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**CHAMPION - JUMBO MORTGAGE GUIDELINES**

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## FAIR LENDING STATEMENT

Federal law prohibits discrimination in connection with the origination of 1-4 family mortgage loans. The Equal Credit Opportunity Act prohibits creditors from discriminating against credit applicants on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, marital status, age, because an applicant receives income from a public assistance program, or because an applicant has in good faith exercised any right under the Consumer Credit Protection Act. Also, the Fair Housing Act prohibits discrimination in the sale, rental, and financing of dwellings, and in other housing-related transactions, based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status (including children under the age of 18 living with parents or legal custodians, pregnant women, and people securing custody of children under the age of 18), and disability. It is the responsibility of all TPO Partners and LHFS under the Champion - Jumbo program to ensure that they adhere to these laws and their underlying principles in connection with mortgage loans under the Champion - Jumbo program.

## UNDERWRITING PHILOSOPHY

All loans must be prudently underwritten utilizing the Champion - Jumbo program guidelines and industry standard best practices. All loans must be manually underwritten and fully documented

All loans submitted to LHFS must conform to the Underwriting Guidelines.

For scenarios not specifically addressed in the following Underwriting Guidelines, please contact your sales representative, transaction manager or underwriting.

# PRODUCTS

## PRODUCTS OFFERED

- Fully Amortizing Fixed Rate 30-year term.

## PRODUCT CODES & MATRICES

LHFS Program Name	Product Code
Jumbo Champion Fixed 30	J30F-104

## PURCHASE / RATE & TERM REFINANCE

OCCUPANCY	MINIMUM LOAN AMOUNT <sup>1</sup>	MAXIMUM LOAN AMOUNT	MAXIMUM LTV/CLTV	MINIMUM FICO	RESERVES	MAX DTI <sup>2</sup>
PRIMARY 1 Unit	\$647,200	\$1,000,000	80.00%	700	12	43%  (35% S/E)
	\$1,000,000	\$1,500,000	80.00%	720	12	
	\$1,500,000	\$2,000,000	70.00%	740	18	
	\$2,000,000	\$2,500,000	70.00%	740	18	
PRIMARY 2 Units	\$828,700	\$1,000,000	70.00%	720	12	
	\$1,000,000	\$1,500,000	70.00%	720	12	
PRIMARY 3 Units	\$1,001,650	\$1,500,000	70.00%	720	12	
PRIMARY 4 Units	\$1,244,850	\$1,500,000	70.00%	720	12	
PRIMARY FTHB 1 Unit	\$647,200	\$1,000,000	80.00%	700	12	
	\$1,000,000	\$1,500,000	80.00%	720	12	
PRIMARY FTHB 2 Units	\$828,700	\$1,000,000	70.00%	720	12	
	\$1,000,000	\$1,500,000	70.00%	720	12	
PRIMARY FTHB 3 Units	\$1,001,650	\$1,500,000	70.00%	720	12	
PRIMARY FTHB 4 Units	\$1,244,850	\$1,500,000	70.00%	720	12	
SECOND HOME 1 Unit	\$647,200	\$1,000,000	80.00%	720	18	
	\$1,000,000	\$1,500,000	75.00%	720	18	
	\$1,500,000	\$2,000,000	70.00%	740	18	
	\$2,000,000	\$2,500,000	65.00%	740	18	

1. Minimum loan amount in a high balance county would be \$1 above the agency high balance loan limit for the county/number of units.
2. Maximum DTI for self-employed borrower is 35%.

