

**UPDATED DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS (VA) WATER/SEWER
CONNECTION REQUIREMENTS**

1. Purpose. The purpose of this Circular is to provide the updated VA requirements for water/sewer connection for properties which are on individual water and/or sewer systems.

2. Background. Historically, for properties on individual water and/or sewer (septic) systems, connection to public water and/or public sewer was required when connection was immediately available and “feasible.” Regional Loan Centers have applied various definitions and interpretations of when connection to public water and/or sewer was “feasible.” To provide clear and concise direction, connection to public water and/or sewer systems will only be mandatory if required by the local building, planning, or health authorities.

3. Details.

a. Effective immediately, for properties served by individual water and/or sewer systems, connection to public water and/or public sewer will only be mandatory when such connection is required by the local building, planning, or health authorities.

b. For properties on individual water and/or sewer (septic) systems where well water or septic tests or certifications were required, the validity of those tests or certifications is 90 days unless the local health authority indicates otherwise.

4. Action. Effective immediately, all Notices of Value (NOVs) issued on properties served by individual water and/or sewer systems will require NOV Item #6 to be checked for connection to public water or public sewer only if the local building, planning, or health authority requires such connection.

5. Rescission: This circular is rescinded January 1, 2015.

By Direction of the Under Secretary for Benefits

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