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## Updates to VA Eligibility Request Forms 26-1880 and 26-1817

1. <u>Purpose</u>. The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is publishing this Circular to advise stakeholders that VA Form 26-1880, *Request for a Certificate of Eligibility*, and VA Form 26-1817, *Request for Determination of Loan Guaranty Eligibility – Unmarried Surviving Spouses*, have been revised.

2. <u>Background</u>. VA Forms 26-1880 and 26-1817 are used by applicants to request a determination of VA home loan eligibility. VA has updated these forms to include additional fields that may assist VA in determining eligibility, evaluate prior loan usage, and assess the appropriate funding fee percentage. Lenders should continue to submit electronic applications through WebLGY at <u>https://lgy.va.gov/lgyhub/</u>. While the form does not necessarily need to be uploaded to WebLGY, the completed form should be retained in the lender's loan file.

3. <u>Action</u>. Stakeholders should immediately discontinue using previous versions of both forms. Updated forms are available on VA's website: <u>https://www.va.gov/find-forms/</u>.

4. <u>Questions</u>. For questions or comments regarding the updated forms, please contact a VA at 1-877-827-3702, between the hours of 8:00 AM and 6:00 PM Eastern time.

5. <u>Paperwork Reduction Act</u>. The information collection requirements contained in this document have been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. § 3501-3520), and assigned OMB control numbers 2900-0086 and 2900-0055. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, VA may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless the collection displays a currently valid OMB control number.

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By Direction of the Under Secretary for Benefits

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