

User Administration

Application Coordinators perform FHA Connection user administration tasks for their organization's users who have completed FHA Connection registration and received authorization from HUD. Application Coordinators are responsible for ensuring that access to the FHA Connection is provided only to employees who are directly authorized by HUD through HUD's assignment of a user ID to that specific individual and who are in continuing good standing.

Important: The FHA Connection is a secure system, subject to the provisions of *Title 18, United States Code, section 1030* which specifies penalties for exceeding authorized access, alteration, damage or destruction of information residing on Federal Computers. See the **Secure System Access Requirements** section of this *FHA Connection Guide* module.

Application Coordinator requirements and administrative tasks are described in the following sections:

- **Application Coordinator Responsibilities**
- **FHA Connection ID Administration Tasks** which presents, with illustrations from the online form, the specific procedures and steps to administer user accesses
- **Secure System Access Requirements**
- **Special Acknowledgments to Enable Program Participation**
- **User Assistance Tips**, including contact information and other basics to help system users

All FHA Connection ID administration tasks are performed using the **FHA Connection ID Administration** function which is accessed via the **ID Maintenance** menu (**Figure 1**).



Figure 1: ID Maintenance link and top segment of ID Maintenance menu page

Application Coordinator Responsibilities

The Application Coordinator role is key to organizations in their use of the FHA Connection. For an organization new to the FHA Connection, the establishment of HUD-approved Application Coordinators must take place prior to any user registration. Each Single Family FHA-approved lender can establish up to four Application Coordinators. For all other FHA-approved groups using the FHA Connection, two to four Application Coordinators may be assigned based upon the group type. Each institution or agency should establish at least two Coordinators to ensure a back up is available (and to perform ID administration tasks for each other).

Application Coordinator responsibilities include performing:

- the ID administration tasks enabling user access to system applications and specific system functions (explained in the **FHA Connection ID Administration Tasks** section)
- TOTAL Scorecard and Lender Insurance acknowledgments; these are special management-directed actions to allow organizational access to specific HUD programs (explained in the **Special Acknowledgments to Enable Program Participation** section)
- tasks as a Standard User, if the Application Coordinator is also authorized to use FHA Connection functions to perform loan processing and/or loan servicing for their institution

The following **FHA Connection ID Administration Tasks** section and subsections describe Application Coordinators' duties related to user ID administration.

FHA Connection ID Administration Tasks

Application Coordinator ID administration duties fall into two main categories:

- **New User Set Up Tasks:** When HUD approves a new user, both the user and their Application Coordinator receive e-mail notification of HUD's approval. Therefore, it is very important to enter the correct e-mail address on the registration form and also for Application Coordinators to ensure that their own e-mail addresses are current and correct. The new user cannot access the system, though, until the Application Coordinator sets up authorization rights to the FHA Connection systems and functions which the user is approved by their organization to use. When this is completed, the Application Coordinator notifies the new user of their user ID and that they can now access the FHA Connection. The system and function authorizations granted by the Application Coordinator are effective within 10 minutes.
- **Existing User ID Maintenance Tasks:** User ID maintenance tasks performed by the Application Coordinator include updating nonsecure user information and performing password reset (**Figure 4**) and adding and/or terminating user access rights to FHA Connection system applications and functions (**Figures 5 and 6**).

To perform these ID administration tasks:

1. On the **ID Maintenance** menu, select **FHA Connection ID Administration (Figure 1)** to open the FHA Connection ID Administration Request page (**Figure 2**). Enter or select information in the following fields to locate a user for whom to perform user administration tasks or to retrieve a list of users:
 - **Query User IDs** to locate the user record(s) (select or enter one or more criteria)
 - Optionally, change the **Sorted By** criteria (user ID, last name) to customize the display order of the information retrieved. This is especially helpful if more than one user is retrieved and the FHA Connection ID Administration List page is presented (**Figure 3**).

Figure 2: FHA Connection ID Administration Request page

2. If more than one user record is retrieved, the FHA Connection ID Administration List page (**Figure 3**) appears. Select the appropriate user ID in the **User ID** field, and proceed to step 3. If a single user record is retrieved, go directly to step 3 below.

FHA Connection ID Administration List							
2 records were selected Records 1 through 2 are displayed (Page 1 of 1)							
User ID	Name	Status	Coordinator/ Agency Admin	Title I ID	Title II ID	Service Bureau	Agency ID
M00001	DEWANDER, TOBI	Approved	YES		99996099995		
M00002	CATES, INDA	Approved	NO		99996099995		

Figure 3: FHA Connection ID Administration List page

3. The FHA Connection ID Administration page appears when a single user record is retrieved (Figure 4). Verify that it is the correct user. The use of this page is shown, section by section in:
- **Change User Data and/or Reset Password**
 - **Make or Change System Application and System Function Selection(s)**
 - **Terminate a User**
 - **Reinstate a User**

Change User Data and/or Reset Password

The top section of the FHA Connection ID Administration page enables the Application Coordinator to:

- view or change nonsecure information in the user data fields
- use the **Reset Password** link to automatically change the password to the last six digits of the user's SSN (effective in 15 minutes)

FHA Connection ID Administration

Help Links ?

