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EFFECT OF CHANGE

As clarification to Revision 104, effective for Great Choice Plus Mortgage Loan applications dated **October 3, 2015**, THDA will be providing a grant to the borrower in the amount of \$50 to cover a portion of the recording fees for the second mortgage. The grant will be entered as a credit on the Good Faith Estimate and HUD-1. The recording fee is the only fee to be charged. All loan applications with an application date of **October 3, 2015** and after will need to include the revised versions of the Great Choice Plus disclosures. This change provides an exemption from the TILA-RESPA Integrated Disclosures, there is not an exemption from RESPA.



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SECTION 5: PROCESSING AND CREDIT UNDERWRITING REQUIREMENTS

5.1 OVERVIEW

A. Disclosures

1. Great Choice

Originating agents are required to provide all disclosures that comply with all federal and state laws and/or regulations. These include, without limitation, signed and dated copies of loan estimate, Tennessee Residential Property Condition Disclosure and transfer of servicing disclosures.

2. Great Choice Plus

Originating agents will provide all disclosures that comply with all federal and state laws and/or regulations. These include GFE and Disclosure of Loan Terms.

B. Underwriting Guidelines, Debt Ratios, Credit Scores, Compensating Factors

Eligible applicants must meet credit underwriting standards of the relevant insuring program, as evidenced by the approval of a Direct Endorsement underwriter or the insurer, program accepted, underwriting software, i.e. Loan Prospector (LP), Desktop Underwriter (DU). LP or DU acceptance must also be signed by the Originating Agent underwriter or processor verifying the accuracy of information or data required to receive approval.

All loan submissions with a borrower(s) credit score (middle score or lowest score if only two scores) below 640 will not be eligible for THDA funding. THDA will accept loans with the following decision responses which shall meet the following THDA requirements:

1. Approve/Eligible: Maximum debt ratio of 45% and a minimum credit score of 640.
2. Refer/Eligible - due to "no score" only: Loans must be manually underwritten using non-traditional credit guidelines in accordance with FHA guidelines, maximum debt ratio of 45%.
3. Refer/Eligible: Loans must be manually underwritten, maximum debt ratio of 43%, minimum credit score of 640, and must meet two of the three THDA overlays listed below.
 - The borrower must have a verified rental history. Verification of rental (VOR) is acceptable if borrower is renting from a commercial management company; or 12 months canceled checks/bank verification if borrower is renting from a private landlord.
 - One month PITI in reserves. This cannot be a gift.
 - A two year job history with a minimum of 12 months at current employer.
4. Approve/Ineligible: As it refers to the HUD REO \$100.00 down payment program only, maximum debt ratio of 45% and minimum credit score of 640.

All THDA loan application packages will be required to include a copy of the completed FHA Loan Underwriting and Transmittal Summary or Loan Analysis signed by an authorized program endorsed underwriter of the Originating Agent, or correspondent underwriting agent. (See Section 6.2. K)

Any closed loan subsequently determined to be ineligible for program insurance due to non-compliance with that program's credit underwriting guidelines will be ineligible for THDA funding and subject to repurchase without exception.

C. Homebuyer Education

Great Choice Plus and Homeownership for the Brave borrowers are required to obtain pre-purchase homebuyer education and counseling provided by a THDA approved Homebuyer Education (HBEI) Provider at one of the approved agencies listed on THDA's website at www.thda.org. Each person on the loan is required to obtain homebuyer education. The following formats are available for Homebuyer Education:

T. Sales Contract

Include a copy of the purchase agreement (fully executed by seller and Applicant) in the application file. Information in the application file. Any changes to the purchase agreement must be initialed by seller and Applicant.

U. FHA Conditional Commitment

Enclose the HUD Form 92800.5B (FHA Conditional Commitment) and the Appraisal Analysis Sheet, both signed by the DE Underwriter.

V. Appraisal

Enclose an original Uniform Residential Appraisal Report (FMNA 1004) in the application file. The Uniform Residential Appraisal Report must reflect inspections of both the interior and exterior of the dwelling. If the original Appraisal must be submitted to the loan insurer or guarantor, a legible copy must be enclosed.

If the negotiated sales price for the property was modified after the Appraisal was provided, enclose a letter from the appraiser that indicates any changes in the appraiser's conclusions.

W. Flood Notification

If the property lies within a Special Flood Hazard Zone, the Originating Agent must make proper and timely disclosure to the Applicant in compliance with federal regulations. Provide a life of loan Flood Hazard certification with the initial underwriting submission package or closed loan documents.