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**CASH-OUT REFINANCE**

OCCUPANCY	MINIMUM LOAN AMOUNT <sup>1</sup>	MAXIMUM LOAN AMOUNT	MAXIMUM LTV/CLTV	MINIMUM FICO	MAXIMUM CASH-OUT	RESERVES	MAX DTI <sup>2</sup>
PRIMARY 1 Unit	\$647,200	\$1,000,000	55.00%	700	\$500,000	12	43 (35% S/E)
	\$647,200	\$1,000,000	70.00%	700	\$300,000	12	
	\$1,000,000	\$1,500,000	55.00%	720	\$500,000	18	
	\$1,000,000	\$1,500,000	65.00%	720	\$300,000	18	
	\$1,500,000	\$2,000,000	55.00%	740	\$500,000	18	
	\$1,500,000	\$2,000,000	60.00%	740	\$300,000	18	
	\$2,000,000	\$2,500,000	55.00%	740	\$500,000	18	
	\$2,000,000	\$2,500,000	60.00%	740	\$300,000	18	
PRIMARY 2 Units	\$828,700	\$1,000,000	55.00%	720	\$500,000	18	
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	\$1,000,000	\$1,500,000	55.00%	720	\$500,000	18	
	\$1,000,000	\$1,500,000	65.00%	720	\$300,000	18	
PRIMARY 3 Units	\$1,001,650	\$1,500,000	55.00%	720	\$500,000	18	
	\$1,001,650	\$1,500,000	65.00%	720	\$300,000	18	
PRIMARY 4 Units	\$1,244,850	\$1,500,000	55.00%	720	\$500,000	18	
	\$1,244,850	\$1,500,000	65.00%	720	\$300,000	18	
SECOND HOME 1 Unit	\$647,200	\$1,000,000	55.00%	720	\$350,000	18	
	\$647,200	\$1,000,000	70.00%	720	\$300,000	18	
	\$1,000,000	\$1,500,000	55.00%	740	\$350,000	18	
	\$1,000,000	\$1,500,000	65.00%	740	\$300,000	18	

1. Minimum loan amount in a high balance county would be \$1 above the agency high balance loan limit for the county/number of units.
2. Maximum DTI for self-employed borrower is 35%.

# PRODUCT HIGHLIGHTS

## UNDERWRITING

Loans must be underwritten manually to the Champion program guidelines.

## MINIMUM LOAN AMOUNT

Must be \$1 over the current conforming loan limit for the county/number of units. Minimum loan amount in a high balance county would be \$1 above the agency high balance loan limit for the county/number of units.

## DTI

Maximum 43%.

Maximum DTI for self-employed borrower is 35%.

## CLTV

Per matrix.

## NEW SUBORDINATE FINANCING

Permitted on purchase and rate & term refinance transactions only up to maximum LTV, CLTV, HLTV per matrix.

## RESERVES

Per matrix.

## TRANSACTION

### **INTEREST ONLY**

Not eligible.

### **BALLOON**

Not eligible.

### **HIGHER PRICED COVERED TRANSACTIONS**

Not allowed.

### **MORTGAGE INSURANCE (MI)**

Not allowed.



**FIXED RATE LOAN TERMS**

30 year fully amortizing.

**RECAST**

Not allowed.

**LIMITED CASH-OUT (RATE & TERM REFINANCE)**

Cash out must be the lower of 2,000 or 1% of the new loan amount.

**CASH-OUT REFINANCE**

Maximum cash out per matrix.

**PROPERTY**

**ELIGIBLE PROPERTY TYPES**

Single family, PUD, Condo (Agency eligible), and 2-4 units

**DECLINING PROPERTY VALUES**

Reduce maximum LTV/CLTV by 10%, max 80% LTV/CLTV for any property located in an area of declining property values as reported by appraiser.

**CONDOMINIUM RESTRICTIONS**

Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac warrantable condominiums. Minimum 400 sq ft.

**LEASEHOLD**

Not allowed.

**RURAL PROPERTIES**

Properties with greater than 10 acres need to have three comparables with similar acreage. Maximum lot size 20 acres.

**STATE RESTRICTIONS**

Guam, Puerto Rico, and US Virgin Islands not allowed. Texas cash out not allowed. Hawaii lava zones 1-2 not allowed.

**APPRAISAL REQUIREMENTS**

2 full appraisals required for loan amounts > 1.5 MM. LHFS will order appraisal (review appraisal required).

## **BORROWER ELIGIBILITY**

### **BORROWERS**

All borrowers must have a valid social security number.

### **NON-OCCUPANT CO-BORROWERS**

Not allowed.

### **FIRST TIME HOME BUYERS**

Owner occupied only; 12 months PITI Reserves; up to \$1,500,000 loan amount (please refer to matrix).

### **MINIMUM CREDIT REQUIREMENTS**

Nontraditional credit not acceptable. All borrowers must have a minimum of 2 credit scores. Each borrower must have a minimum of 3 open trade lines active for the past 24 months. For borrowers with mortgage or rental history borrower must have 0X30 lates in the past 24 months.

## **WAGE-EARNER AND SELF-EMPLOYED INCOME DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS**

All income source documentation and method of income calculation must meet Appendix Q standards. All requirements stipulated in the guidelines need to be followed.