To update an FHA user ID, fill out the form below and click Send when you are through. Upon verification of the information below, the user ID will be updated.

And remember:
Warning! Misuse of Federal Information at this Web site falls under the provisions of Title 18, United States Code, section 1030. This law specifies penalties for exceeding authorized access, alteration, damage or destruction of information residing on Federal Computers.

User information and password reset section

Current Information on File:	User ID M12345	Status Approved	<input type="radio"/> Coordinator <input checked="" type="radio"/> Standard	Issue Date 06/06/05
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Indicate Action on FHA Connection ID:

Change
 Terminate
 Reinstate

First Name: DAN
Middle Initial: E
Last Name: BUOY
Organization Name: MYLENDERS, INC.
Telephone Number: 555 - 123 - 4567

Provide your e-mail address.
 Include your e-mail user name, the @ sign and [servicename.com/edu/org/net/etc.]. For example: smith@aol.com, johndoe@adv.org, hfdb84a@prodigy.com.

E-mail Address:

Re-enter E-mail Address for Verification:

If you would like to reset the password, please click on the link: [Reset Password](#)

Legal restrictions

Indicate Action... options: *Change, Terminate, Reinstate*

Automatically resets password

Figure 4: Top portion of FHA Connection ID Administration page - user information and password reset

Make or Change System Application and System Function Selection(s)

Use the **Choose your System Applications** section of the FHA Connection ID Administration page to add or change user accesses to FHA Connection system applications and the functions within those applications.

Note: Different options may be displayed based on your user type, e.g., Application Coordinator for a HECM counseling agency vs. Application Coordinator for a lending institution.

As shown in **Figure 5**, the **Choose your System Applications** section, displayed for an Application Coordinator of a lending institution, is organized into the following three subsections:

- Lender Electronic Assessment Portal Applications (LEAP) applications, located in the top portion of the System Applications section
- Title II Lender, Service Bureau, and Underwriter system applications, located in the middle portion of the System Applications section
- Title I Lender system applications, located in the lower portion of the System Applications section

The following steps explain how to use the **Choose your System Applications** section:

1. Click the checkbox corresponding to any of the desired functions in the LEAP section, e.g., **Cash Flow Account Setup**, **Branch Data Entry**, **Notice of Material Events**, etc.
2. Enter the user ID, if not already displayed, for the applicable user type, i.e., Title I and/or Title II lender, Service Bureau, Underwriter.
3. Then, click the appropriate system application box or tab, e.g., **CHUMS**, **Monthly Premiums**, **CAIVRS**, etc.

Click the *system applications tab*, e.g., **CHUMS**, to display the functions available to a specific user (see Figure 6)

Choose your System Applications.
Please enter the appropriate ID(s) and click the corresponding box(es) to authorize access to the following FHA application(s). One ID must be entered and at least one corresponding application must be chosen. You may also first click an appropriate folder below to select a specific application, then select authorization(s) of your choice.

Authorization for Lender Electronic Assessment Portal Applications. Please Note: These roles apply to both Title I and Title II Lender IDs.

<input type="checkbox"/> Institution View Only	<input type="checkbox"/> Institution Data Entry	<input type="checkbox"/> Branch Data Entry
<input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Material Events	<input type="checkbox"/> Recertification Data Entry	<input type="checkbox"/> Recertification Payment
<input type="checkbox"/> Certifying Official	<input type="checkbox"/> Cash Flow Account Setup	

Title II Lender ID: Service Bureau: Underwriter ID:

LEAP authorization subsection - grant authorization by clicking the box beside the corresponding function

Title II Lender, Service Bureau, and Underwriter authorization subsection

Title I Lender authorization subsection

ONAP Tax ID: -

ONAP

Show All (ONAP)

Figure 5: System Applications sections of the FHA Connection ID Administration page

When you click the system application tab, e.g., the **CHUMS** tab shown in **Figure 5** above, a detailed authorization section displays showing the functions specific to that system.

Step 3 and **Figure 6** (following) show the procedure for selecting system application authorizations and functions.

4. To select system application authorizations, in the appropriate **Authorization for...**section(s), either:
 - check the box next to the authorization option needed, *or*
 - for the functions with access-level selections, e.g., **Appraisal Processing**, click the radio button to select the appropriate access, e.g., *Add/Update*. Selection of the access level also selects that function.

Figure 6 (on the following page) illustrates these options using the CHUMS system application authorizations as an example. As shown, selection functionality (*checkbox* or *radio button*) varies according to whether or not an *access level* must be designated.

