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FHA Premium Cut Officially Reversed; Mortgagee Letter Already Out

As was being widely rumored yesterday, the newly installed Trump Administration has indefinitely **suspended a scheduled reduction** in the annual premium for Federal Housing Administration (FHA) insurance. A 25-basis point reduction in that premium was announced by then Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Secretary Julian Castro on January 9, scheduled to go into effect on January 27.

[Mortgagee Letter 2017-07](#) was issued **about an hour after** Donald Trump took the oath of office as President, counteracting the earlier Mortgagee Letter 2017-01. The new letter says "FHA will issue a subsequent Mortgagee Letter at a later date should this policy change."

National Average Mortgage Rates



	Rate	Change	Points
Mortgage News Daily			
30 Yr. Fixed	7.07%	+0.02	0.00
15 Yr. Fixed	6.45%	0.00	0.00
30 Yr. FHA	6.51%	+0.02	0.00
30 Yr. Jumbo	7.26%	0.00	0.00
5/1 ARM	7.02%	-0.01	0.00
Freddie Mac			
30 Yr. Fixed	6.86%	-0.01	0.00
15 Yr. Fixed	6.16%	+0.03	0.00
Mortgage Bankers Assoc.			
30 Yr. Fixed	7.02%	-0.05	0.65
15 Yr. Fixed	6.60%	-0.15	0.55
30 Yr. FHA	6.87%	0.00	0.92
30 Yr. Jumbo	7.18%	-0.03	0.54
5/1 ARM	6.45%	+0.08	0.81

Rates as of: 6/28

Recent Housing Data

		Value	Change
Mortgage Apps	Jun 12	208.5	+15.58%
Building Permits	Mar	1.46M	-3.95%
Housing Starts	Mar	1.32M	-13.15%
New Home Sales	Mar	693K	+4.68%
Pending Home Sales	Feb	75.6	+1.75%
Existing Home Sales	Feb	3.97M	-0.75%

APPENDIX 1.0 – MORTGAGE INSURANCE PREMIUMS

Upfront Mortgage Insurance Premium (UFMIP)
All Mortgages: 175 Basis Points (bps) (1.75%) of the Base Loan Amount.
Exceptions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Streamline Refinance and Simple Refinance Mortgages used to refinance a previous FHA-endorsed Mortgage on or before May 31, 2009 Hawaiian Home Lands (Section 247) Indian Lands (Section 248)
Indian Lands (Section 248) do not require a UFMIP.

Annual Mortgage Insurance Premium (MIP)			
Applies to all Mortgages except: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Streamline Refinance and Simple Refinance Mortgages used to refinance a previous FHA endorsed Mortgage on or before May 31, 2009 Hawaiian Home Lands (Section 247) 			
Hawaiian Home Lands (Section 247) do not require Annual MIP.			
Mortgage Term of More Than 15 Years			
Base Loan Amount	LTV	MIP (bps)	Duration
Less than or equal to \$625,500	≤ 90.00%	80	11 years
	> 90.00% but ≤ 95.00%	80	Mortgage term
	> 95.00%	85	Mortgage term
Greater than \$625,500	≤ 90.00%	100	11 years
	> 90.00% but ≤ 95.00%	100	Mortgage term
	> 95.00%	105	Mortgage term
Mortgage Term of Less than or Equal to 15 Years			
Base Loan Amount	LTV	MIP (bps)	Duration
Less than or equal to \$625,500	≤ 90.00%	45	11 years
	> 90.00%	70	Mortgage term
Greater than \$625,500	≤ 78.00%	45	11 years
	> 78.00% but ≤ 90.00%	70	11 years
	> 90.00%	95	Mortgage term

Streamline Refinance, Simple Refinance:

For refinance of previous Mortgage endorsed on or before May 31, 2009			
UFMIP: 1 (bps) (.01%) All Mortgages			
All Mortgage Terms			
Base Loan Amount	LTV	Annual MIP (bps)	Duration
All	≤ 90.00%	55	11 years
	> 90.00%	55	Mortgage term
For Mortgages where FHA does not require an appraisal, the value from the previous Mortgage is used to calculate the LTV.			

The Mortgage Bankers Association (MBA) reacted immediately to the shift. David H. Stevens, President and CEO, issued the following statement on behalf of MBA.

"We recognize the Administration's need to examine the overall health of the insurance program and weigh that against the benefits of lowering mortgage insurance premiums. Given that lenders have already started preparing for the MIP decrease, it is important that any new policy be implemented in a way that minimizes disruption for borrowers and lenders. MBA looks forward to working with the new Administration to ensure the long-term stability of the FHA program, creating an environment that provides clarity in regulations for lenders while at the same time promoting access to credit and protecting consumers."

Real Talk

At The Rate Shop, we're not your average mortgage banker. We specialize in bringing you ridiculously low interest rates that will make you wonder what the other guys are doing. In fact the ONLY objection we ever hear is "your rates sound too good to be true". Well they're not, and here is why...

After 15 years in the retail banking world I was frustrated with the high interest rates that came from that business model. As I looked around at all the bloated layers of management and their expensive salaries and the overhead of running a larger company (think rent costs, employee health and benefit costs, payroll taxes, and on and on) it dawned on me that I was a part of the problem, and the solution, for me at least, was so easy to see.

Start my own mortgage brokerage shop. No expensive executive salaries, no expensive building to pay rent at, no unnecessary employees and all the costs that are associated with that. What happens when you cut out all the fat? You can provide lower rates and lower closing costs. It's simple. Now here is the best part, you still get great service from a local Kansas City Lender. My mission is to let everyone know that low rates and great customer service are NOT mutually exclusive.

Thanks for coming along on this journey where Low Rates meet Great Service. The two do NOT have to be mutually exclusive. It's just a lie that the big box mortgage companies have been telling you for years. Don't believe me? Give me a call or shoot me a text on my personal cell phone today and compare my rates and costs up against any other lender in the country, and be prepared to be blown away.

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