### **VERBAL VOE**

Salaried borrower - Verbal VOE covering 24 months dated within 5 business days prior to closing documented in writing.

Self-employed borrower - verify the existence of the borrower's business within 5 calendar days prior to closing.

### **4506C/TAX TRANSCRIPTS**

Signed 4506C form required for all borrowers. Past two (2) years tax transcripts required.

### **SELLER CONTRIBUTIONS**

- Maximum 6% of sales price for owner occupied and second homes.

### **PREPAYMENT PENALTY**

Not allowed.

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### AGE OF DOCUMENTS

Maximum age of 90 days for credit documents and 120 days for appraisal documents.

### FRAUD REPORT

FraudGuard report or similar must be included in each file.

### ESCROW HOLDBACK

Not allowed.

# REGULATORY COMPLIANCE

TPO Partner must ensure that each loan funded through LHFS has been originated, closed, serviced, and transferred in compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations including without limitation the Ability to Repay (ATR) and the Qualified Mortgage (QM) rules effective 1/10/14, the TILA-RESPA Integrated Disclosure (TRID) rule effective 10/3/15 and the laws and regulations listed below:

- Regulation X – RESPA
- Regulation Z – Truth in Lending
- Regulation G – SAFE Act – Federal Licensing and Registration
- Regulation H- SAFE Act - State Licensing and Regulation
- Regulation V – Fair Credit Reporting
- Regulation B – Equal Credit Opportunity
- Regulation P – Privacy of Consumer Financial Information (GLB)
- USA Patriot Act
- Fair Housing Act
- Dodd-Frank Act
- Federal high-cost loan regulations.
- State, local and county high cost and usury regulations.
- National Flood Insurance Act.
- Taxpayer First Act of 2019.

All applicable closing documentation and disclosures pertaining to the above regulations should be included in the closed file submission.

# BORROWER ELIGIBILITY

Borrowers must have reached the age at which the mortgage note can be enforced in the jurisdiction where the property is located. There is no maximum age limit for a borrower. All borrowers must have a valid social security number.

FraudGuard report or similar must be included in each file submission.

## ELIGIBLE BORROWERS

- U.S. Citizens
- Permanent resident aliens
  - Copy of valid resident alien card must be included in loan file.
- Inter-Vivos Revocable Trusts
  - Trust must be established by one or more natural persons, individually or jointly.
  - The individual(s) establishing the trust must be the primary beneficiary/beneficiaries.
  - If the trust is established jointly, there may be more than one primary beneficiary as long as the income or assets of at least one of the individuals establishing the trust will be used to qualify for the mortgage.
  - At least one of the trustees must be either the individual establishing the trust, or an institutional trustee that customarily performs the duties of a trustee and is duly authorized to act as a trustee under applicable state law.
  - The mortgage and trust documents must meet agency eligibility criteria including title and title insurance requirements, as well as applicable state laws that regulate the making of loans to inter-vivos revocable trusts.
  - The trustee(s) must have the power to mortgage the security property for the purpose of securing a loan to the party (or parties) who are the borrower(s) under the mortgage or deed of trust note.
- First time homebuyers
  - A first-time homebuyer is defined as a borrower who has not had ownership interest in a property within the last three (3) years from the application date.
    - Owner-occupied primary residences only.
    - Maximum 80% LTV/CLTV.
    - See product matrix for loan limits and other requirements.
- Maximum of four (4) borrowers per loan.

## INELIGIBLE BORROWERS

- Non-permanent resident aliens
- Borrowers with only an ITIN (individual taxpayer identification number).
- Borrowers who are party to a lawsuit.
- Irrevocable trusts.
- Illinois Land Trusts.
- Community Land Trusts.
- Corporations, limited partnerships, general partnerships, and limited liability companies.
- Non-occupant co-borrowers contributing income.
- Foreign Nationals.
- Borrowers with Diplomatic Immunity.

## MULTIPLE FINANCED PROPERTIES

- Borrowers may not own more than four (4) residential 1-4 unit financed properties regardless of the occupancy of the subject property.
- Borrowers must have six (6) months PITI reserves for each additional financed property owned.
- Financed properties held in the name of an LLC or other corporation, commercial properties, and unimproved land can be excluded from the calculation of number of properties financed.