X. Loan Estimate

The initial Loan Estimate (LE) must be included in the Underwriting Submission Package and any subsequent changes in the LE, if necessary, must be included in the Closed Loan Submission Package. Great Choice Plus mortgage loan applications should reflect a \$50 credit from THDA to the borrower, representing the grant THDA is providing the borrower to cover a large portion of the recording fees for the second mortgage loan Deed of Trust.

Y. Good Faith Estimate

A Good Faith Estimate (GFE) must be provided for the Great Choice Plus mortgage loan. Recording fees are the only allowable fees.

6.3 DOCUMENTING NEW CONSTRUCTION FOR CUSTOM BUILT HOMES

NOTE: *This section does not apply to the purchase of a new or proposed residence located on a lot that is not owned by the Applicant prior to the date of the loan closing.*

A. Documentation Required

1. Copy of Warranty Deed to lot.
2. Copy of construction contract.
3. Contractor's detailed cost estimate, if applicable.
4. Contractor's final itemized bill, if applicable.
5. Final inspection with photos, when complete.

B. Manufactured Housing

For manufactured housing, additional or substituted documentation must include a contract for the manufactured home and documentation for the cost of foundation, utilities, landscaping, driveways and all other necessary improvements.

2. Origination Fee

A fee up to 2% of the Base Loan Amount is permissible, and is paid to the Originating Agent. The origination fee may not be charged on financed FHA MIP, VA Guaranty Fee, USDA/RD Guaranty Fee or PMI, unless expressly permitted by FHA, VA, USDA/RD or PMI regulations. Either the Borrower or the seller may pay the Origination Fee up to 2%. No additional origination fee may be charged to the Borrower or seller.

A loan originator may designate an origination point on page 2 of the CD.

3. Discount Points

A discount fee of ¼% of the actual or total loan amount is permissible, and is paid to the Originating Agent. Either the Borrower or seller may pay the ¼% discount fee.

4. THDA allows the Originating Agent to charge an Application Fee of up to \$600. If the Originating Agent elects to charge the Application Fee, it must be included on the LE and CD. The total Application Fee cannot exceed \$600.

5. A \$50 grant will be provided to the borrower for the Great Choice Plus program. The credit should be reflected on the GFE. THDA will reimburse the lender at the time the loan is purchased.

7.7 USE OF MERS SYSTEM

Originating Agents who are MERS members, in good standing, may use loan documentation showing Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as the nominee for Originating Agent and Originating Agent's successors and assigns for THDA loans closed on or after July 1, 2006. The THDA loan number must be reflected on all THDA loan documentation in addition to the use of the Mortgage Identification Number (MIN) as may be assigned and required by MERS.

Originating Agents shall cause each deed of trust (with THDA Rider) securing a THDA loan to be properly recorded in the Register's Office of the county in which the property is located and to register such deeds of trust with MERS in accordance with applicable MERS requirements. Originating Agent may sell servicing rights to THDA loans registered with MERS only to THDA approved Servicers who are also MERS members in good standing.

Originating Agent shall, upon THDA's request, obtain and properly record an assignment of any MERS registered THDA loan from MERS to THDA or as THDA may direct. In the event of any dispute regarding a THDA loan registered with MERS, Originating Agent shall take all steps deemed necessary by THDA to protect THDA's interest. All other requirements of this Guide and of the Working Agreement between THDA and Originating Agent shall apply to each THDA loan regardless of registration with MERS.

I. Warranty Deed

Enclose a copy (before recording) of the fully executed Warranty Deed(s) that convey(s) the property to the Borrower. A copy of the recorded Warranty Deed(s) is/are required if a Manufactured Home.

J. Closing Disclosure

The Closed Loan Submission Package must include the Closing Disclosure (CD).

Great Choice Loan Allowable Fees

I. Great Choice Loan:

A loan originator may designate an origination point on page 2 of the CD. THDA allows up to 2% origination points for all Great Choice loans. THDA also allows the Originating Agent to charge a ¼% discount point. If the Originating Agent elects to charge the ¼% discount, it must be included on the CD.

Please note that THDA allows the Originating Agent to charge an Application Fee of up to \$600. If the Originating Agent elects to charge the \$600 Application Fee, it must be included on the CD. The total Application Fee cannot exceed \$600.

II. Great Choice Plus Loan:

THDA only allows customary recording fees. THDA does not allow Lender title policy on the Great Choice Plus loan. THDA Great Choice Plus loans are exempt from state stamp taxes. HUD-1 will be used to disclose recording fee and \$50 grant from THDA.

