FHA and VA New Construction Documentation
(Property less than one year old)

Must always meet all requirements of 4000.1 for cases assigned on or after 9/14/15 (as appropriate)

**FHA**

On new construction one year old or less that involves maximum financing (greater than 90% LTV):

If the property is being processed under the procedures set forth in Mortgagee Letter [ML 01-27](https://www.hud.gov/mortgageeletters) or Handbook 4000.1 using a building permit and Certificate of Occupancy (CO), the lender must obtain and submit in the case binder to HUD for endorsement the following construction documents. Also, the lender must retain copies of these construction documents in its origination case binder:

1. Builder’s Certification of Plans, Specifications and Site (Form HUD-92541)
2. Builder’s One Year Warranty (Form HUD-92544)
3. Building Permit and Certificate of Occupancy
4. Wood Infestation Report, NPCA 99a and 99b
5. Local Health Authority well water analysis or septic report, where applicable

**NOTE:** These requirements do not apply to loans involving manufactured housing or condominiums (see [ML 01-27](https://www.hud.gov/mortgageeletters) or Handbook 4000.1).

**NOTE:** Properties located in a mandatory flood zone not eligible unless verified dwelling not in mandatory zone with LOMA, LOMR or elevation cert.

If the case is not being processed under the procedures set forth in [ML 2001-27](https://www.hud.gov/mortgageeletters) or Handbook 4000.1 and instead the lender is using the Early Start process or using a 10 Year Warranty, the lender must obtain and submit in the case binder to HUD the following construction exhibits. Also, the lender must retain copies of all of these documents in its origination case binder:

1. Builders Certification of Plans, Specifications and Site, Form HUD-92541
2. Builder’s One Year Warranty (Form HUD-92544)
3. Wood Infestation Report, NPCA 99a and 99b
4. Ten Year Warranty (if applicable)
5. Three (3) inspections (Form HUD-92051) if not using a 10 Year Warranty - One inspection (Final) if using a 10 Year Warranty
6. Local Health Authority well water analysis or septic report, where applicable
7. Plans and specs must be retained in case binder (per [4145.1 Appendix 11](https://www.hud.gov/))

On new construction one year old or less that involves 90% or less LTV financing:

If the property is proposed or under construction the lender must obtain and include in the case binder submitted to HUD for insurance endorsement the following documents. Also, the lender must retain copies of these documents in its origination case binder:

1. Builders Certification of Plans, Specifications and Site, Form HUD-92541
2. Wood Infestation Report, NPCA 99a and 99b
3. Final inspection by a HUD Roster inspector.
4. Local Health Authority well water analysis or septic report, where applicable If the property is 100% complete (existing construction less than one year old) the lender must obtain and include in the case binder submitted to HUD for insurance endorsement the following documents.

Also, the lender must retain copies of these documents in its origination case binder:
FHA and VA New Construction Documentation
(Property less than one year old)

1. Builders Certification of Plans, Specifications and Site, Form HUD-92541
2. Builder’s One Year Warranty, Form HUD-92544 (on high ratio loans only)
3. Wood Infestation Report, NPCA 99a and 99b
4. Local Health Authority well water analysis or septic report, where applicable.

Handbook 4145.1 (Appendix 11) or Handbook 4000.1

ML 06-33, ML 01-27 or Handbook 4000.1

*Subject to change per HUD, must at all times meet all HUD requirements.

VA*

The following are some forms that may be required, but requirements will vary based on determination by the VA underwriter and will be provided at time of approval:

**New construction, existing < 1 year and never occupied:**

1. **VA Form 26-1859** 1 year Warranty of Completion of Construction plus not inspected acknowledgement 12a
2. Builder’s Certification of Plans, Specifications and Site (Form HUD-92541)
3. Building Permit and Certificate of Occupancy
   Builder signed certifications for EEC/CABO, Lead/Water Distribution and Off-site Improvements (new construction only), if applicable [VA Not Inspected Acknowledgement for New Construction form – 10 year warranty] [VA Not Inspected Acknowledgement for New Construction form – 1 Year Warranty]
4. Termite Soils Report NPCA 99a and 99b (Borrower to write on report they didn’t have to pay for the termite report and sign the report)
5. Additional certifications may be required and must be on lender or builder letterhead
6. 10 year HOW if local authority does not make required inspections plus not inspected acknowledgment 12b

**Proposed/Under Construction (subject to completion per plans and specs):**

1. **VA Form 26-1859** 1 year Warranty of Completion of Construction plus not inspected acknowledgement 12a
2. Builder’s Certification of Plans, Specifications and Site (Form HUD-92541)
3. Building Permit and Certificate of Occupancy
   Builder signed certifications for EEC/CABO, Lead/Water Distribution and Off-site Improvements (new construction only), if applicable [VA Not Inspected Acknowledgement for New Construction form – 10 year warranty] [VA Not Inspected Acknowledgement for New Construction form – 1 Year Warranty]
4. Termite Soils Report NPCA 99a and 99b (Borrower to write on report they didn’t have to pay for the termite report and sign the report)
5. Additional certifications may be required and must be on lender or builder letterhead
6. 10 year HOW if local authority does not make required inspections plus not inspected acknowledgment 12b
7. Copy of construction plans and specs

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