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LOAN PURPOSE	PROPERTY TYPE	MAX. LTV	MAX. CLTV	MAX. LOAN AMOUNT	MIN. FICO DU APPROVE/ LP ACCEPT	MIN. FICO MANUAL U/W
PRIMARY RESIDENCE						
Purchase or Rate/Term Refinance	Single Family/ Condo/Co-op	97	105	\$417,000 AK & HI: \$625,500	620	680
		95	105	\$417,000 AK & HI: \$625,500	620	660
	2-unit	95	105	\$533,850 AK & HI: \$800,775	620	660

AFFORDABLE HOUSING PRODUCT ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS				
Affordable Housing	Fannie Mae MyCommunityMortgage® (MCM) or HFA Preferred, Freddie Mac Home Possible®, 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			
Loan Programs	Fixed Rate; 5/1 ARM; 7/1 ARM; 10/1 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 rate			
Appraisal Requirements	Full Uniform Residential Appraisal Report only			
Florida Condominiums	DU Approve/Eligible or LP Accept/Eligible: eligible without guideline overlays All other loans: Non-delegated submissions only; Purchase; Max. 90% LTV/CLTV; Min. 720 FICO; Max. 41% DTI			
Documentation Type	DU Approve/Eligible or LP Accept/Eligible: min. income/asset documentation requirements as per the DU/LP findings/feedba All other loans: documentation requirements as per the Essent Underwriting Guideline Manual			
Credit Requirements	DU Approve/Eligible or LP Accept/Eligible: as per the DU/LP findings/feedback All other loans: 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	DU Approve/Eligible or LP Accept/Eligible: as per the DU/LP findings/feedback All other loans: Max. 45% DTI			
Reserve Requirements	DU Approve/Eligible or LP Accept/Eligible: as per the DU/LP findings/feedback All other loans: 2 months PITI required			
Borrower Contributions	DU Approve/Eligible or LP Accept/Eligible: as per the DU/LP findings/feedback All other loans: • 1-unit: » Lesser of \$1,000 or 1%; -OR- » Borrower's min. contribution may come from gift funds per Agency guidelines with: Min. 740 FICO; Max. 41% DTI; no down payment assistance, subordinate financing, or grants with repayment • 2-unit: » 3% of borrower's own funds required			
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	Required for first-time homebuyers if FICO<720 or CLTV>97%			
Ineligible Products	Interest only; loans with scheduled or potential negative amortization; graduated payment mortgages; construction-to-permanent			

NOTE: Reference the Essent Underwriting Guideline Manual for full details

