



WHOLESALE ANNOUNCEMENT 2024-35

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FHA Update

Effective Date

New applications January 1, 2025, and after

Update/Summary

Floodplain Management-Minimum Property Standards for Flood Hazard Exposure

- For FHA Single Family mortgage insurance programs, the final rule revises HUD's Minimum Property Standards (MPS) to require that, for one- to four-unit mortgaged properties that are new construction and located in a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA), the lowest floor of the new construction be at least two feet above base flood elevation (BFE). This requirement adds two feet of additional elevation to FHA's existing MPS requirement as a resilience standard, though many jurisdictions already require homes in SFHAs to be elevated one or more feet above BFE. The requirement does not apply to the rehabilitation of existing structures with 203(k) insured financing, or the purchase of manufactured homes insured under FHA Single Family programs.

Should you have any questions, please reach out to your Account Executive or Client Manager