22, 2015 - SFDMS: Reporting Examples. Register [on-line](#).
- July 29, 2015 - SFDMS: Errors. Register [on-line](#).
- August 05, 2015 - Extension of Time and Variance Request System (EVARS) Training. Register [on-line](#)

HUD Loss Mitigation Live Classroom Training Schedule: This is classroom training for HUD-approved Housing Counseling agencies, servicing lenders, and nonprofits. The training will provide information on FHA Loss Mitigation tools. It will cover new changes with the Home Affordable Modification Program (HAMP), pre-foreclosure sale, and deed-in-lieu. No fee. For more information on upcoming dates please [email](#) HUD.

- May 20, 2015 - Louisville, KY. Register [on-line](#).
- June 23, 2015 - Chicago, IL.
- June 17, 2015 - Greensboro, NC.
- June 17, 2015 - Jacksonville, FL. Register [on-line](#).
- July 16, 2015 - Atlanta, GA.
- July 23, 2015 - Indianapolis, IN.
- July TBD, 2015 - Nashville, TN.
- August TBD, 2015 - Birmingham, AL.
- September TBD, 2015 - Ft. Lauderdale, FL.

8. Making Home Affordable (MHA): These webinars are designed specifically for housing counselors and other trusted advisors. Register [on-line](#):

- May 19, 2015 - Mortgage Assistance for South Carolina Homeowners
- May 20, 2015 - Case Escalations for Trusted Advisors
- May 21, 2015 - Home Affordable Modification Program: Part 2

9. Marketing 101 by VHDA: The Virginia Housing Development Authority (VHDA) is providing [YouTube](#) video training for non-profit agencies on how to market the services your agency offers. Additionally, they have posted many more informative training videos for non-profit agencies and consumers; please visit their [YouTube Channel](#) to view all their current training offerings.

10. OCC Financial Literacy Update: The Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC)'s Financial Literacy Update is a bimonthly e-newsletter that reports financial literacy events, initiatives, and related resources of the OCC and other government agencies and organizations. Financial Literacy Update provides brief

descriptions and Web links for events and training. Housing Counselors can visit the Financial Literacy Update [on-line](#).

11. HOPE NOW Military Housing Podcast: The HOPE NOW Military Housing Podcast is an entertaining and educational series of conversations focused on military off-base housing. Sponsored by HopeNow and Clearpoint Financial Solutions. No fee. Listen to the Podcasts [on-line](#).

HUD-OHC Listserv Bulk subscriptions:

Some housing counselors have asked, "How do I sign up my entire agency staff for HUD Office of Housing Counseling (HUD-OHC) listserv updates?" It is easy... Just list your staff email addresses like this:

aaa@xyz.com
bbb@xyz.com
ccc@xyz.com

You can send in one email address or your entire agency. Then [Email your list](#) to HUD-OHC. If you have a housing counseling industry friend who you want to subscribe to this listserv, there are 2 other ways to sign up: Send them this [link](#) or forward them this email.

Some Helpful Links for Housing Counselors:

- [Email Technical Support for Housing Counselors](#)
 - [HUD Housing Counseling Webpage](#)
 - [The Bridge Housing Counseling Newsletter Archive](#)
 - [Housing Counseling Listserv Archive](#)
 - [OHC Webinar Archive](#)
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