

Training	Monthly rate			
	No dependents	One dependent	Two dependents	Additional for each additional dependent
1st six months of pursuit of program .....	\$590.25	\$602.63	\$613.50	\$5.25
2nd six months of pursuit of program .....	413.88	423.23	430.93	3.85
3rd six months of pursuit of program .....	251.30	257.43	262.15	2.45
Remaining pursuit of program .....	239.40	245.18	250.43	2.45

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 3015(e), (f), (g))

(5) The monthly rate of basic educational assistance payable to a veteran who is pursuing a cooperative course is the rate stated in the following table:

Training period	Monthly rate			
	No dependents	One dependent	Two dependents	Additional for each additional dependent
Oct. 1, 1999–Sept. 30, 2000 .....	\$724.00	\$760.00	\$791.00	\$16.00
Oct. 1, 2000–Oct. 31, 2000 .....	740.00	776.00	807.00	16.00
Nov. 1, 2000–Sept. 30, 2001 .....	838.00	874.00	905.00	16.00

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 3015)

(b) *Less than one-half-time training.* Except as provided in paragraphs (d) and (e) of this section, the monthly rate of basic educational assistance for a veteran who is pursuing a course on a less than one-half-time basis is the lesser of:

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(c) *Rates for servicemembers.* The monthly rate of basic educational assistance for a servicemember may not exceed the lesser of the following rates (except as provided in paragraph (d) of this section):

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(2) (i) The following monthly rates for training that occurs after September 30, 2000, and before November 1, 2000—

- (A) \$740.00 for full-time training;
- (B) \$555.50 for three-quarter-time training;
- (C) \$370.00 for one-half-time training and training that is less than one-half but more than one-quarter-time training; and
- (D) \$185.00 for one-quarter-time training; and

(ii) The following monthly rates for training that occurs after October 31, 2000, and before October 1, 2001—

- (A) \$838.00 for full-time training;
- (B) \$629.00 for three-quarter-time training;
- (C) \$419.00 for one-half-time training and training that is less than one-half but more than one-quarter-time training; and
- (D) \$209.50 for one-quarter-time training.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 3015(d), (f))

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**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

**38 CFR Part 36**

**RIN 2900-AK72**

**Delegation of Authority—Portfolio Loan Servicing Contractor**

**AGENCY:** Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** This document delegates to certain officers of the entity performing loan servicing functions under a contract with the Secretary authority to execute all documents necessary for the servicing and termination of a loan made or acquired by the Secretary.

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* June 14, 2001.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Richard Fyne, Assistant Director for Loan Management (261), Veterans Benefits Administration, 810 Vermont Ave., Washington, DC 20420, telephone 202-273-7380.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The provisions of 38 U.S.C. chapter 37 authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs (VA) to guarantee or make loans to veterans. Under a number of circumstances VA becomes the holder of a housing loan. The most common reasons are: VA acquired the property

securing a guaranteed loan following foreclosure and sold the security on terms (sometimes called a “vendee loan.”), VA took an assignment of (or “refund”) a guaranteed loan pursuant to 38 U.S.C. 3732(a)(2), or VA made a direct loan to a veteran pursuant to 38 U.S.C. 3711 or 3761.

VA has contracted with a private entity for the servicing of its housing loan portfolio. In order to increase the efficiency of this contract, certain officers of the contractor are being delegated authority to execute, on behalf of VA, routine documents necessary for the servicing and foreclosing of the loans being serviced.

Currently, 38 CFR 36.4342 authorizes certain VA officials, such as field station Directors, Loan Guaranty Officers, and Assistant Loan Guaranty Officers, to execute these documents. Regional Offices are required to maintain a cumulative list of all employees of that office who have held the designated positions since May 1, 1980.

This rule adds a new paragraph (e) to 38 CFR 36.4342 which delegates to persons holding the office of Vice President, Assistant Vice President, and Assistant Secretary of the entity performing loan servicing functions under a contract with VA the authority to execute all documents necessary for the servicing and termination of a housing loan made or acquired by VA. Documents authorized to be executed will include loan modification agreements, notices of default, notices of appointment or substitution of trustees, releases or satisfactions of mortgages,

loan assumption agreements, deeds tendered upon satisfaction or conversion of an installment land sales contract, and documents related to filing, pursuing and settling claims with hazard insurance companies.

The Director of the VA Loan Guaranty Service, Washington, DC, will maintain a log listing all corporate officers of the contractor who have been authorized to execute documents and the dates during which these persons were authorized to act. VA will also maintain copies of resolutions of the contractor's board of directors authorizing these persons to execute these documents. Those files will be available for public inspection and copying during normal business hours at the Office of the Director of VA Loan Guaranty Service, Washington, DC 20420.

