



## **FAIR HOUSING ACRONYMS AND TERMS**

The housing industry, like most industries, utilizes a unique set of terms that sets it apart from other groups. As with many terms and phrases that are frequently referenced or subjected to quick and easy abbreviation, acronyms have been developed and are generally substituted for the term or phrase.

The Department of Housing and Urban Development, commonly referred to as “HUD,” utilizes an abundance of acronyms in all aspects of its business. Attached is a list of common HUD acronyms often used in regard to “fair housing” and other related housing subject matters.

These acronyms are generally included in various documents, such as training guides, HUD guidance materials, contracts, development proposals, financial analyses, feasibility studies, informational papers and other housing industry-related materials.

The list is not intended to be a comprehensive reference of all HUD acronyms related to fair housing. The list may also include acronyms that are common to other industries, groups or associations.

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(COMMON HUD USAGE)

ACA	ANNUAL COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT
ACC	ANNUAL CONTRIBUTIONS CONTRACT
ACORN	ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS FOR REFORM NOW
ADA	AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT
ARELLO	ASSOCIATION OF REAL ESTATE LICENSE LAW OFFICIALS
AFFH	AFFIRMATIVELY FURTHERING FAIR HOUSING
AFHM	AFFIRMATIVE FAIR HOUSING MARKETING
AHS	AMERICAN HOUSING SURVEY
AI	ANALYSIS OF IMPEDIMENTS (To Fair Housing Choice)
BLS	BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS
CHR	COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS
CD	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
CDBG	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (Program)
CHAS	COMPREHENSIVE HOUSING AFFORDABILITY STRATEGY
CHDO	COMMUNITY AND HOUSING DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION
CHRB	COMMUNITY HOUSING RESOURCE BOARD
CIG	COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT GRANT
CLPHA	COUNCIL OF LARGE PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITIES
C O C	CONTINUUM OF CARE (Approach of Assistance to Homeless)
COSDA	COUNCIL OF STATE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCIES
CPD	COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
CRA	COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT ACT (of 1977)
EDA	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION
EDI	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE
EDSS	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES
EHOP	EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY PLAN
ESG	EMERGENCY SHELTER GRANTS (PROGRAM)
FAIR	FAIR ACCESS TO INSURANCE REQUIREMENT (Plan)
FHA	FEDERAL HOUSING ADMINISTRATION
FHAP	FAIR HOUSING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
FH/EEO	FAIR HOUSING/EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
FHIP	FAIR HOUSING INITIATIVE PROGRAM
FHP	FAIR HOUSING PLANNING
FMR	FAIR MARKET RENT
HAMP	HOME AFFORDABLE MODIFICATION PROGRAM
HAP	HOUSING ASSISTANCE PLAN

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HARP	HOME AFFORDABLE REFINANCE PROGRAM
HCV	HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER
HDS	HOUSING DISCRIMINATION STUDY
HFA	HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY
HMDA	HOME MORTGAGE DISCLOSURE ACT (of 1975)
HOME	HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS
HOME	HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES MADE EQUAL
HOPWA	HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PEOPLE WITH AIDS (Program)
HUD	DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
ICDBG	INDIAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT
IHA	INDIAN HOUSING AUTHORITIES
IHBG	INDIAN HOUSING BLOCK GRANTS
LIHTC	LOW INCOME HOUSING TAX CREDIT
MAHRA	MULTIFAMILY ASSISTED HOUSING REFORM AND AFFORDABILITY ACT (of 1997)
MBA	MORTGAGE BANKERS ASSOCIATION
MBE	MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE
MHA	MAKING HOME AFFORDABLE
MFI	MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME
MLS	MULTIPLE LISTING SERVICE
MPDU	MODERATELY PRICED DWELLING UNIT
MSA	METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA
NAA	NATIONAL APARTMENT ASSOCIATION
NAHA	NATIONAL AFFORDABLE HOUSING ACT (of 1990)
NACO	NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY OFFICIALS
NAHB	NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF HOME BUILDERS
NAHRO	NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT OFFICIALS
NAPAS	NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PROTECTION AND ADVOCACY SYSTEM
NAR	NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS
NCAI	NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS
NCDA	NATIONAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION
NCLR	NATIONAL COUNCIL OF LA RAZA
NCRC	NATIONAL COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT COALITION
NAREB	NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF REAL ESTATE BROKERS
NFHA	NATIONAL FAIR HOUSING ALLIANCE
NIMBY	“NOT IN MY BACK YARD” (Phrase)
NOFA	NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY
NTO	NATIONAL TENANT’S ORGANIZATION

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OCC	OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER OF THE CURRENCY
OHHLHC	OFFICE OF HEALTHY HOMES AND LEAD HAZARD CONTROL
PFS	PERFORMANCE FUNDING SYSTEM
PHA	PUBLIC HOUSING AGENCY
PHDEP	PUBLIC HOUSING DRUG ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM
PIH	PUBLIC AND INDIAN HOUSING (Office of)
PSA	PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT
RHIIP	RENTAL HOUSING INTEGRITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT
ROSS	RESIDENT OPPORTUNITY AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES
SAMA	SITE APPRAISAL AND MARKET ANALYSIS
SEMAP	SECTION 8 MANAGEMENT ASSESSMENT PROGRAM
SMSA	STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA
SRO	SINGLE-ROOM OCCUPANCY
TDHE	TRIBALLY DESIGNATED HOUSING ENTITY
TSAP	TENANT SELECTION AND ASSIGNMENT PLAN
TTY	TEXT TELEPHONE OR TELETYPEWRITER
VA	VETERANS ADMINISTRATION
VAMA	VOLUNTARY AFFIRMATIVE MARKETING AGREEMENT
VCA	VOLUNTARY COMPLIANCE AGREEMENT