



Idaho AN 1887 (HB-1-3550)

April 25, 2016

SUBJECT: Idaho Approved Homeownership Education Providers  
Section 502 Direct Loan Program

TO: Area Directors  
Single Family Housing Specialists  
USDA, Rural Development, Idaho

PURPOSE/INTENDED OUTCOME: The purpose of this Administrative Notice is to advise Rural Development Field Offices of the approved Homeownership Education providers for Idaho.

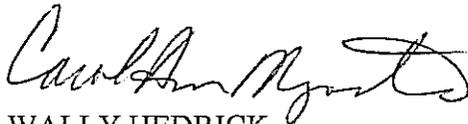
COMPARISONS WITH PREVIOUS ANs:

This AN replaces ID AN 1874, issued March 25, 2015 that expired March 31, 2016.

BACKGROUND AND IMPLEMENTATION RESPONSIBILITIES: Effective May 7, 2007, first-time homebuyers financed under the Section 502 Direct Loan Program must successfully complete an approved homeownership education course. The Loan Originator must ensure that early in the application process the applicant understands that a certificate of completion of a homeownership education course must be submitted before the loan can close. A certificate of completion of homeownership education by an approved provider that is less than 1 year old at date of loan closing will be considered acceptable.

Attached is a list of approved Homeownership Education Providers in Idaho. Classroom or one-on-one counseling is the preferred course. If the applicant lives in an area where classroom or one-on-one counseling is not available, they may use on-line counseling.

Please contact the Housing Program staff, if you have any questions.



for  
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State Director

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APPROVED HOMEOWNERSHIP EDUCATION PROVIDERS

The order of preference for homeowner education formats is as follows: (7 CFR 3550.11)

- Idaho Housing & Finance Association's "Finally Home!" Homebuyer Education "in person" classroom, one-on-one counseling. Cost is \$20 per student. Classes given by regional training partners throughout the state. Classes in English and Spanish at the Nampa location. Statewide training schedule can be accessed at the following website: <http://www.ihfa.org>.
- eHome America. Cost is \$75 (fee for participants identified as USDA applicants). In addition to taking the online course, which is available in both English and Spanish, eHome America requires one-on-one counseling via the telephone or in person in order for the Agency applicant to receive a certificate of completion. eHome America can be accessed at the following website: <http://www.eHomeAmerica.org>.
- Idaho Housing & Finance Association's "Finally Home!" online course. Cost is \$50. Available in English and Spanish. This course can be accessed at the following website: <http://www.ihfa.org>.
- Framework online course. Cost is \$75. Available in English and Spanish. Framework can be accessed at the following website: <http://www.frameworkhomeownership.org>.

A lower preference homeownership education format may be used when a higher preference format is not reasonably available in the local area, which is determined by factors such as distance, travel time, geographic obstacles, and cost.

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