K. Hazard Insurance

THDA must receive a copy of the hazard insurance policy declarations page, or a copy of the Certificate of Insurance, signed by an authorized agent of the insurance company. The original policy or Certificate of Insurance must be sent to the THDA Servicer.

L. Termite Inspection/Treatment Certificate (when applicable)

See Section 7.4.C.

M. Flood Insurance (when applicable)

See Section 7.4.E.

N. Commitment Conditions

Enclose any documents to satisfy, at closing, conditions specified in the Commitment, if not otherwise satisfied with documents listed above.

SECTION 9: THDA FORMS AND INSTRUCTIONS

As a result of Tax Code requirements, THDA must require certain forms. Application files or closed loan packages that do not contain fully executed THDA forms, as required, will not be accepted by THDA. These forms must be included in THDA application files and in THDA closed loan packages as indicated in this Guide. THDA forms are in addition to the typical forms utilized in the mortgage industry. These forms are to be considered part of this Guide.

THDA forms may not be altered.

THDA forms may not be distributed to a lender who is not an Originating Agent or to any other unauthorized individual or entity.

Detailed instructions for completion of each THDA form follows in the order that they are typically encountered in the lending process:

- Application Affidavit HO-0450 (03/11)
- Veteran Exemption Application Affidavit HO-0460 (02/07)
- Notice to Applicants Federal Recapture Requirements HO-0448 (09/99)
- Seller Affidavit HO-0451 (09/99)
- Application for Assistance HO-0573 (09/15)
- Buyer Profile HO-0439 (02/15)
- Underwriting Submission Checklist HO-0549 (10/15)
- Affidavit of Affixation HO-0453 (12/06)
- Legally Enforceable Obligation Letter HO-0476 (10/14)
- Closed Loan Submission Checklist HO-0541 (10/15)
- THDA Rider HO-0440 (08/03)
- Request for Loan Purchase with Acknowledgement and Certification HO-0444 (10/14)
- Disclosure of Loan Terms for Great Choice Plus Second Mortgage Loan HO-0574 (10/15)

APPLICATION AFFIDAVIT HO-0450 (03/11)

VETERAN EXEMPTION APPLICATION AFFIDAVIT HO-0460 (02/07) (If Applicable)

The Application Affidavit or Veteran Exemption Application Affidavit (if applicable Application Affidavit) must be executed by each applicant and non-qualifying spouse. The household income figure to be provided in item #4 is the maximum allowable income for the size of the applicant's household and location of property. The acquisition cost figure for Great Choice is to be provided in item #5 is the maximum THDA acquisition cost for the county in which the property is located. The original Application Affidavit or Veteran Exemption Application Affidavit is required by THDA. All changes or whiteouts must be initialed by the Applicant(s).

Each Application Affidavit or Veteran Exemption Application Affidavit, must be executed and notarized within the State of Tennessee; however, in rare circumstances, an Application Affidavit or Veteran Exemption Application Affidavit may be executed and notarized outside the State of Tennessee, such as when a person is a member of the armed forces, is stationed outside the state and is unable to be present while the application is being processed.

NOTICE TO APPLICANTS FEDERAL RECAPTURE REQUIREMENTS HO-0448 (09/99)

This form is mandatory for all THDA loan applications. The Applicant and all Co-Applicants must sign and date the form at the time of application. Provide a copy to the Applicant. Enclose the original signed and dated form in the application file when submitted for THDA underwriting.

SELLER AFFIDAVIT HO-0451 (09/99)

The seller of the property must complete a Seller Affidavit for each application file submitted to THDA. The Seller Affidavit is to assist in determining whether the purchase of the property involves more than the purchase price specified in the sales contract.

The seller must sign and date the Seller Affidavit, and it must be notarized. Enclose the original Seller Affidavit in the application file when submitting for THDA underwriting. In the absence of the original Affidavit at the time of loan approval, a prior to closing contingency will be THDA receipt of the original.

APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE HO-0573 (09/15)

This form must be completed and the original included in each loan application package submitted under the Great Choice Plus Loan Program. The application should indicate the total FHA loan amount including MIP, the exact (dollars and cents) amount of assistance based on 4% of the sales price, the anticipated closing date, and the complete name of the settlement agent. This form must be signed by the Borrower(s) and an authorized representative of the lender.

BUYER PROFILE HO-0439 (02/15)

This form is critical to facilitate accurate reports by THDA. Complete this form accurately and completely and enclose it with the application file when submitted for THDA underwriting.

UNDERWRITING SUBMISSION CHECKLIST HO-0549 (10/15)

Use this form as a cover sheet for all application files submitted to THDA.

