

# THE CU™ CHECKPOINT INT

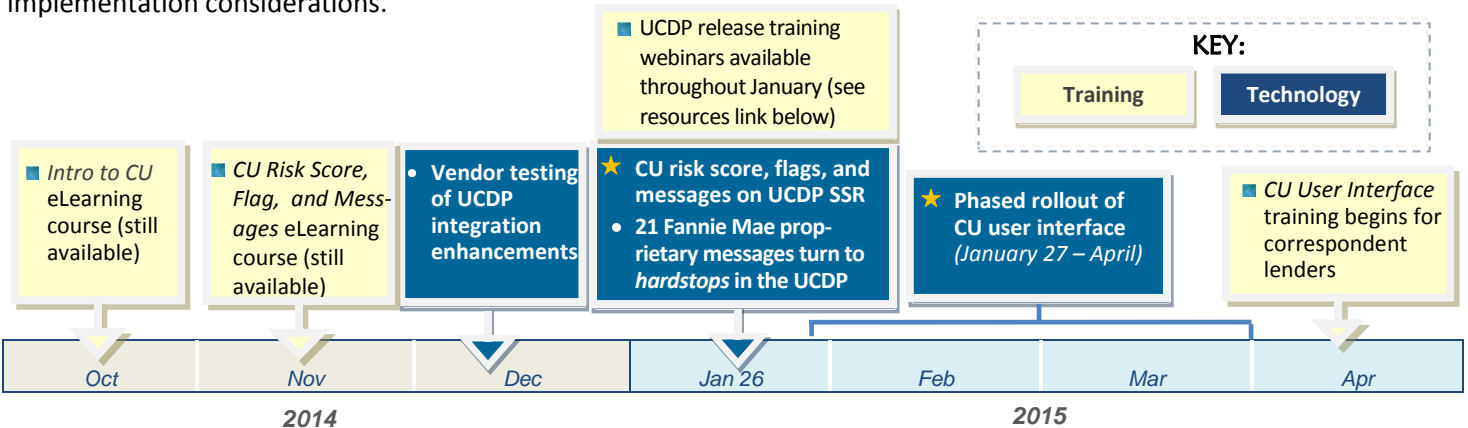


The “CU CheckPoint” provides implementation tips and milestone targets as you prepare to begin using Fannie Mae’s Collateral Underwriter (CU). The CU CheckPoint will be updated throughout the CU rollout phases to help you maximize the efficiency of your implementation.

*Stay on Track with CU!*

## PREPARING FOR CU RISK SCORE, FLAGS, AND MESSAGES

To prepare for Collateral Underwriter™ (CU™) risk score, flags, and messages in the Uniform Collateral Data Portal® (UCDP®), lenders should begin taking the appropriate steps toward implementation. CU is an appraisal risk assessment tool that will provide real-time feedback on appraisal submissions starting with the January 26, 2015, UCDP release with phased access to the user interface. Refer to the information below for key CU dates, training opportunities, and implementation considerations.



### IMPORTANT FACTS

- ❖ CU risk score, flags, and messages will be available through the UCDP beginning January 26, 2015.
- ❖ CU risk score, flags, and messages will display in UCDP on the Fannie Mae tab and the Submission Summary Report (SSR), the same way Fannie Mae proprietary messages are provided. You may also use your integration solution to return CU risk score, flags, and messages in your systems.
- ❖ Consider working with your integration vendor to return CU risk score, flags, and messages in your systems as well as implementing override codes for new hardstop messages.
- ❖ A phased roll-out of the CU user interface will occur from late January until April. Lenders will receive more information about their implementation phase. Training will be available.
- ❖ CU does not require integration – user interface access is obtained through a unique URL (registration required).

### PREPARING FOR CU IMPLEMENTATION – What You Should Begin Doing Now

✓ Understand and adjust UCDP submission and review process as needed	✓ Considerations for enhancing your process	✓ Enhance UCDP integration to capture CU risk score, flags, and messages and hardstop proprietary messages
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Appraisal submission in <a href="#">UCDP</a> must take place <i>prior</i> to appraisal review if you wish to incorporate CU’s risk score, flags, and messages in the review process.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">21 Fannie Mae Proprietary Messages</a> will become fatal effective Jan. 26, 2015. These messages have a very small failure rate, but will require an updated appraisal or manual override in UCDP. As a result, submission status may vary between GSEs.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Ensure you have an effective process in place to check and store UCDP success status and associated messages separately for both GSE SSRs; configure your system(s) as needed.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Determine your own risk tolerance and develop policies and procedures regarding the CU risk score.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Implement management assessment of score and message trends for continuous quality improvement.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Use CU to more effectively allocate resources in your appraisal review process for varying levels of deeper appraisal review.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Contact lender agents and/or vendors for information on their implementation plans and availability to add the manual override codes to their UCDP integration.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Contact IT staff about bringing the override codes back into your system.</li> </ul> <div style="background-color: #d9ead3; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p><b>TIP:</b> Check off the steps as you complete them along the way toward CU implementation.</p> </div>

*Additional considerations for lenders with a correspondent channel*

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Ensure your process checks UCDP submission status and messages from each GSE and your systems capture status from each GSE independently.</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Enhance correspondent channel pre-funding QC and non-delegated underwriting processes to review and enforce correspondent customer guidance and policies.</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Ensure your internal staff attends Fannie Mae training.</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Identify and communicate guidance and policies for correspondent handling of manual overrides, CU risk score, flags and messages, and supporting file documentation.</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Determine if you desire to capture and enter the CU risk score and any related messages into your correspondent channel systems as part of your data entry process.</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Ensure correspondent customers clearly understand these changes and encourage them to implement UCDP integration with vendors and IT staff.</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Ensure correspondent customers attend Fannie Mae training.</li></ul> |
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**RESOURCES  
& TRAINING:**

[Collateral Underwriter Page](#)  
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