



Homeownership Program Bulletin

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To: CalHFA Approved Lenders

First-Time Homebuyer Exemption for Veterans Effective: June 8, 2009

CalHFA is pleased to extend the First-Time Homebuyer Exemption for qualified veterans. This exemption allows qualified veterans to use one of CalHFA's first mortgage loan programs without meeting the first-time homebuyer requirement. The exemption applies to reservations made on or after June 8, 2009. CalHFA subordinate loan programs remain available only to first-time homebuyers, and are not covered by this exemption.

A veteran is defined as a person who served in the active military, naval or air service and was discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable. The veteran must occupy the home financed by CalHFA as his or her permanent residence. At least one borrower to the transaction must be a qualified veteran, and the veteran may only take advantage of this special exemption one time. Lenders must submit to CalHFA a copy of the veteran's DD214 when requesting the exemption.

CalHFA's Homeownership Division thanks you for your business and we look forward to continuing to support your affordable housing loan needs. For questions about this bulletin, contact CalHFA Homeownership Programs by phone 916.324.8088; by fax 916.324.6589; by email at homeownership@calhfa.ca.gov and you can always visit CalHFA's web site at: www.calhfa.ca.gov