



FTHB BULLETIN #2 (FY 2012-2013)

TO: Participating FTHB Lenders
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SUBJECT: CITIZENSHIP DOCUMENTATION

FTHB is a federally funded program and must adhere to guidelines promulgated by HUD. All household members (whether or not they will be going on the loan) must be either a US Citizen or Qualified Alien as defined by Section 431 of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act (PRWORA). If any household member (whether or not they're going on the loan) does not meet these criteria, the household does not qualify for FTHB assistance.

All household members must provide documentation evidencing citizenship status as well as a valid US social security number. This documentation is required at time of initial application.

Acceptable documentation of citizenship includes birth certificates, valid and unexpired US passports and Permanent Resident Alien cards (a legible copy of the front and back of the card). If a household member meets the definition of a Qualified Alien as per Section 431 of the PRWORA in a category other than Permanent Resident Alien, incontrovertible documentation evidencing that status will be required from the USCIS (US Citizenship and Immigration Services).

For more information regarding PRWORA Section 431 definitions, please go to http://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/rules/Legislation/pdfs/PL_104-193.pdf.

For more information: If you have any questions or would like more information, contact the EDA Housing staff at (951) 955-3389 or www.rchomelink.com.

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