

January 2025 Q & A FINAL

Application Submission

1. Is there an online application for guarantees in the works?

At this time, there is no information available on an online application for guaranteed loan submission.

2. Can an application be completed fully online? Does FSA still allow lenders to submit the applications on paper?

> FSA does not yet have an online application for guaranteed loans. Lenders may complete an application and submit either a paper form or email an electronic (e.g. PDF) file to the local office.

Loan Assistance Tool

3. Can each loan officer have a sign-in or does the participating bank only need one sign-in?

The loan assistance tool is a public facing website and does not require any type of signin. This website is open for anyone to use at their own convenience.

- 4. Can you provide a website link that will take us to this Lender Loan Assistance tool? https://lat.fpac.usda.gov/lender.html
- 5. How can we access the loan assistance tool? https://lat.fpac.usda.gov/
- 6. Is the "I'm Ready to Apply" tab another access point to do servicing/status reports? Or can we only get there through LINC?

The "I'm Ready to Apply" tab is for submitting a direct loan application only. LINC is currently the only system available to complete and submit servicing/status reports.

Miscellaneous

7. Is the old lender toolkit at fsa.usda.gov still available?

Yes, the older lender toolkit is still available at: https://www.fsa.usda.gov/resources/ programs/guaranteed-farm-loans/lendertoolkit

8. Do we still need to have the borrower complete the AD 1026 and CPA-026 with the NRCS office?

Yes, 2-FLP does require that borrowers have a current AD-1026 on file with FSA. Lenders should remind borrowers of this requirement. We do encourage FSA staff, when possible, to obtain this information for the file.

9. Will there be any in-person trainings?

The National Offices does not offer in-person training. The online training is intended to supplement the training provided by your state. You should reach out to your FSA State Office to determine if they are offering inperson trainings anytime soon.

10. When a loan pays off who do we send the original guarantee to?

After pay off, the original loan guarantee must be returned to the local FSA office where you submit all other FSA Farm Loan documents.

11. Can any FSA employee get access to Linc?

Not every FSA employee has the authorization to access LINC. To adequately assist lenders, we recommend FSA employees without access refer to the contacts found in the LINC Quick Reference Guide.