## OWNERSHIP

- Ownership must be fee simple only and must be in the name of the individual Borrower(s) or Trust. Borrower(s) may hold title as follows:
  - Individual
  - Joint Tenants
  - Tenants in Common

# OCCUPANCY

## PRIMARY RESIDENCE

A primary residence is the property the borrower occupies as his or her principal residence. At least one of the borrowers must occupy, be on title to the property and execute the Note and the security instrument. A borrower may not maintain more than one primary residence at any given time.

- 1-4 units detached, attached, PUD, and eligible condominiums.

## SECOND HOME

The property must be occupied by the borrower from time-to-time and is suitable for year-round use. Typically, the property is located in either a resort or vacation area or for convenience in a city where the borrower works when the primary residence is in a distant suburb.

- 1 unit detached, attached, PUD, and eligible condominiums.
- Property may not be a time share, subject to a rental agreement or other shared ownership arrangements.
- The property must be a reasonable distance from the borrower's primary residence.
- Rental income and expenses on Schedule E of the borrower's personal tax return(s) must not exceed 30 rental days.
- Rental income from a second home cannot be used to qualify the borrower.

## ELIGIBLE TRANSACTION TYPES

### **PURCHASES**

- Must adhere to Agency guidelines.
- LTV/CLTV is calculated using the lesser of the purchase price or the appraised value of the subject property.
- If Seller has taken title to the subject property within ninety (90) days prior to the date of sales contract the following requirements apply:
  - Property seller on the purchase contract is the owner of record.
  - LTV/CLTV will be based on the lesser of the prior sales price or the current appraised value.

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Loans that are bank or relocation sales are exempt from the above requirements.

- Personal property may not be included in the purchase agreement/sales contract. Personal property items should be deleted from the sales contract or reasonable value must be documented and the sales price adjusted. Items that are customary to residential real estate transactions such as lighting fixtures, kitchen appliances, window treatments and ceiling fans are not considered personal property for purposes of this section.

### RATE AND TERM REFINANCE

- A minimum of 6 months seasoning from the date of the new transaction required if previous refinance was cash-out, including the pay-off of a non-seasoned subordinate lien.
- For properties purchased more than six (6) months prior to the closing date the current appraised value may be used to calculate LTV.
- For properties purchased within six (6) months of closing date the LTV will be based upon the lesser of the original sales price or the current appraised value conclusion from the appraiser. Original sales price will be determined from the Closing Disclosure from the subject acquisition transaction.
- Inherited properties are exempt from this seasoning requirement. LTV will be calculated off current appraised value
- The mortgage amount may include the:
  - Principal balance of the existing first lien.
  - Pay off of a purchase second lien with no draws exceeding \$2,000 within the past 12 months from date of application. Withdrawal activity must be documented with a transaction history of the line of credit. 12 months seasoning is not required.
  - Payoff of a co-owner pursuant to a written agreement.
  - Financing of the payment of prepaid items and closing costs.
  - Pay off of a non-purchase second lien seasoned a minimum of 12 months from date of application. The second lien must not evidence draws exceeding \$2,000 within the past 12 months from date of application. Withdrawal activity must be documented with a transaction history of the line of credit.
- Cash back to the borrower is limited to the lesser of \$2,000 or 1% of the new loan.
- Principal Reduction is permitted up to a maximum of \$2,000.
- Properties listed for sale are ineligible for refinance unless the listing was withdrawn (or expired) prior to the date of application.



### CASH-OUT REFINANCE

- Borrower must have held title for a minimum of 6 months from closing date. Inherited properties are exempt from this seasoning requirement. LTV will be calculated off current appraised value.
- Properties listed for sale are ineligible for refinance unless the listing was withdrawn (or expired) prior to the date of closing.
- Texas 50(a)(6) loans are ineligible.
- Cash out is limited to the maximum amounts stated on the Product Matrix.

### CONTINUITY OF OBLIGATION

For a refinance transaction to be eligible there must be a continuity of obligation of the outstanding lien that will be paid through the refinance transaction.

Continuity of obligation is met when any one of the following exists:

- At least one borrower is obligated on the new loan who was also a borrower obligated on the existing loan being refinanced.
- The borrower has been on title and residing in the property for at least 12 months and has either paid the mortgage for the last 12 months or can demonstrate a relationship (relative, domestic partner, etc.) with the current obligor.
- The loan being refinanced and the title to the property are in the name of a natural person or a limited liability company (LLC) as long as the borrower owns at least 25% of the LLC prior to transfer. Transfer of ownership from a corporation to an individual does not meet the continuity of obligation requirement.
- The borrower has recently been legally awarded, the property (divorce, separation, or dissolution of a domestic partnership).

