

# USDA-RD URLA Implementation Timeline

## BUILD

Build and test

## TEST

Lenders may begin testing new GUS by submitting test loans with FNMA DU 1.8.1 or greater XML files, September 2020

## PRE-LAUNCH

Receive Training  
Manage loan pipeline

## LAUNCH

New GUS implemented. Lenders are required to submit loans in FNMA DU 1.8.1 or greater format \*\*

## UPCOMING

Future enhancements

**August 2020**  
Finish development, and testing of the new system by USDA ends.

**June 2020**  
Select Lender Testing Pilot Team

**July 2020**  
Prepare Pilot Lenders for Testing (Set Expectations and Share Test Cases)

**August 2020**  
Lender training for testing community on new GUS

**September – October 2020**  
Perform Pilot Lender Testing  
Report Testing Results  
Vendor Readiness Check

**November 2020 – February 2021**  
Perform Lender Readiness Testing/Training (Open Testing for all Lenders)  
Report Readiness/Testing Results

**October 2020**  
Administer Industry Readiness Assessment #2

**January - February 2021**  
Training for all lenders

**February 22, 2021 \***  
Last submission date of loans for final underwriting / obligation

**February 28, 2021**  
Any loan in the pipeline not final UW obligated must be canceled in Legacy GUS

\* Tentative date, subject to change based on loan volume to ensure all loans submitted for a Conditional Commitment can be processed prior to March 1<sup>st</sup>.

**March 1, 2021**  
New applications accepted in new GUS only

Legacy GUS in Read Only mode

**September 2023 \*\*\***  
Sunset Legacy GUS

\*\*GUS applications can be established manually in lieu of a file import (i.e. application data can be manually keyed in by users). Note – Certain applications remain ineligible for submission via GUS (e.g. Streamline Assist Refinance transactions). Refer to USDA Handbook.

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Complete development of a USDA ULAD Specification and build out the full Business to Government (B2G) integration for Lenders and vendors to directly integrate with the new GUS (makes submitting a loan for guarantee quick and easy for partners by eliminating need for manual data entry in the UI)