FHA Derogatory Credit Wait Periods

(Applies to Case Numbers assigned on or after September 14, 2015)

	Wait Period - No Extenuating Circumstance	Wait Period - With Extenuating Circumstance* Requires downgrade to manual underwrite
Event Type	DU/TOTAL	Manual Underwrite
Bankruptcy Chapter 7 & 11	≥ 2 years from discharge (measured from event end date to case number assignment) If < 2 years must be downgraded to manual underwrite	 < 2 years from discharge 12 - 24 months eligible subject to: Documented extenuating circumstances, and Borrower has re-established good credit, or Borrower has chosen not to incur new credit obligations NOTE: < 12 months ineligible
Bankruptcy Chapter 13	 ≥ 2 years from discharge or dismissal (measured from event end date to case number assignment) If < 2 years must be downgraded to manual underwrite 	 < 2 years eligible subject to: A minimum of 1-year of pay-out has occurred, and All required payments have been made on time, and Written permission from the bankruptcy court to enter into a mortgage loan, and The event that led to the bankruptcy is not likely to recur
Foreclosure/ Deed-in-Lieu	≥ 3 years (measured from date of title transfer to case number assignment)	Less than 3 years eligible if: • Documented extenuating circumstance, and • Borrower has re-established good credit, or • Borrower has chosen not to incur new credit obligations
Short Sale/ Pre-foreclosure	≥ 3 years (measured from date of title transfer to case number assignment)	Less than 3 years eligible if: Documented extenuating circumstance, and Borrower has re-established good credit
Short Sale - Current at time of sale	≥ 3 years (measured from date of title transfer to case number assignment)	 Wait period is waived if: Borrower has made all of the payments below within the month due in the 12 months preceding the short sale (i.e. 0x30 in 12 months): Mortgage payments, and Installment payments

*HUD defines extenuating circumstances as an event outside the borrower's control such as serious illness or the death of a wage earner.

Divorce or inability to sell the property including when trying to sell due to job transfer or relocation are **not** considered an extenuating circumstance.