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INCLUDING HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY (HFA) LOANS

Affordable Housing/HFA Guideline Summary

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LOAN PURPOSE	PROPERTY TYPE	MAX. LTV	MAX. CLTV	MAX. LOAN AMOUNT	MIN. FICO DU® APPROVE/ LPA ACCEPT	MIN. FICO MANUAL U/W
		PRIMARY RES	SIDENCE			
Purchase or Rate/Term Refinance	Single Family/Condo/Co-op	97	105	\$424,100 AK & HI: \$636,150	620	680
		95	105	\$424,100 AK & HI: \$636,150	620	660
		95	95	\$636,150 (FHFA Max)	620	N/A
	2-unit	95	105	\$543,000 AK & HI: \$814,500	620	660

	AFFORDABLE HOUSING/HFA PRODUCT ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS		
Affordable Housing	Fannie Mae HomeReady® Mortgage or HFA Preferred™, Freddie Mac Home Possible® Mortgages, and other Housing Finance Agency (HFA) or approved Affordable Housing programs must meet the eligibility criteria as outlined within this matrix and the eligibility standards as outlined within the Underwriting Guideline Manual.		
Submission Criteria	Applicable Affordable Program selection must be made in the Essent Online MI Ordering system		
	LOANS WITH A VALID DU/LOAN PRODUCT ADVISOR RESPONSE		
DU/Loan Product Advisor® Scored Loans	For DU/Loan Product Advisor Approve/Accept Eligible loans and DU/Loan Product Advisor Approve/Accept Ineligible loans for LTVs 95.01% - 97%, where the ineligibility is due only to the LTV, or ARMs with an initial fixed term ≥5 yrs. where the ineligibility is due only to the ARM plan/type, the DU/Loan Product Advisor findings/feedback may be followed regarding: • Documentation Requirements • Credit Requirements • Debt-to-Income Ratio • Reserve Requirements • Borrower Contributions		
	MANUALLY UNDERWRITTEN LOANS		
Documentation Requirements	Documentation requirements as per the Essent Underwriting Guideline Manual		
Credit Requirements	Min. 3 traditional trade lines evaluated for at least 12 months for each borrower		
Non-Traditional Credit	Max. 95% LTV; Max. 41% DTI; 2-unit ineligible		
Debt-to-Income Ratio	Max. 45% DTI		
Reserve Requirements	2 months PITI required		
Borrower Contributions	 1-unit: Lesser of \$1,000 or 1%; -OR- Borrower's min. contribution may come from gift funds per Agency guidelines with Min. 720 FICO; Max. 41% DTI; no down payment assistance, subordinate financing, or grants with repayment 2-unit: 3% of borrower's own funds required 		
	ALL LOANS		
Loan Programs	Fixed Rate; 5 yr. ARM; 7 yr. ARM; 10+ yr. ARM 5 yr. ARMs qualify at the greater of the initial rate +2% or the fully indexed rate; 7 yr. and 10+ yr. ARMs qualify at the initial rat		
Seller Contributions	Max. 3%		
Subordinate Financing	Must meet Agency Community Second or Affordable Second guidelines		
Area Median Income (AMI)	Loans must meet any Area Median Income requirements of the applicable program		
Homebuyer Education	Loans must meet any homebuyer education requirements of the applicable program		
Ineligible Products	s Interest only; loans with scheduled or potential negative amortization; graduated payment mortgages; construction-to-permanent		

NOTE: Please see the Essent Underwriting Guideline Manual on essent.us for full details.

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