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President Issues Executive Order on Discriminatory Housing Practices and Policies

Last week, President Joe Biden issued an [executive order](#) aimed at redressing the nation's and the federal government's history of discriminatory housing practices and policies. Specifically, the order directs the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development ([HUD](#)) to:

- Take all steps necessary to examine the effects of the August 7, 2020, rule entitled "[Preserving Community and Neighborhood Choice](#)," including the effect that repealing the July 16, 2015, rule entitled "[Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing](#)" has had on HUD's statutory duty to affirmatively further fair housing.
- Take all steps necessary to examine the effects of the September 24, 2020, rule entitled "[HUD's Implementation of the Fair Housing Act's Disparate Impact Standard](#)," including the effect that amending the February 15, 2013, rule entitled "[Implementation of the Fair Housing Act's Discriminatory Effects Standard](#)" has had on HUD's statutory duty to ensure compliance with the Fair Housing Act.
- Implement the Fair Housing Act's requirements and prevent practices with an unjustified discriminatory effect.

While the executive order does not explicitly state a timeline to make changes to these rules, it does reaffirm the administration's commitment to end housing discrimination.

HUD to Host Training on Detecting and Addressing Hazards from Mold

The Department of Housing and Urban Development ([HUD](#)) [announced](#) that it will be hosting a virtual training titled "Detecting and Addressing Hazards from Mold – Winter 2021." The training is intended to inform PHA staff about mold detection, causes, health concerns, and remediation procedures in housing units and common areas. The training ends with a proficiency assessment and certificate of course completion.

HUD is offering three deliveries of this training; each will cover the same content. All deliveries will take place over two days, with each day's session held from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Eastern time. Register for the delivery that fits your schedule. The dates are as follow:

- [Detecting and Addressing Hazards from Mold Training - Delivery 1](#) – February 18, 19, 2021
- [Detecting and Addressing Hazards from Mold Training - Delivery 2](#) – February 22, 23, 2021
- [Detecting and Addressing Hazards from Mold Training - Delivery 3](#) – February 24, 25, 2021

Click on each link for more information, including [instructions](#) on how to register. You must have a HUD Exchange account to register.



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