Loans with an acceptable continuity of obligation may be underwritten, priced and delivered as either cash-out or limited cash-out refinance transactions based on the requirements for each type of transaction.

## **DELAYED FINANCING CASH-OUT REFINANCE**

Delayed financing refinances in which the borrowers purchased the subject property for cash within ninety days (90) from the date of the application are eligible. Cash back to the borrower in excess of the original purchase price or appraised value (whichever is less) is not allowed. Delayed financing refinances are underwritten as rate and term refinances and are not subject to cash-out refinancing program limitations. Property may not be located in Texas.

The original purchase transaction must be documented by a Closing Disclosure confirming that no mortgage financing was used to obtain the subject property.

## **CONTRACT FOR DEED/LAND CONTRACT**

The payoff of an installment loan land contract is not eligible.

## **NON-ARM'S LENGTH TRANSACTIONS**

All of the parties to a transaction should be independent of one another. Except as indicated below if a direct relationship exists between or among the parties, the transaction is a non-arm's length transaction and the related loan is not eligible. The following non-arm's length transactions are eligible provided that such transactions and the related circumstances are properly documented:

- Sales or transfers between members of the same family. Transaction may not be due to any adverse circumstances.
- Property seller acting as his or her own real estate agent.
- Borrower acting as his or her own real estate agent.
- Borrower is the employee of the originating lender.
- Borrower purchasing from his or her current landlord (cancelled checks or bank statements required to verify satisfactory pay history between borrower and landlord).

# CREDIT DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS

For scenarios not specifically addressed below please contact your sales representative, transaction manager or underwriting.

## CREDIT DOCUMENTS AGE

For all transaction types, credit documents may not be older than 90 days from the date of closing.

## CREDIT SCORE

- The representative credit score for qualification purposes for an individual borrower is the middle score of the three (3) scores reported. If two (2) scores are reported the representative credit score is the lower of the two scores. Credit scores from all three repositories must be requested (Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion).
- For multiple borrowers, the credit score is the lowest of all representative credit scores.
- If only one credit score or no credit score is reported borrower is not eligible.
- No borrower in a transaction may have frozen credit. If a borrower has frozen credit and unfreezes their credit after the original credit report was ordered, a new credit report must be obtained to reflect current updated information for evaluation.

See [Champion - Jumbo loan product matrix](#) for minimum credit score requirements.

## MINIMUM CREDIT REQUIREMENTS

Each borrower contributing income must have three (3) open and active trade lines for 24 months with a 24-month history. Two (2) of the three (3) trade lines must show activity within the last 12 months from date of application.

- One trade line must be an installment, rental, or mortgage account.
- Investor will consider a borrower not meeting the above trade line requirement if the credit history meets the following:
  - No fewer than eight (8) trade lines are reporting, one (1) of which must be a mortgage or a rental history.
  - At least one (1) trade line has been open and reporting for a minimum of twelve (12) months.
  - The borrower has an established credit history for at least ten (10) years.
- Non-traditional/alternative credit accounts are not considered acceptable trade lines.
- Authorized user accounts are not considered acceptable trade lines.
- Trade lines may not show significant adverse history.

## MORTGAGE/RENTAL HISTORY

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A minimum of twenty-four (24) months verified housing history is required.

Housing payment history must reflect 0 x 30 dates in most recent 24 months.

Mortgage/Rental history may be documented as follows:

A 24-month mortgage payment history from an institutional lender, as verified through (i) credit bureau report reference for 24 months, (ii) 24 months canceled checks, or (iii) most recent 12 months canceled checks with a VOM for the prior 12 months.

- For rental verification, a standard VOR completed by a professional management company or 24 months bank statements or canceled checks are required.
- If a borrower is refinancing a privately held mortgage the following payment verification requirements apply:
  - The privately held mortgage payments must be verified with either cancelled checks or bank statements (if the payment is automatically withdrawn from the borrower's account).
  - Evidence must be included in the loan file that the lien being paid off is a current recorded lien against the subject property.
- Borrowers with no mortgage/rental history due to a residence scenario requiring no mortgage or rental payments are eligible with a satisfactory letter of explanation.

