

The Uniform Act Regulations at 49 CFR Part 24 – New Rule Fact Sheet

Q. Where can I find the New Rule online?

- A. All the information currently available from FHWA can be accessed at:
<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2024/05/03/2024-08736/uniform-relocation-assistance-and-real-property-acquisition-for-federal-and-federally-assisted>

Q. When was the New Rule published and when is it effective?

- A. The New Rule was published in the Federal Register on May 3, 2024, and is effective as of June 3, 2024.

Q. What's changed in the New Rule?

- A. Kind of a lot. FHWA is in the process preparing guidance to provide users of the URA regs and will make those resources available on the FHWA website in the coming weeks and months.

Q. What do we need to know right now?

- A. Probably the most important changes to be aware of right now are the increased waiver valuation thresholds and the relocation payment caps that have been adjusted upwards beyond the 2014 MAP-21 amounts. Here is a non-exclusive list:

- Section 24.102(c)(2)(ii)(C) increases the **waiver valuation thresholds** for property acquisitions with an estimated fair market value from \$10,000 to **\$15,000** for the first tier, and \$25,000 to **\$35,000** for the second tier.
- Section 24.102(n)(3) increases the **conflict of interest limits** to **\$15,000** and **\$35,000**.
- Section 24.301(g)(18)(i) increases the **maximum payment for searching for a replacement location** from \$2,500 to **\$5,000**.
- Section 24.304 increases the **maximum reestablishment expenses — nonresidential moves payment** from \$25,000 to **\$33,200**.
- Section 24.305(a) increases the **maximum fixed payment for moving expenses — nonresidential moves** from \$40,000 to **\$53,200**.
- §24.401(b) and §24.502(a) increase the **maximum replacement housing payment for 90-day homeowner-occupants and 90-day mobile homeowners** from \$31,000 to **\$41,200**.
- §24.402(b) and §24.503(a) increase the **maximum replacement housing payment for 90-day homeowner-occupants and 90-day mobile home occupants** from \$7,200 to **\$9,570**.

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Q. Anything else that we should know about?

- A. Yes – two other changes are significant enough to mention here:
- Section 24.301(g)(7) added a new provision for reimbursement of actual costs not to exceed \$1,000, for rental replacement dwelling application fees and credit reports required to lease a replacement dwelling.
 - Section 24.301(b)(2)(iv) allows for a residential self-move payment to be based on the lower of two bids from a commercial mover. (This practice was specifically prohibited under the CFR previously).

Q. How are the changes supposed to be implemented for ongoing projects?

- A. Each federal funding agency (e.g. – FHWA, FTA, HUD, etc.) may provide their own implementation guidance. FHWA’s implementation letter can be found here:
<https://www.irwaonline.org/assets/1/6/UARuleImplementationGuidanceFINAL6324.pdf>

Q. What’s next?

- A. Keep checking the FHWA’s website as well as the websites for any other federal funding agencies you work with. The IRWA is paying close attention to all the pertinent information being provided by our federal partners and will pass it on to our valued members and friends in the right of way industry as it becomes available.

THANK YOU!