This authority does not apply, however, with respect to loans under the pilot program for multifamily transitional housing projects for homeless veterans under 38 U.S.C. chapter 37, subchapter vi. Such loans will not be serviced by the contractor servicing the VA loan portfolio.

The provisions of 38 CFR 36.4342(e) are published without regard to the notice and comment and delayed effective date provisions of 5 U.S.C. 553 since they relate to agency management and personnel and are not substantive rules.

#### **Paperwork Reduction Act**

This document contains no provisions constituting a collection of information under the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501-3520).

#### **Executive Order 12866**

This document has been reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget under Executive Order 12866.

#### **Regulatory Flexibility Act**

The Secretary of Veterans Affairs hereby certifies that this final rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities as they are defined in the Regulatory Flexibility Act, 5 U.S.C. 601-612. The final rule relates to agency management and personnel and does not contain substantive provisions. Accordingly, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 605(b), this final rule is exempt from the initial and final regulatory flexibility analysis requirements of §§ 603 and 604.

There is no Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number for this program.

#### **List of Subjects in 38 CFR Part 36**

Condominiums, Housing, Indians, Individuals with disabilities, Loan

programs-housing and community development, Loan programs, Indians, Loan programs-veterans, Manufactured homes, Mortgage insurance, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Veterans.

Approved: March 14, 2001.

**Anthony J. Principi,**

*Secretary of Veterans Affairs.*

For the reasons set out in the preamble, 38 CFR is amended as set forth below.

### **PART 36—LOAN GUARANTY**

1. The authority citation of part 36 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 38 U.S.C. 501, 3701-3704, 3707, 3710-3714, 3719, 3720, 3729, 3762, unless otherwise noted.

2. In § 36.4342, paragraph (e) is added immediately following paragraph (d); and the authority citation at the end of the section is revised to read as follows:

#### **§ 36.4342 Delegation of authority.**

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(e)(1) Authority is hereby delegated to the officers, designated in paragraph (e)(2) of this section, of the entity performing loan servicing functions under a contract with the Secretary to execute on behalf of the Secretary all documents necessary for the servicing and termination of a loan made or acquired by the Secretary pursuant to 38 U.S.C. chapter 37 (other than under subchapter vi of that chapter). Documents executed under this paragraph include but are not limited to: loan modification agreements, notices of default and other documents necessary for loan foreclosure or termination, notices of appointment or substitution of trustees under mortgages or deeds of trust, releases or satisfactions of mortgages or deeds of trust, acceptance of deeds-in-lieu of foreclosure, loan assumption agreements, loan assignments, deeds tendered upon satisfaction or conversion of an installment land sales contract, and documents related to filing, pursuing and settling claims with insurance companies relating to hazard coverage on properties securing loans being serviced.

(2) The designated officers are: Vice President, Assistant Vice President, and Assistant Secretary.

(3) The Director, Loan Guaranty Service, Washington, DC, shall maintain a log listing all persons authorized to execute documents pursuant to paragraph (e) of this section and the dates such persons held such authority, together with certified copies of resolutions of the board of directors of

the entity authorizing such individuals to perform the functions specified in paragraph (e)(1) of this section. These records shall be available for public inspection and copying at the Office of the Director of VA Loan Guaranty Service, Washington, DC 20420.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 501, 3720(a)(5))

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### **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

#### **40 CFR Part 52**

[DE053-1029a; FRL-6996-5]

#### **Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Delaware; Conversion of the Conditional Approval of the NO<sub>x</sub> RACT Regulation to a Full Approval and Approval of NO<sub>x</sub> RACT Determinations for Three Sources**

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Direct final rule.

**SUMMARY:** EPA is taking direct final action to approve revisions to the Delaware State Implementation Plan (SIP) submitted by the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC). These revisions were submitted to satisfy the condition imposed by EPA in its conditional limited approval of Delaware's regulation requiring reasonably available control technology (RACT) for major sources of nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>). This action converts EPA's conditional limited approval of Delaware Regulation 12, Control of NO<sub>x</sub> Emissions, to a full approval. EPA is also taking direct final action to approve three source-specific NO<sub>x</sub> RACT determinations. These actions are being taken under the Clean Air Act (CAA).

**DATES:** This rule is effective on August 13, 2001 without further notice, unless EPA receives adverse written comment by July 16, 2001. If EPA receives such comments, it will publish a timely withdrawal of the direct final rule in the **Federal Register** and inform the public that the rule will not take effect.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be mailed to David L. Arnold, Chief, Air Quality Planning and Information Services Branch, Mailcode 3AP21, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103. Copies of the documents relevant to this action are available for public inspection during normal business