5. After successfully processing this information, the user's authorizations are effective within 10 minutes.

System function authorization selection *section*

Click the checkbox to select the function

Authorization for CHUMS Applications:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CAIVRS Authorization	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Case Query	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mortgage Insurance Certificate
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Case Transfer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Refinance Authorization	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Underwriter Registry
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Underwriters	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Origination/Escrow Closeout Reports	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MIC/NOR List
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mortgagee Performance Report	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MIP Calculator	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Electronic Case Binder Upload
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> HOPE for Homeowners AUS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> HECM Referral	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sponsored Originator Maintenance
<input type="checkbox"/> Affordable Housing Providers	<input type="checkbox"/> Community Land Trusts	

Appraisal Processing:	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Add/Update <input type="radio"/> Query (Read-Only) <input type="radio"/> Not Authorized	Case Number Assignment:	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Add/Update <input type="radio"/> Query (Read-Only) <input type="radio"/> Not Authorized
Insurance Application:	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Insuring Authorization <input type="radio"/> Add/Update <input type="radio"/> Query (Read-Only) <input type="radio"/> Not Authorized	Inspector Assignment:	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Add/Update <input type="radio"/> Query (Read-Only) <input type="radio"/> Not Authorized
Nonprofits:	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Query (Read-Only) <input type="radio"/> Not Authorized	Escrow Closeout:	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Add/Update <input type="radio"/> Not Authorized
203K Consultants:	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Query (Read-Only) <input type="radio"/> Not Authorized	Mortgage Credit Reject:	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Add/Update <input type="radio"/> Query (Read-Only) <input type="radio"/> Not Authorized
Notice of Return:	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Query (Read-Only) <input type="radio"/> Not Authorized	Borrower/Address Change:	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Update <input type="radio"/> Query (Read-Only) <input type="radio"/> Not Authorized
Electronic Binder Additions:	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Make Additions <input type="radio"/> Not Authorized	Lender Insurance History:	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Query (Read-Only) <input type="radio"/> Not Authorized
Property/Borrower Validation:	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Query <input type="radio"/> Not Authorized	Condominium Approval Maintenance:	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Update <input type="radio"/> Query (Read-Only) <input type="radio"/> Not Authorized
Condominium Reviewer Registry:	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Update <input type="radio"/> Query <input type="radio"/> Not Authorized		

Click a radio button to select the function *and* to designate the access level

Figure 6: Authorization for CHUMS applications

Terminate a User

On the FHA Connection ID Administration page (**Figure 4**), review the user ID displayed and the user data to ensure that the correct user is selected. At the top of the FHA Connection ID Administration page, in the **Indicate Action...**field (**Figure 7**), click *Terminate*.

Indicate Action on FHA Connection ID:

Change

Terminate

Reinstate

Figure 7: Terminate option selected in Indicate Action field (top portion of FHA Connection ID Administration page)

Note: Only authorized HUD personnel may terminate a HECM housing counselor's user ID.

The FHA Connection ID Termination Reason page (**Figure 8**) appears for you to enter a termination reason selection using the **Reason for Termination** drop-down list and process the termination.

Figure 8: FHA Connection ID Termination Reason page

Termination reasons are available in the drop-down Select Termination Reason list, as illustrated in **Figure 9**.

Figure 9: FHA Connection ID Termination Reason page

For a successful user ID termination, the FHA Connection ID Termination Reason Results page appears with a Success message.

Reinstate a User

On the FHA Connection ID Administration page (**Figure 4**), review the user ID displayed and check the user data to ensure that the correct user is selected. Click *Reinstate* in the **Indicate Action...** field (**Figure 10**) at the top of the FHA Connection ID Administration page. (Note: Only authorized HUD personnel may reinstate a HECM housing counselor's user ID.) If the user is successfully reinstated, the FHA Connection ID Administration Results page appears displaying the user data and a Success message. Reinstatement is effective the next business day.

Indicate Action on FHA Connection ID:

Change

Terminate

Reinstate

Figure 10: Reinstate option (top portion of FHA Connection ID Administration page)

Note: If a user ID is terminated by a HUD staff member who indicated the ID can only be reinstated by HUD staff, the Application Coordinator cannot reinstate the ID (the FHA Connection ID Administration page appears with user information in view-only format).

Secure System Access Requirements

Sensitive information is accessed and transmitted through HUD's FHA Connection website. Therefore, a secure environment is maintained to ensure protection of information. Access to this environment is subject to the provisions of the *Computer Fraud and Abuse Act, Title 18 U.S. Code, section 1030* which specifies penalties for exceeding authorized access, alteration, damage or destruction of information residing on federal computers. The legal **Warning** stating this is posted on the FHA Connection Welcome page (**Figure 11**), on all registration forms, and on the FHA Connection ID Administration page.

