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The Office of Housing Counseling will host an industry conference call Friday, October 25, 2013 to discuss the proposed rule for the Housing Counseling Program New Certification Requirements and counseling requirements contained in the FHA Mortgagee Letter 2013-26 - Back to Work – Extenuating Circumstances.

Housing Counseling Program New Certification Requirements: The Housing Counseling Program proposed rule, Housing Counseling Program: New Certification Requirements was published in the Federal Register on Friday, September 13, 2013. The proposed rule makes changes to HUD's Housing Counseling Program that were required by the Dodd-Frank Act enacted into law on July 21, 2010. It describes new certification requirements for the Housing Counseling Program as well as other important changes, and invites interested persons to submit comments about the proposed rule. We will discuss highlights of the proposed rule and how to submit comments.

FHA Mortgagee Letter 2013-26 - Back to Work: As part of an ongoing effort to expand access to mortgage credit for families impacted by the recent financial crisis, FHA is providing guidance for underwriting borrowers credit who, but for economic circumstances brought on by the crisis, would be creditworthy. These policy announcements provide greater clarity and flexibility to lenders encouraging them to consider additional factors when evaluating a borrower's credit, ultimately supporting the recovery of the housing market and the economy. All applicants for this program must complete pre-purchase counseling from a HUD-approved housing counseling agency at least 30 days prior to submitting their application for a loan. During this call we will discuss housing counseling requirements for this program.

Your Teleconference Dial-In Number(s):

United States: (800) 260-0712

Participant Access Code: 306396

Date of Call: Friday - 10/25/13
Start Time: 1:00PM Eastern Time

Special Instructions: There are a limited number of conference lines. Therefore, where multiple participants are co-located, you are encouraged to call from a single phone line, such as one located in a conference room. If we determine that a number of callers were unable to access the call because of limited lines, we will offer a second session. Please begin dialing into the teleconference meeting 10 minutes early as the call will begin promptly at 1:00 PM Eastern.

- To read the proposed rule please visit:
<https://www.federalregister.gov/articles/2013/09/13/2013-22229/housing-counseling-program-new-certification-requirements>
- To read all FHA Mortgagee Letters please visit:
http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/administration/hudclips/letters/mortgagee
- To read all FHA Housing Notices please visit:
http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/administration/hudclips/notices/hsg
- Housing Counselors should direct any questions via email to:
housing.counseling@hud.gov

Bulk subscriptions:

Some housing counselors have asked, "How do I sign up my entire agency staff for housing counseling 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. Email your list to:
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If you have a housing counseling industry friend who you want to subscribe to this listserv, there are 3 other ways to sign up: 1. send them this link:
http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/housing/sfh/hcc/ohc_listserv
they can sign up for the listserv there; or 2: forward them this email; or 3: Visit:
<http://www.usa.gov> and subscribe at:
<http://apps.gsa.gov/FirstGovCommonSubscriptionService.php> To unsubscribe - go to:
<http://portal.hud.gov/portal/page/portal/HUD/subscribe/maillinglist> and click on "Housing Counseling" and follow the unsubscribe instructions on that page.

Some Helpful Links for Housing Counselors:

Technical support for Housing Counselors is available via email at:
housing.counseling@hud.gov

HUD Housing Counseling webpage: www.hud.gov/housingcounseling

“The Bridge” is the HUD Office of Housing Counseling Newsletter; read archived issues on-line at:
http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/housing/sfh/hcc/ohc_bridge

Housing Counseling Listserv archive:
http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/housing/sfh/hcc/ohc_msg

Events & Training Calendar:
http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?mode=disppage&id=OHC_TRAINING

Contracting Opportunities:
http://portal.hud.gov/portal/page/portal/HUD/program_offices/cpo

Career Opportunities: <http://www.usajobs.gov>

Grant Opportunities:
http://portal.hud.gov/portal/page/portal/HUD/program_offices/administration/grants/fund_savail

Presidentially Declared Disaster Areas:
http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/housing/sfh/nsc/disaster

Foreclosure Assistance:
http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/i_want_to/talk_to_a_housing_counselor

Making Home Affordable: <http://www.makinghomeaffordable.gov/pages/default.aspx>

Freddie Mac Housing Professionals Resource Center: <http://www.freddiemac.com/corporate/housingpros/>

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