### CREDIT INQUIRIES

All inquiries that have taken place within 120 days of the credit report date must be explained by the borrower and documented accordingly.

Borrower must be qualified with any new debt.

### MODIFICATIONS

- Only lender-initiated modifications on owner occupied properties with proof that they were not caused by a distress situation.
- The borrower must have made 48 consecutive months of timely mortgage payments on the modified loan before closing on the refinance mortgage loan.
- Restructured loans in which the terms of the original transaction have been changed resulting in a partial or absolute forgiveness of debt; or a restructure of debt are not eligible:
  - Forgiveness of a portion of principal and or interest in either the first or the second mortgage.
  - Application of a principal curtailment or on behalf of the investor to simulate principal forgiveness.
  - Conversion of any portion of the original mortgage debt to a subordinate mortgage or conversion of any portion of the original mortgage debt from secured to unsecured.

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- Satisfactory explanation for any delinquent credit from the borrower is required.
- Borrower must pay off all delinquent credit that has the potential to impact lien position.
- Collection accounts or charged-off accounts do not need to be paid off if the balance of an individual account is less than \$1000.00 or if there are multiple accounts the total balance of all accounts cannot exceed \$2,500.00.

**FORECLOSURE, DEED-IN-LIEU OF FORECLOSURE, BANKRUPTCY AND SHORT SALES**

At least seven (7) years must have elapsed since bankruptcy discharge or dismissal, foreclosure, notice of default (NOD), short sale or deed-in-lieu measured from the date of completion to the date of application.

A satisfactory letter of explanation for the event from the borrower is required.

Borrower must show reestablished credit and meet the minimum credit requirement.

# EMPLOYMENT AND INCOME

For information regarding employment and income requirements not addressed below please contact your sales representative, transaction manager or underwriting.

## INCOME SOURCES AND CALCULATION OF INCOME

All income sources and method of income calculation must meet most recent Agency/Appendix Q Standards for Determining Monthly Debt and Income. The loan file should include an Income Analysis form detailing income calculations.

- The non-taxable portion of fixed income such as Social Security income, VA benefits, Pensions and Annuity income may be grossed-up twenty five percent (25%).
- Foreign income used for qualifying must be supported by the most recent two (2) years U.S. tax returns.
- Unreimbursed business expenses must be deducted from income. This includes borrowers who earn commission income regardless of the percentage of commission income to total income.

## EMPLOYMENT AND INCOME STABILITY

Borrower(s) must have a minimum of two (2) years employment and income history. Gaps in employment over thirty (30) days during the most recent two (2) year period require a satisfactory letter of explanation from the borrower. All borrowers contributing income for qualification must be employed at present employment for a minimum of six (6) months to qualify if there is a gap in employment during the previous two (2) years.

## INCOME DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS

Important Note Regarding Documentation: Appendix Q states that a borrower with a 25 percent or greater ownership interest in a business is considered self-employed. Any borrower for whom the ownership of 25 percent or more of a corporation, limited liability company, partnership, sole proprietorship, or other entity appears in the loan file must have the supporting documentation that is required by the relevant portions of the “Self-Employed Borrowers” subsection below. This documentation is required even if the borrower is a salaried employee of such business entity and/or another company, and even if the lender only relied upon the borrower’s salary or other income to establish eligibility. All required documentation as described here and in the following sections must be obtained prior to closing and submitted in the closed loan file.

## **SALARIED BORROWERS**

- Completed, signed, and dated final Uniform Residential Mortgage Application. Most current form must be used.
- W-2's from all employers for the past two (2) years. All W-2's must be computer generated.
- If the borrower does not have 2 years of employment due to previously being in school a copy of the school transcript is required.
- Most recent paystubs, covering a thirty-day (30) period with YTD earnings. All paystubs must be computer generated.
- Tax returns are not required for salaried borrowers if wage income is the only source of income used for qualification.
- Unreimbursed business expenses prior to 2018 must be deducted from income. Borrower must be self-employed in order to deduct business expense.
- Borrowers employed in a family business must provide evidence that they are not owners of the business with a CPA letter from the business and personal tax returns.
- Signed IRS Form 4506C.
- Two years tax transcripts are required to be obtained from the IRS within five (5) business days of the transcript service becoming available. Borrower pulled transcripts are not acceptable. The transcripts will be used to validate the income documentation used to underwrite the loan. Wage transcripts are acceptable for W-2 borrowers. The IRS transcripts and the supporting income documentation provided by the lender must be consistent.

