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VA IRRRL Transactions - COE's and VA Funding Fee Exemption Status

LOAN TYPE:

All Programs FNMA FHLMC FHA VA HUD-184 USDA Non-Agency

EFFECTIVE DATE:

Immediately

WHAT I NEED TO KNOW!

VA IRRRL transactions no longer require a Certificate of Eligibility (COE).

- The VA IRRRL Case assignment now documents eligibility and includes the funding fee exemption information.
- The Appraisal Status & History screen of the loan record in WebLGY also reflects the Veterans exemption status.
 - If needed during origination and processing of the loan due to a change, Lenders can print a verification of exemption status by clicking on **Print FF Status** in the **Appraisal Status & History screen** in WebLGY.

When WebLGY or the IRRRL case assignment, does **not** show that the veteran is exempt from paying the funding fee, a fully executed [Veterans Confirmation of Claim](#) form is required to be completed before closing to determine if a claim for compensation is pending with VA.

- When a claim is pending, additional action is needed. Apply existing guidance as shown in reminder below.

Reminder of existing guidance:

- **For Active-Duty Service members**
 - If an Active-Duty Service member has a pre-discharge claim pending, the lender should submit VA Form 26-8937, Verification of VA Benefits via WebGLY, and the lender must contact the VA Regional Loan Center (RLC) by email immediately to request assistance in obtaining a proposed or memorandum rating in the event that the service member may be exempt from paying the funding fee.
 - If a proposed or memorandum rating is not obtained and a closing takes place, the funding fee exemption does not apply, and the Service member will not be entitled to a refund.
- **For Non-Active-duty veterans**
 - If the veteran has a claim pending with VA, the lender must check the Veterans exemption status in WebLGY within 5 days of closing. Document the check by printing a Funding Fee Exempt Status verification from WebLGY as follows:
 - From the **Appraisal Status & History** screen in WebLGY, click on the ***Print FF Status*** button

HOW DOES THIS AFFECT ME?

REMINDER: This notice informs of the following

- It is no longer necessary to obtain a COE on IRRRL transactions
- How to identify the Veterans funding fee exemption status on VA IRRRL transactions
- Reminder to ensure all necessary supporting documentation requirements are met.