

USDA Rural Development 502 Direct Certified Packaging Training for Indigenous Organizations

April 9–11, 2024 • Santa Ana Pueblo, NM

This is the standard three-day in-person training for USDA 502 Direct Loan Application Packaging, with additional sessions and networking space for those working with Indigenous communities and individuals. The additional sessions and networking are being developed from input from possible participants. These sessions may include a session on Monday, April 8th in the afternoon and Friday morning, April 12th. These additional sessions, especially on Monday and Friday are not required and please complete your availability and interest on the registration page. We hope these sessions will include the process for application and approval for USDA 502 Direct for applicants with tribal land leases.

This is an advanced course that covers RD's Section 502 direct loan program and provides invaluable insight into how this homeownership financing resource can be used in your communities. Learn how your organization can assist potential borrowers and work in partnership with RD staff in your state to deliver successful Section 502 loan packages. Through this course, designed for those experienced in using Section 502, participants will learn the regulations and practical applications of the loan program. Participants will develop a strong understanding of 502 direct underwriting and packaging standards, which will ensure that submitted loan dockets are complete and ready for processing. For those new to the USDA 502 Direct Program, RCAC will direct you to resources before the course to provide a basic understanding of the program in preparation to the start of class.

This course and the online exam are two of the criteria required to becoming a 502 Direct Certified Loan Packager. Additional information on the USDA 502 Direct Certified Loan Packaging Process can be found [here](#).

Certified Packagers must be employed (employee or independent contractor) by a qualified employer. Qualified employers are affordable housing nonprofit organization, public agency, tribal housing authority, or State Housing Finance Agency that meets the requirements of

§ 3550.75 (b)(2). Qualified Employers also need to be involved in the 502 direct program certified loan application packaging process. For information on the 502 Direct Certified Packaging Process and associated packaging fees, download [this document](#).

But most importantly participants who attend this three-day training and pass the on-line exam will be better equipped to package 502 loan applications on behalf of parties seeking USDA-RD assistance. The course is also excellent for Mutual Self-Help Housing grantees who want to build their skills in packaging loans for participating households.

- Attending all 3 days is a requirement to be able to take the certification exam.
- If this course offering doesn't fit with your schedule, additional course options can be found [here](#).

Registration & Early Bird Discount:

The fee to attend this 3-day training is \$750. Register before 3/15/2024 to receive an early bird discount registration fee of \$700. Registration deadline is 4/8/2024 or when the course capacity has been reached.

Scholarships are available for those Indigenous organizations within RCAC's 13-state region. To apply for a scholarship, please complete the [form here](#).

This course fills quickly, so register early!



Register online by scanning the code or go to:

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