

VA Form 26-0592 Update

1. **Purpose.** The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is publishing this Circular to advise the lending industry that VA Form 26-0592 has been updated.

2. **Background.** Each active-duty Service member who applies for a VA-guaranteed home loan must be counseled through the use of VA Form 26-0592, Counseling Checklist for Military Homebuyers.¹ VA Form 26-0592 has been updated to include information pertaining to recent changes in VA home loan policy and law. Specifically, the checklist now explains how Veterans with a pre-discharge claim pending can pursue exemption from the VA funding fee. It also includes direction for active-duty Service members awarded the Purple Heart to provide documentation of the award to be considered for VA funding fee exemption.

3. **Action.** Please discontinue use of the old VA Form 26-0592, and begin using the version dated December 2021 immediately. The form should be provided to active-duty Service members² along with the Uniform Residential Loan Application (URLA) to allow time for applicants to gather and provide documentation necessary for VA funding fee exemption, if applicable, prior to loan closing.

4. **Questions.** For questions or comments regarding the updated VA Form 26-0592, please contact a VA Loan Specialist at 1-877-827-3702, between the hours of 8:00 AM and 6:00 PM Eastern time.

5. **Rescission.** This Circular is rescinded January 1, 2024.

By Direction of the Under Secretary for Benefits

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¹ 38 CFR § 36.4340(f)(2)(iii)

² See 38 U.S.C. § 101(21) for the definition of “active duty.”