The screenshot shows the FHA Connection website's welcome page. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links: Home, Main Menu, ID Maintenance, E-mail Us, Contact Us, and Sign Off. The main content area includes a 'Welcome' section with a 'Sign on' button and a 'Forgot Your Password?' link. On the right, there are sections for 'Getting Started' (with links for About This Site, Registering a New User, Hours of Operation, and Contact Us) and 'References' (with links for Frequently Asked Questions, Quick Start Guide, and FHA Connection Guide). A yellow callout box points to a red-bordered warning box at the bottom of the page. The warning text reads: 'Warning! This computer system, including all related equipment, networks, and network devices (specifically including Internet access) contains data belonging to the U.S. Government, and is provided for authorized U.S. Government use only. Access requires the use of an authorized user account number and password, which is sensitive and must never be shared with anyone at any time. Doing so increases the risk of access by an unauthorized person posing as you. Authorized personnel will treat information about HUD computing resources (i.e., system names, technologies employed, etc.) as sensitive and will not reveal it to unauthorized personnel. This computer may be monitored for all lawful purposes, including ensuring that its use is authorized, to facilitate protection against unauthorized access, and to verify operational security. During monitoring, information may be examined, recorded, copied and used for authorized purposes. All activities and information, including personal information, associated with the use of this system may be monitored. Use of this computer system, authorized or unauthorized, constitutes consent to monitoring. Misuse or unauthorized use may subject you to criminal prosecution. Evidence of unauthorized use collected during monitoring may be used for administrative, criminal, or other adverse action. Use of this system implies understanding of these terms and conditions. Authority: U.S. Federal Criminal Code (18 USC 1030 - Fraud and Related Activity with Computers) and HUD Information Technology Security Policy 2400.25.'

Figure 11: Title 18, United States Code, section 1030 statement on Welcome page

Requirements for secure system access by Application Coordinators and Standard Users include that:

- The FHA Connection user ID is a unique identification number specifically assigned to a single individual within an organization. Only HUD assigns and issues these IDs.
- Using or reissuing an FHA Connection user ID assigned to another person is prohibited.
- Application Coordinators are prohibited from providing an existing or a terminated user ID to another user other than the user originally authorized for that ID.
- Application Coordinators and authorized users must not share, display, or divulge online or publicly the FHA Connection user ID or password. For example, user IDs and passwords should not be given to third parties in telephone conversations, placed on office message boards, or left written on telephone message notes on unattended workstations.

Special Acknowledgments to Enable Program Participation

There are two special actions performed only by Application Coordinators (or authorized HUD personnel) to enable organizational participation in HUD's TOTAL Scorecard program and/or in HUD's Lender Insurance (LI) program. These acknowledgments are made using the links at the top of the FHA Connection ID Administration page. The Application Coordinator submits, following specific management direction and on behalf of the lending organization, certain legally binding certifications/inputs required for organizational-level participation. These acknowledgments are special actions and are performed following specific HUD approval and/or at management direction.

The acknowledgments (see Acknowledgments, **Figure 2**, p. 2) are:

- the **TOTAL Scorecard Acknowledgment** which enables authorized employees of authorized institutions to use the FHA's TOTAL Scorecard (algorithm) in making credit decisions within their automated underwriting system (AUS)
- the **Lender Insurance Acknowledgment** required for participation in the LI program that allows qualifying lenders to endorse their own loans. When you click **Lender Insurance Acknowledgment**, the Lender Insurance Contact page appears; entry of primary contact information is required. Clicking **Send** processes the contact information and verifies eligibility for the LI program. Upon successful processing, the Acknowledgment of Terms and Conditions for LI page appears, serving as both the application for the LI program and the acknowledgment of LI terms and conditions.

Note: **Lender Insurance Acknowledgment** is also available on the **Lender Functions** menu.

User Assistance Tips

This section provides an overview of how to direct users needing to contact an Application Coordinator or to consult user administration resources:

- *To locate an organization's Application Coordinator:*
 - users who can sign on should do so and then click the **ID Maintenance** menu link at the top of the page, and click the **Coordinators** option to find a contact listing for their Application Coordinator
 - users who cannot sign on, e.g., when a password reset is needed, use links provided on the FHA Connection Welcome page, selecting either:
- **Contact Us** (contact information for FHA Connection systems) *or*
- **E-mail Us** (to reach the Single Family FHA Connection Administrator)
- *To make a change in secure information*, e.g., correction of a Social Security Number (SSN), send an e-mail to sfadmin@hud.gov describing the need and inquiring about the process to use.
- *For assistance with Homeownership Center (HOC)-related issues* such as FHA loan products, processing issues and problems, mortgage credit guidelines, and property analysis guidelines, contact the FHA Resource Center ((800) CALLFHA).