

Transmittal of Change 46 to VA Pamphlet 26-7, Revised, VA Lender's Handbook (02/27/26)

To: Lenders and Other Participants in the Loan Guaranty Program

Purpose

This transmittal announces the removal of five (5) minimum property requirements (MPRs) that were found to be superfluous and are being struck from VA's Lender Handbook under Chapter 12 Minimum Property Requirements.

Effective Date

This change will become effective for all VA appraisals ordered after May 1st, 2026.

Changes

1. Topic 1, Subtopics g and i, Detached Improvements and SAH RLC Jurisdiction, have been removed.
2. Topic 23, Subtopic b, Non-Vented Heater, has been removed.
3. Topic 32, Subtopic a, Properties Built in 1978 or later, has been condensed.
4. Topic 32, Subtopic b, Properties Built Before 1978, phrase "or related improvements," has been removed.
5. Topic 34, Radon Gas, has been removed in its entirety.

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