

Guidelines

Manual Underwriting Guideline Summary for Stable and Declining Markets Effective Date: May 14, 2012

Manual Underwriting Product Eligibility Matrix: Stable and Declining Markets

Eligibility for Non-Retail guidelines is subject to lender approval by Essent's Risk Management Department. Additional restrictions may apply.

Loan Amount	Occupancy	Loan Purpose	Property Type	Retail & Non-Retail Stable Markets		Non-Retail Declining Markets	
				Max LTV/CLTV	Min FICO	Max LTV/CLTV	Min FICO
≤ \$417,000	Primary Residence	Purchase or Rate/Term Refinance	Single Family or Condo	97*	720	N/A	N/A
		Purchase or Rate/Term Refinance	Single Family or Condo	95	660	95	700
			Со-ор	95	660	90	720
		Cash-Out Refinance	Single Family	85	700	N/A	N/A
		Construction-to-Permanent	Single Family	95	700	N/A	N/A
	Second Home	Purchase or Rate/Term Refinance	Single Family or Condo	90	720	90	720
	Investment Property	Purchase	Single Family	85	720	N/A	N/A
≤ \$533,850 Primary Residence		Purchase or Rate/Term Refinance	Two-Unit	90	700	N/A	N/A
\$417,001 to FHFA Max	Primary Residence	Purchase or Rate/Term Refinance	Single Family or Condo	95	700	95	720
			Со-ор	95	700	90	720
		Construction-to-Permanent	Single Family	90	700	N/A	N/A

Manual Underwriting Product Eligibility Requirements: Stable and Declining Markets				
Manual Underwriting	Loans not scoring DU Approve/Eligible, LP Accept/Eligible, or not scored via DU/LP are deemed to be manual underwrites. Manually underwritten loans must meet the product eligibility criteria as outlined within this matrix and the eligibility standards as outlined within the Underwriting Guideline Manual.			
Non-Permanent Resident Aliens	Non-permanent resident aliens must meet the eligibility requirements as denoted in Section 3.1			
Non-Arms Length Transactions	Non-arms length transactions must be submitted to Essent for underwriting			
Appraisal Requirements	Property Inspection Waivers (PIW) or Property Inspection Alternatives (PIA) such as Fannie Mae Form 2075 are ineligible			
Declining Markets	Non-Retail Declining Markets: Properties located in Arizona, Florida and Nevada are designated as being located in declining markets; see Florida Condominiums eligibility			
Florida Condominiums	Non-delegated submissions only; Primary Residence; Purchase; Max 90% LTV/CLTV; Min 720 FICO; Max DTI 41%			
Debt-to-Income Ratio	Max DTI 45%; Max DTI 41% if FICO <720			
Reserve Requirements	2 months PITI or the product required minimum; Investment Property: 6 months PITI required			
*LTV/CLTV > 95%	Non-delegated submissions only			
Loan Amounts Above \$417,000	Must meet area specific permanent high cost loan limit as set by FHFA			
Cash-Out Refinance	Max cash out: \$150,000; temporary buydowns ineligible; ARMs with an initial fixed-rate period of <5 years ineligible			
Construction-to-Permanent	Purchase or Rate/Term refinance; two-time closing required			
Renovation Loans	Eligible upon lender-specific program approval; additional restrictions may apply			
ARMs	Min initial fixed period: 3 years; 3-year and 5-year ARMs qualify at the greater of the initial rate + 2% or the fully indexed rate; 7-year and 10-year ARMs qualify at the initial rate			
Temporary Buydowns	Max 95% LTV/CLTV; See Section 4.4 for restrictions			
Ineligible Properties	Manufactured/mobile homes; non-warrantable condominiums; condominium hotels (condo-tels); apartment/hotel conversions; model home leasebacks; vacant lots/land; time-share properties; homes unsuitable for year-round occupancy; unimproved land; earth, berm, dome, log and straw bale homes; working farms, orchards and ranches; student housing projects ("kiddie" condos); 3-4 units			
Ineligible Products	Interest only; balloons; loans with scheduled or potential negative amortization; graduated payment mortgages			
Borrower Contributions	Primary Residence: 3% of borrower's own funds required Second Home: 5% of borrower's own funds required Investment Property: 15% of borrower's own funds required			
Non-Occupying Co-Borrower	Max LTV/CLTV 95%; DTI based on occupant borrower's income/debt profile; Max DTI 45%; Max DTI 43% if FICO <720			
Loan Representative FICO Score	Lower of two or middle of three repositories to determine each borrower's representative score; lowest representative score across all borrowers; minimum of two valid credit scores must be obtained for each borrower; non-traditional/no credit score is ineligible			