

<u>Technical Bulletin</u> Streamline Issuance of Conditional Commitment - Lenders Effective 03/28/2015 (Rev 06/2015)

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The USDA's Guaranteed Underwriting System (GUS) was updated during the weekend of March 28, 2015. Updates included: 1) Electronic delivery of Form RD 3555-18E, "Conditional Commitment," once issued by the USDA and 2) The ability for lenders to upload all origination documents (e.g. property appraisal report, Form RD 3555-21, etc.) into the GUS. System changes became effective on March 28, 2015. This technical bulletin provides users with information pertaining to system changes associated with the implementation. All GUS underwriting submissions performed by users on or after March 28, 2015 are subject to the new requirements.

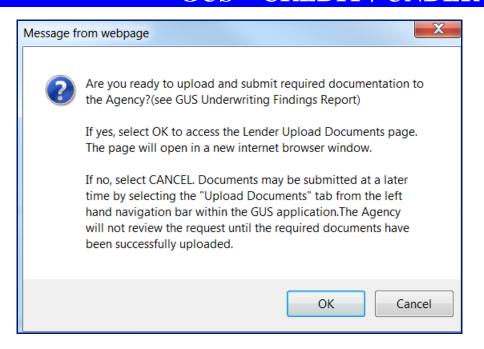
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| Conditional Commitment Recipients | | |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|
| Specify the e-mail address for recipient(s) o | of the Conditional Commitment issued by the Agency if the application is a | |
| Recipient 1 E-mail Address (F) Recipient 2 E-mail Address | | |
| Recipient 3 E-mail Address | | |
| Recipient 4 E-mail Address | | |
| Recipient 5 E-mail Address | | |

Lenders will receive Form RD 3555-18E, "Conditional Commitment," via E-mail once issued by the USDA. Lenders must complete the **Conditional Commitment Recipients** section of the GUS Credit / Underwriting Page prior to final submission.

The **Recipient 1 E-Mail Address** data field will be autopopulated with the user's E-mail address that initially created the GUS application (the E-mail address utilized is contained in the user's eAuthentication profile). The auto-populated E-mail address can be modified prior to application submission (e.g. if the user that established the application in GUS does not need to receive a copy of Form RD 3555-18E once issued, the **Recipient 1 E-Mail Address** field may be modified to indicate a different recipient). Lenders may indicate <u>up to 5</u> E-mail recipients to receive the Conditional Commitment.

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When a final submission request is successful a pop-up box will display asking the user if they are ready to upload/submit documents to the USDA.

NOTE: Documents are not required to be uploaded at the time of final submission. Users have the ability to upload documents in GUS at a later time. USDA will not review the request until all required documents are uploaded by the user.

If **OK** is selected, the **Lender Upload Documents Page** will open in a new internet browser window.

If **Cancel** is selected, the "GUS Underwriting Findings Report" will display.

GUS – LEFT HAND NAVIGATION MENU

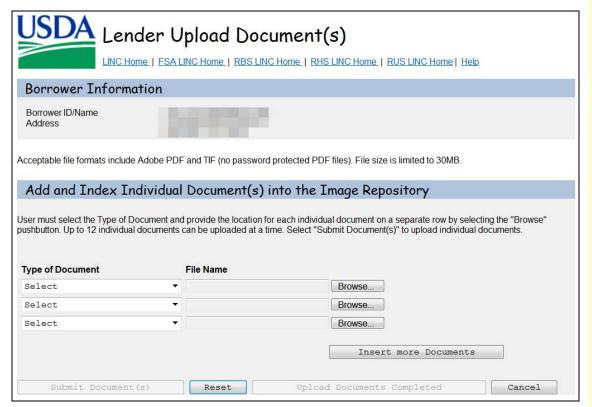
The upload documents feature is only available to users with a GUS Security Role that includes Final Submit Authority. No documents can be uploaded in GUS until a final submission has successfully processed. All GUS users will be able to view documents in GUS. Lenders will not be permitted to upload additional documents once the USDA has taken action on the loan (i.e. approved, rejected or withdrawn). Lenders will be able to view uploaded documents at all times regardless of loan status.



Once a final submission is successful, two new page tabs will become available in the GUS left hand navigation menu:

- 1. **View Documents** allows the user to view any document that has been uploaded by the lender. Documents uploaded by the USDA will also be available (e.g. Form RD 3555-18E, "Conditional Commitment").
- Upload Documents allows the user to upload required documents. This functionality is reserved for GUS users with a Security Role that includes Final Submit Authority (this includes GUS Security Administrators). NOTE: This is where users will navigate to upload documents if they choose not to upload at the time of final submission.

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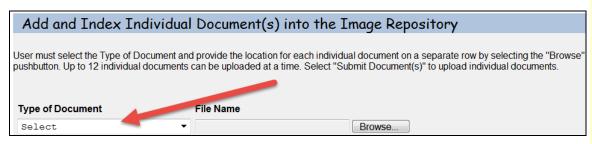
New (06/15) - Lender Upload Document(s) Page

Users can upload individual <u>files</u> containing:

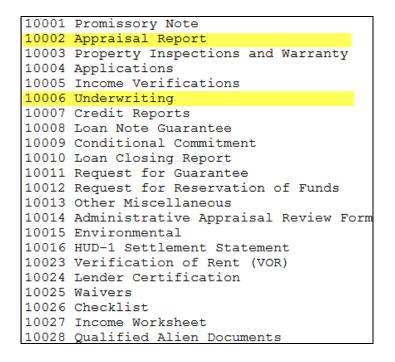
- 1. An individual document (e.g. appraisal report) and/or;
- 2. Multiple documents (e.g. 3555-21, flood cert, income verifications, etc.).