Follow the checklist closely and complete all information. Items omitted may cause the application file to be returned for completion and resubmission. Do not change the size of this form.

The checklist has five main sections:

1. General Information.
2. THDA Program Eligibility. Must include original documents, notarized as indicated.
3. Great Choice Plus Loans/Downpayment/Closing Cost Assistance. Must be documented as indicated, if applicable.
4. Credit Package. Must include documentation, as indicated.

Originating Agent Information: Provide complete information, including the Originating Agent's four-digit O. A. Number as assigned by THDA. An omitted or incorrect Originating Agent number and

omitted or incorrect branch address are the primary causes of misdirected commitments and misdirected funding checks.

Primary Applicant: Include primary Applicant's name as it will appear on all documents. It must be accurate and consistent.

Property Address: Must be accurate and consistent on all documents.

Submission Purpose: As indicated, this form may be used for purposes in addition to the initial submission of an application file.

Program Type: Indicate the desired THDA loan program.

Loan Type: Indicate whether the loan type is FHA, VA, Conventional or USDA/RD.

Property Type: Indicate the correct property type. Check the appropriate block to indicate a residence that is a single family detached or a condominium. Check "Other" and indicate in the blank provided if the residence is a 2, 3 or 4 family home, or is a PUD, townhouse, zero lot line, modular or manufactured home.

THDA Program Eligibility/Credit Package

A check mark, an "X" or "N/A" must be indicated for each document listed on the form. Refer to Section 6.2 for additional information.

An Originating Agent staff member's signature, printed or typed name and telephone number must appear at the bottom of the checklist. Without this information, the file is considered incomplete. In addition, if this information is omitted, THDA does not know who to call if questions arise.

AFFIDAVIT OF AFFIXATION HO-0453 (12/06)

An original Affidavit of Affixation is required on all manufactured home loans and must be recorded as a separate document. It cannot be recorded with or attached to the Deed of Trust for recordation.

LEGALLY ENFORCEABLE OBLIGATION LETTER HO-0476 (10/14)

For any Great Choice loans insured by FHA/HUD the Originating Agent will receive a Legally Enforceable Obligation Letter (LEOL) attached to the THDA Loan Commitment. HUD/FHA requires that THDA provide a Legally Enforceable Obligation Letter when THDA has agreed to provide DPA funds in the form of the Great Choice Plus loan. The Borrower(s) is to sign the LEOL at closing and a copy of the executed LEOL must be sent back to THDA with the initial closing submission package in order for THDA to purchase the Great choice Plus loan.

The Originating Agent is to retain the original LEOL in their loan file to accompany the FHA insurance application associated with the first mortgage.

CLOSED LOAN SUBMISSION CHECKLIST HO-0541 (10/15)

Use this form when submitting all closed loan files to THDA, regardless of the source of funding. This form can also be used as a checklist for submission of follow-up documentation. Complete all items on this form. Do not change the size of this form.

THDA RIDER HO-0440 (08/03)

The THDA Rider must be completed, executed, attached to and recorded with the deed of trust for all THDA first mortgage loans, regardless of loan type. The THDA Rider must be signed by all Borrowers who are required to sign the first deed of trust and recorded with the deed of trust.

**REQUEST FOR LOAN PURCHASE WITH ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND CERTIFICATION
HO-0444 (10/14)**

All loans closed by the Purchase Method must be accompanied by an executed Request For Loan Purchase with Acknowledgement and Certification when delivered to THDA. By submitting a loan file for purchase by THDA, each Originating Agent is deemed to affirm the Acknowledgement and Certification appearing on the master form of the Request For Loan Purchase with Acknowledgement and Certification with respect to each loan file submitted regardless of whether the Acknowledgement and Certification is included with the form submitted with a particular loan file.

Provide all information indicated. Check the appropriate box indicating whether the loan file is complete in all respects or not. Sign and date where indicated, print name and title, and provide telephone number. Omitted information may cause the loan file to be returned to the Originating Agent.

**DISCLOSURE OF LOAN TERMS FOR GREAT CHOICE PLUS SECOND MORTGAGE LOAN
HO-0574 (10/15)**

This disclosure is required to be presented to the Borrower by the Originating Agent before settlement. This disclosure meets the exemption requirements under Secretary of HUD's special notice "Exemptions from Coverage Under Sections 4 and 5 of RESPA for Certain Subordinate Loans Provided by Assistance Programs for Low to Moderate Income People" dated October, 2010. This disclosure is required if a LE/CD is not provided on the subordinate second mortgage loan.

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