



U.S. Department of Transportation  
**Federal Highway Administration**

# Uniform Act Changes per Final Rule

Effective June 3, 2024

August 23, 2024

# Background Information

The last update was in 2005

This update was prompted by MAP-21 (Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century) which was passed in 2012. The URA regulations had not been updated to reflect the changes enacted by MAP-21.

Other updates/changes have been made based on comments from the public during this rulemaking's public comment period

The updates include streamlining processes to better meet current Uniform Act implementation needs and eliminate duplicative and outdated regulatory language.



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# Increased Limits to Benefits

# Previous Limits vs New Benefit Limits

## Previous Limits

- Waiver Valuations - \$10,000 and \$25,000 Tiers
- Last Resort for Purchase Supplements - \$31,000
- Last Resort for Rental Supplements - \$7,200
- Business Reestablishment - \$25,000
- Business Fixed Payment - \$40,000
- Searching Fees - \$2,500

## New Limits Effective June 3, 2024

- Waiver Valuations - \$15,000, \$35,000 and \$50,000 Tiers
- Last Resort for Purchase Supplements - \$41,200
- Last Resort for Rental Supplements - \$9,570
- Business Reestablishment - \$33,200
- Business Fixed Payment - \$53,200
- Searching Fees - \$5,000 (or \$1,000 with little or no documentation)

**As you can see, these were increased by 33% to account for inflation and increased housing costs.**



# Newly Created Move Options (49 CFR 24.301)

- Residential displacees can now move with a negotiated self-move based on the lower of 2 commercial moving bids
- An experienced agent can prepare their own residential negotiated self-move bid (Documentation will be required to show how they prepared the bid)
- Reimbursement of application and credit report fees up to \$1,000 for tenants seeking replacement dwellings. (If a Fixed Rate residential move is used, you can still reimburse these under actual costs)
- With written consent of a displaced person, a qualified agent may develop a move cost finding up to \$5,000 for uncomplicated nonresidential personal property moves (no disconnect/reconnects or specialty move items)



# Further Clarifications and Updates

The final rule clarifies that Outdoor Advertising signs are to be treated as personal property, however storage costs are not allowed for these signs.

The final rule also states that waiver evaluations are NOT appraisals, and as such, can be created by an Appraiser when necessary.

Conflict of Interest limits have increased to \$35,000 to coincide with the increase in Waiver Valuation limits. The person performing the waiver valuation should not have any interest, direct or indirect, in the real property being valued for the Agency. Compensation for the waiver valuation shall not be based on the amount of the value estimate.

49 CFR 24.5 Manner of Notices – Now allows for electronic delivery of notices, as well as the use of electronic signatures on documents and provides the requirements. Dates and timestamps must be used in the process to document dates of delivery and receipt of notices/documents. Electronic signatures have to be verified, and you must ensure that the documents are not changed after an electronic signature is applied.



# Something Everyone Needs to Watch Once!!

<https://youtu.be/V6CLumsir34?si=zHnfHRca1UCFz0WU>



# Thank You / Discussion

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