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HUD Posts Section 3 Final Rule Training Materials

The Department of Housing and Urban Development ([HUD](#)) has posted the materials for its “[Section 3 Final Rule Training](#),” which provides a better understanding of the [final rule](#) by detailing key changes to the program and reporting requirements. The posted materials include a [recording](#) from one of the sessions delivered over a three-day period in 2021, [exercises](#) that participants reviewed during the breakout sessions, the [transcript](#), and [slides](#) of the webinar.

As you know, Section 3 requires that recipients of certain types of HUD financial assistance provide training, employment, contracting, and other economic opportunities to low and very low-income individuals—and to businesses that provide economic opportunities to such persons—to the greatest extent possible. The final rule, which became effective on November 30, 2020, updated and streamlined Section 3 regulations and reporting requirements

HUD Announces Assistance for Kansas Disaster Survivors

In a [press release](#) last Friday, HUD announced the implementation of federal disaster assistance to supplement state and local recovery efforts in the areas of Kansas affected by severe storms and straight-line winds on December 15, 2021.

A presidential [major disaster declaration](#) issued on February 17, 2022, allows HUD to offer assistance to state, tribal, and eligible local governments and certain private nonprofit organizations on a cost-sharing basis for emergency work and the repair or replacement of damaged facilities in impacted counties. Effective immediately, the Department will:

- Grant a [90-day moratorium](#) on foreclosures of FHA-insured homes
- Make mortgage insurance available under [HUD's Section 203\(h\)](#) program
- Make insurance available for both mortgages and home rehabilitation under [HUD's Section 203\(k\) program](#)
- Make [information on housing providers](#) and HUD programs available
- Provide flexibility to Community Planning and Development Grantees, which can apply for needed administrative flexibility in response to natural disasters. For more information on applying for a waiver or suspension of program requirements, [contact](#) your local CPD program office.
- Provide flexibility to PHAs, which can apply for needed waivers and flexibilities for disaster relief and recovery. To find detailed information on applying for a waiver, click [here](#) for the latest *Federal Register* disaster relief notice. The Department also released Notice [PIH 2021-34](#), which advises the public of HUD's expedited process for waivers and flexibilities from HUD regulatory and administrative requirements for various public housing and voucher programs.
- Provide administrative flexibility to tribes and their tribally designated housing entities through regulatory waivers
- Ensure [HUD-approved housing counseling agencies](#) are ready to assist
- Assist with housing discrimination

Federal funding, provided by FEMA, is also available on a cost-sharing basis for hazard mitigation measures statewide. Click [here](#) for more information about disaster resources.



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