

Fiscal Year 2004	
Multifamily loan program	Basis points
Section 241(a)—Additions & Improvements for Health Care Facilities	50
Section 242—Hospitals	50
Title XI—Group Practice	50

*First Year MIP for these programs remain at 100 basis points.

Applicable Mortgage Insurance Premium Procedures

The MIP regulations are found in 24 CFR part 207. This notice is published in accordance with the procedures stated in 24 CFR 207.252, 207.252(a), and 207.254.

Transition Guidelines

A. General

If a firm commitment has been issued at a higher MIP, and FHA has not initially endorsed the note, the lender may request the field office to reprocess the commitment at the lower MIP and reissue the commitment on or after October 1, 2003. If the initial endorsement has occurred the MIP cannot be changed.

B. Extension of Outstanding 57 and 61 Basis Points Firm Commitments

FHA may extend outstanding firm commitments when the Hub/Program Center determines that the underwriting conclusions (rents, expenses, construction costs, mortgage amount and case required to close) are still valid.

C. Reprocessing of Outstanding 57 and 61 Basis Points Firm Commitments

FHA will consider requests from mortgagees to reprocess outstanding firm commitments at the lower mortgage insurance premium once the new premiums become effective in FY 2004:

1. Outstanding commitments with initial 60-day expiration dates on or after the effective date of this MIP notice.
 - FHA Multifamily Hub/Program Center staff will simply reprocess these cases to reflect the impact of the lower MIP and reissue commitments with a new date.
2. Outstanding commitments with initial expiration dates prior to the effective date of this MIP notice which have pending extension requests or have had extensions granted by FHA beyond the initial 60-day period.
 - These cases will require more extensive reprocessing by FHA staff. Reprocessing will include an updated FHA field staff analysis and review of

rents, expenses, construction costs, particularly considering any changes in Davis-Bacon wage rates, and cash required to close. (An updated appraisal may be required from the mortgagee depending on the age of the appraisal.) If reprocessing results in favorable underwriting conclusions, Hub/Program Center staff will reissue commitments with a new date at the new MIP.

D. Reopening of Expired 57 or 61 Basis Points Firm Commitments

FHA will consider requests from mortgagees, which may be either updated Traditional Application Processing (TAP) firm commitment applications or updated Multifamily Accelerated Processing (MAP) applications with updated exhibits, to reopen expired 57 or 61 basis points commitments on or after the effective date of the MIP notice, provided that the reopening requests are received within 90 days of the expiration of the commitments and include the \$.50 per thousand of requested mortgage reopening fee. Reopening requests will be reprocessed by FHA field staff under the instructions in paragraph C.2 above.

After expiration of the 90-day reopening period, mortgagees are required to submit new applications with the \$3 per thousand application fee (MAP applications must start at the pre-application stage).

Credit Subsidy

Mortgagee Letters will be issued from time to time to advise mortgagees of any requirements for credit subsidy and the availability of credit subsidy. In FY 2004, the same three programs will require credit subsidy as in FY 2003: Section 221(d)(3) for nonprofit and cooperatives for new construction or substantial rehabilitation, Section 223(d) for operating loss loans for both apartments and health care facilities, and Section 241(a) for supplemental loans for additions or improvements to existing apartments only. FHA will not issue amended commitments for increased mortgage amounts nor obligate additional credit subsidy for projects requiring credit subsidy in FY 2004.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of Federal Acknowledgment; Documented Petitions for Federal Acknowledgment as an Indian Tribe, Submission to OMB for Renewal

AGENCY: Office of Federal Acknowledgment, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces that the Information Collection Request for Documented Petitions for Federal Acknowledgment as an Indian Tribe is submitted to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget for extension.

DATES: Submit comments on or before November 6, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Send your written comments to Attention: Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior. You may fax comments to (202) 395-6566 or send an e-mail to OIRA_DOCKET@omb.eop.gov. Please send a duplicate copy to R. Lee Fleming, Director, Office of Federal Acknowledgment, Office of the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street, NW., MS-4660 MIB, Washington, DC 20240.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection submission should be directed to R. Lee Fleming, Director, Office of Federal Acknowledgment, Office of the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street, NW, MS-4660 MIB, Washington, DC 20240. You may also call (202) 208-3592.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A request for comments was published in the **Federal Register** on June 2, 2003 (68 FR 32765). No comments were received.

I. Abstract

The information collection is needed to establish whether a petitioning group has the characteristics necessary to be acknowledged as having a sovereign-to-sovereign relationship with the United States. Federal acknowledgment makes the group eligible for benefits from the Federal Government.

II. Method of Collection

The Federal acknowledgment regulations at 25 CFR Part 83 contain seven criteria (§ 83.7) which groups seeking Federal acknowledgment as Indian tribes must demonstrate that they meet. Information collected from petitioning groups under these