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Mortgagee Letter 2017-10

To	All FHA-approved Mortgagees All Direct Endorsement Underwriters All FHA Roster Appraisers All FHA Roster Inspectors All FHA-approved 203(k) Consultants All HUD-approved Housing Counselors All HUD-approved Nonprofit Organizations All Governmental Entity Participants All Real Estate Brokers All Closing Agents
Subject	Additional Period of Eligibility for 203(h) Mortgage Insurance for Disaster Victims of Specific Presidentially-Declared Major Disaster Areas (PMDMA) in Louisiana
Purpose	The purpose of this Mortgagee Letter is to announce the additional period of eligibility for section 203(h) mortgage, as a result of the extension of Federal Assistance for victims of the March 13, 2016 and August 14, 2016 Presidentially-Declared Major Disaster Areas of Louisiana, in accordance with 24 CFR § 203.18(e)(3).
Effective Date	The provisions of this Mortgagee Letter are effective immediately.
Affected Programs	This guidance will affect Handbook 4000.1, section II.A.8.b.ii.(A)(1), <i>Application Deadline</i> .
Background	In accordance with Handbook 4000.1, for mortgages insured under Section 203(h), the FHA case number must be assigned within one year of the date the PDMDA is declared unless an additional period of eligibility is provided.

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**Extension of
Period of
Eligibility**

The 203(h) program period of eligibility is extended for case numbers assigned on or before September 8, 2017, for the following Presidentially-Declared Major Disaster Areas:

- Louisiana Severe Storms and Flooding (DR-4263) declared on March 13, 2016; and,
 - Louisiana Severe Storms and Flooding (DR-4277) declared on August 14, 2016.
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