

Guidelines

Retail Guideline Summary for All Markets Effective Date: December 12, 2011

Retail Product Eligibility Matrix: All Markets

Loan Amount	Occupancy	Loan Purpose	Property Type	Max LTV/CLTV	Min FICO
≤\$417,000	Primary Residence	Purchase or Rate/Term Refinance	Single Family or Condominium	97*	720
		Purchase or Rate/Term Refinance	Single Family or Condominium or Co-op	95	660
		Cash-Out Refinance	Single Family	85	700
		Construction-to-Permanent	Single Family	95	700
	Second Home	Purchase or Rate/Term Refinance	Single Family	90	720
≤\$533,850	Primary Residence	Purchase	Two-Unit	90	700
\$417,001 to FHFA Max	Primary Residence	Purchase or Rate/Term Refinance	Single Family or Condominium or Co-op	95	700
		Construction-to-Permanent	Single Family	90	700

Retail Product Eligibility Requirements: All Markets				
DU/LP Recommendations Provided the loan meets the product eligibility criteria as outlined within this matrix and the mini documentation standards outlined below, Essent does not require additional guideline overlays following items for loans scoring DU Approve/Eligible or LP Accept/Eligible: non-permanent resident aliens must meet the eligibility requirements as denoted in Section on -arms length transactions must be submitted to Essent for underwriting Minimum documentation must comprise one current paystub (indicating YTD earnings) and the recent year's W-2 for salaried income, and personal tax returns for the most recent year for self-income. Evidence of sufficient funds to cover the down payment, closing costs, and Essent's two PITI reserve requirement must be documented at a minimum with one month of current bank or asset statements covering a 30-day period. All DU findings and LP feedback certificate conditions satisfied and the DU/LP decision must be present in the file. Reference Section 1.3 for full detail				
Debt-to-Income Ratio	Max DTI 45%; Max DTI 41% if FICO<740 or LTV/CLTV>95% or loan amount>\$417,000 or Cash-Out			
Reserve Requirements 2 months PITI or the product required minimum				
*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 for 2-1 buydowns; Max 90% LTV/CLTV for 3-2-1 buydowns; see Section 4.4 for restriction			
Eligible Properties Single family dwellings; condominiums; co-ops; two-units; mixed-use; modular homes				
Ineligible Properties	Investment properties; manufactured/mobile homes; condominiums are ineligible in the state of Florida; 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	Products Interest only; balloons; loans with scheduled or potential negative amortization; streamline refinances; graduated payment mortgages			
Term/Amortization	40 years maximum; fixed rate and min 700 FICO if term >30 years			
Borrower Contributions	5% of borrower's own funds required for LTV/CLTV <=95%; 3% of borrower's own funds required for LTV/CLTV >95%			
Seller Contributions	6% up to 90% LTV/CLTV; 3% above 90% LTV/CLTV			
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<740 or loan amount>\$417,000 or Cash-Out			
.oan Representative FICO Score Lower of two or middle of three repositories to determine each borrower's representative score; lower of two score across all borrowers; minimum of two valid credit scores must be obtained for borrower; non-traditional/no credit score is ineligible				



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Non-Retail Guideline Summary for Stable Markets Effective Date: December 12, 2011

Non-Retail Product Eligibility Matrix: Stable Markets (all states excluding AZ, CA, FL and NV)

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	Max LTV/CLTV	Min FICO
≤\$417,000	Primary Residence	Purchase or Rate/Term Refinance	Single Family or Condominium	97*	720
			Single Family or Condominium or Co-op	95	680
		Cash Out Refinance	Single Family	85	720
		Construction-to-Permanent	Single Family	95	720
	Second Home	Purchase or Rate/Term Refinance	Single Family	90	720
\$417,001 to FHFA Max	Primary Residence	Purchase or Rate/Term Refinance	Single Family or Condominium or Co-op	95	700
		Construction-to-Permanent	Single Family	90	720

