

Notice to Applicants or Borrowers

Rural Development is implementing a wage and benefit matching system in Single Family Housing (SFH) programs. The goal of the system is to find and prevent fraud, waste, and abuse of Federal benefits. We plan to achieve this goal through the early detection of inaccurate or incomplete information on Form RD 1910-5, "Request for Verification of Employment," and other income statements used to verify benefits or income or the failure to provide employment information. This notice is to inform you about the program and how it may affect you.

Beginning on [insert the appropriate date], Rural Development will have the capability to review wage and benefit information from Missouri Employment Security for comparison with information provided on your most current income statement. This information will be compared against the income statement provided by you and any adult members of your household.

Rural Development assumes that income statements are completed as accurately as possible, although errors do occur. There are also those who report erroneous or incomplete information in order to qualify for Federal benefits.

Should a review of Missouri Employment Security data reveal a substantial discrepancy, we will contact you to ask for more information to correct any errors or to find out why the information you gave us is different from the information provided from Missouri Employment Security. The intent of Rural Development is not to harass you, but merely to resolve discrepancies or errors as early as possible. The Agency may also look at your past certifications to recover any improper assistance you may have received in the past.

You will be advised of your right to have your case reviewed by a representative from the National Appeal Division (NAD) should the matter not be satisfactorily resolved. No corrective actions will be initiated unless you agree in writing, or the time for requesting a review by the NAD has passed.

If you have any further questions, please contact our office.