<u>NOTE</u>: The previous version of this page allowed users to upload batch files that were automatically indexed into individual documents by the system. This functionality has been removed.

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Type of Document Dropdown Menu:



Only two **Type of Document** indexes should be used when uploading files into GUS as follows:

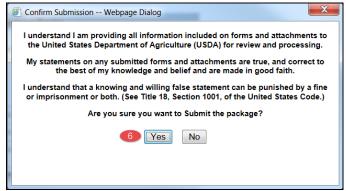
- 1. 10002 Appraisal Report
- 2. 10006 Underwriting

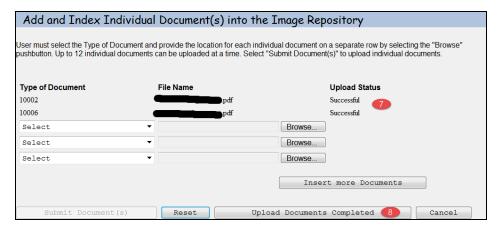
The Uniform Residential Appraisal Report (URAR) is required to be uploaded as an individual document and indexed as **Type of Document = 10002 Appraisal Report** (color photos are required).

All other underwriting documents are required to be uploaded as part of an individual file and indexed as **Type of Document = 10006 Underwriting**. Documents should be ordered in accordance with HB-1-3555 Attachment 15-A, "Origination Stacking Order Checklist," excluding the Uniform Residential Appraisal Report (URAR).

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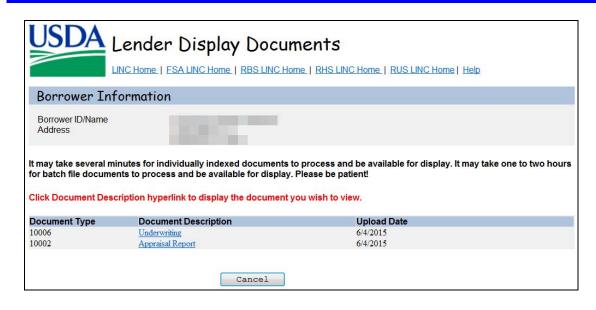




Upload Instructions:

- 1. Select **10002 Appraisal Report** as the **Type of Document** from the dropdown box.
- 2. Select **Browse** and identify the current location of the file for upload (e.g. user's Desktop).
- 3. Select **10006 Underwriting** as the **Type of Document** from the dropdown box.
- 4. Select **Browse** and identify the current location of file for upload (e.g. user's Desktop).
- 5. Select **Submit Document(s)** to upload both individual files.
- 6. A confirmation box will appear. The user must select **Yes** to continue with document upload.
- 7. An **Upload Status** is displayed on the **Lender Upload Document(s)** page (e.g. Successful).
- 8. Select the **Upload Documents Completed** pushbutton. The user is returned to GUS.

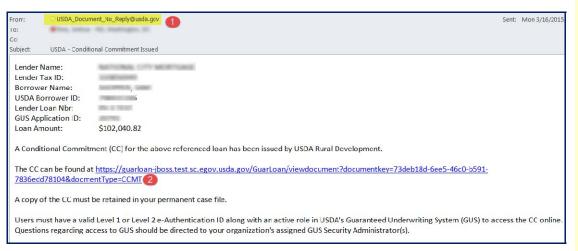
LENDER DISPLAY DOCUMENT(S) PAGE



The **Lender Display Documents** page displays when the user selects **View Documents** from the GUS left hand navigation menu. This page allows users to view individual documents by document type. Click on the https://hyperlink.corresponding to the **Document Description** you wish to view.

ELECTRONIC DELIVERY OF FORM RD 3555-18E, "CONDITIONAL COMMITMENT"

Form RD 3555-18E, "Conditional Commitment," will be electronically generated, signed, and delivered by USDA's internal system. Recipients listed by the lender on the GUS Credit / Underwriting page (see page 2 of this bulletin) will receive an E-mail notification when Form RD 3555-18E has been issued by the USDA. The E-mail notification will include a hyperlink that users can visit to retrieve Form RD 3555-18E.



Sample E-mail notification

- The sender will appear as
 <u>USDA Document No Reply@usda.gov.</u>
 Please ensure your E-mail inboxes are setup to receive incoming notifications from this address.
- 2. The body of the email contains a hyperlink that the user can select to obtain the document directly from USDA's system.

NOTE: User's will need to enter their eAuthentication credential after selecting the hyperlink. Users must have an active security role in the GUS to access the document electronically via hyperlink.

USDA-RD Form RD 3555-18E (Rev.3-15)

CONDITIONAL COMMITMENT FOR SINGLE FAMILY HOUSING LOAN GUARANTEE

Form RD 3555-18E will indicate the form was issued electronically in the top left hand corner. The current revision date of the form is 3-15.

This conditional commitment will expire on 06-14-15 unless the time is extended in writing by the Agency, or upon the Lender's earlier notification to the Agency that it does not desire to obtain an Agency guarantee.

This Conditional Commitment was electronically issued by:
The Guaranteed Loan System
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
RURAL HOUSING SERVICE

RHS APPROVAL OFFICIAL
Date CC Issued by System.93-16-15

There are changes to the signature block of the form:

- 1. Electronic issuance by the Guaranteed Loan System is indicated.
- 2. The approval official's electronic (typewritten) signature will appear in lieu of a traditional wet signature.