Non-Retail Product Eligibility Requirements: Stable Markets (all states excluding AZ, CA, FL and NV)		
DU/LP Recommendations Provided the loan meets the product eligibility criteria as outlined within this matrix and the minimu documentation standards outlined below, Essent does not require additional guideline overlays be following items for loans scoring DU Approve/Eligible or LP Accept/Eligible: non-permanent resident aliens must meet the eligibility requirements as denoted in Section non-arms length transactions must be submitted to Essent for underwriting Minimum documentation must comprise one current paystub (indicating YTD earnings) and the minimum documentation must cover the down payment, closing costs, and Essent's two PITI reserve requirement must be documented at a minimum with one month of current bank or fir asset statements covering a 30-day period. All DU findings and LP feedback certificate condition be satisfied and the DU/LP decision must be present in the file. Reference Section 1.3 for full details 		
Debt-to-Income Ratio	Max DTI 45%; Max DTI 41% if FICO<740 or LTV/CLTV>95% or loan amount>\$417,000 or Cash-Out	
Reserve Requirements	2 months PITI or the product required minimum	
*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; Full interior/exterior appraisal required	
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 for 2-1 buydowns; Max 90% LTV/CLTV for 3-2-1 buydowns; see Section 4.		
Eligible Properties	Single family dwellings; condominiums; co-ops; mixed-use; modular homes	
Ineligible Properties	Investment 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); 2-4 units	
Ineligible Products	Interest only; balloons; loans with scheduled or potential negative amortization; streamline refinances; graduated payment mortgages	
Term/Amortization	40 years maximum; fixed rate and min 700 FICO if term >30 years	
Borrower Contributions	5% of borrower's own funds required for LTV/CLTV <=95%; 3% of borrower's own funds required for LTV/CLTV >95%	
Seller Contributions	6% up to 90% LTV/CLTV; 3% above 90% LTV/CLTV	
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<740 or loan amount>\$417,000 or Cash-Out	
Lower of two or middle of three repositories to determine each borrower's representative score; In representative score across all borrowers; minimum of two valid credit scores must be obtained to borrower; non-traditional credit/no credit score is ineligible		



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Non-Retail Guideline Summary for Declining Markets Effective Date: December 12, 2011

Non-Retail Product Eligibility Matrix: Declining Markets (AZ, CA, FL and NV)

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	Max LTV/CLTV	Min FICO
c#417.000	≤\$417,000 Primary Residence	Purchase or Rate/Term Refinance	Single Family	95	700
≤\$417,000			Condominium or Co-op	95	720
\$417,001 to FHFA Max	Primary Residence	Purchase or Rate/Term Refinance	Single Family or Condominium	95	720

Non-Retail Product Eligibility Requirements: Declining Markets (AZ, CA, FL and NV)			
DU/LP Recommendations	Provided the loan meets the product eligibility criteria as outlined within this matrix and the minimum documentation standards outlined below, Essent does not require additional guideline overlays beyond the following items for loans scoring DU Approve/Eligible or LP Accept/Eligible: • non-permanent resident aliens must meet the eligibility requirements as denoted in Section 3.1 • non-arms length transactions must be submitted to Essent for underwriting Minimum documentation must comprise one current paystub (indicating YTD earnings) and the most recent year's W-2 for salaried income, and personal tax returns for the most recent year for self-employed income. Evidence of sufficient funds to cover the down payment, closing costs, and Essent's two months PITI reserve requirement must be documented at a minimum with one month of current bank or financial asset statements covering a 30-day period. All DU findings and LP feedback certificate conditions must be satisfied and the DU/LP decision must be present in the file. Reference Section 1.3 for full details.		
Debt-to-Income Ratio	Max DTI 45%; Max DTI 41% if FICO<740 or loan amount>\$417,000		
Reserve Requirements	2 months PITI or the product required minimum		
Loan Amounts Above \$417,000	Must meet area specific permanent high cost loan limit as set by FHFA		
Cash-Out Refinance	Ineligible		
Construction-to-Permanent	Ineligible		
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 for 2-1 buydowns; Max 90% LTV/CLTV for 3-2-1 buydowns; see Section 4.4 for restriction		
Eligible Properties	Single family dwellings; condominiums; co-ops; mixed-use; modular homes		
Ineligible Properties	Investment properties; manufactured/mobile homes; condominiums are ineligible in the state of Florida; 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); 2-4 units		
Ineligible Products	Interest only; balloons; loans with scheduled or potential negative amortization; streamline refinances; graduated payment mortgages		
Term/Amortization	40 years maximum; fixed rate and min 700 FICO if term >30 years		
Borrower Contributions	5% of borrower's own funds required for LTV/CLTV <=95%		
Seller Contributions	6% up to 90% LTV/CLTV; 3% above 90% LTV/CLTV		
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<740 or loan amount>\$417,000		
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 credit/no credit score is ineligible		