## **SALARIED BORROWERS WHO ALSO FILE SELF-EMPLOYED AND/OR SUPPLEMENTAL INCOME/LOSS TAX RETURN SCHEDULES**

- See the Self-Employed Borrowers section below for additional requirements for salaried borrowers who also own 25% or more of a business or other entity including Schedule C (Sole Proprietorship) and those organized as pass through entities.

## **SALARIED BORROWERS WITH COMMISSION/BONUS**

- For borrowers receiving bonus, commission, or any other non-base salary compensation in addition to base salary, a 2-year history of the receipt of the income is required.
- This must be addressed with a written VOE breaking down the bonus or commission income for the past 2 years, further supported by a year-to-date paystub, and most recent signed two (2) years tax returns.
- A year-to-date paystub, W-2's and tax returns alone will not satisfy the documentation requirements for bonus, commission or any other non-base salary compensation.



### VERBAL VOE

Verbal VOE of current employment dated within 10 calendar days prior to closing documented in writing is required. The verbal VOE must cover 24 months of employment. If the borrower has changed jobs during the past two years, the verbal VOE must show the start and end dates for each job. The VOE(s) documenting prior employment, not including the current employer, must be dated prior to closing, but are not required to be dated within ten (10) calendar days of closing. Any employment gaps one (1) month or greater must be addressed with a satisfactory letter of explanation from the borrower. Any employment gap over 30 days must be addressed. Closing in this section is defined as the notary date on the Security Instrument.

### TAX TRANSCRIPTS

Two years tax transcripts are required to be obtained from the IRS. Wage transcripts are acceptable for W-2 borrowers. Borrower pulled transcripts are not acceptable. The IRS transcripts and the supporting income documentation provided by the lender must be consistent.

### SELF-EMPLOYED BORROWERS

- Borrowers with a 25 percent or greater ownership interest in a business are considered self-employed and will be evaluated as a self-employed borrower for underwriting purposes.
- Completed, signed, and dated final Uniform Residential Mortgage Application. Most current form must be used.
- For business income being used for qualifying the most recent signed two (2) years tax returns, including all schedules, both individual and business returns are required. All personal and business tax returns must be signed and dated prior to closing.
- Most recent two (2) years personal tax returns (including all schedules) required for all business income, regardless of whether or not the business income (profit or loss) is used to qualify. The tax returns must be signed and dated prior to closing.
- Most recent two (2) years business tax returns (including all schedules) required for all business income used for qualifying. Business tax returns also required if the personal tax return schedules show a loss in the prior year for any business, regardless of whether or not the business income is used to qualify, in order to calculate the average loss. The tax returns must be signed and dated prior to closing.
- Self-employed borrowers using wage income to qualify paid by their business need to fully document the income with W-2's for the past two (2) years and most recent paystubs, covering a thirty-day (30) period with year-to-date earnings. W-2 and paystubs must be computer generated.
- Signed IRS Form 4506C.

## ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR P&L, BALANCE SHEET AND BUSINESS BANK STATEMENTS

LHFS and TPO Partners should apply due diligence and review the actions of the business and any impact the current economic environment has taken on the flow of income in order to determine if the borrower's income is stable and there is a reasonable expectation of continuance.

The underwriter must include comments/justification of their analysis to clearly explain their conclusion of the effect to the business. Due to the pandemic's continuing impact on businesses, lenders are now required to obtain the following documentation to support the decision that the self-employment income meets requirements:

- (1) An audited year-to-date P&L, no older than 60 days from the Note date, reporting business revenue, expenses, and net income up to and including the most recent month preceding the loan application date, and (2) a Balance Sheet; or
- (1) An unaudited year-to-date P&L, no older than 60 days from the Note date, signed by the borrower reporting business revenue, expenses, and net income up to and including the most recent month preceding the loan application date, and (2) business bank statements from the most recent three months represented on the year-to-date P&L and (3) a Balance Sheet.
  - For example, the business bank statements should be from March through May 2021 for a year-to-date profit and loss statement dated through May 31, 2021.
  - The three most recent bank statements must support and/or not conflict with the information presented in the current year-to-date P&L statement. Otherwise, the TPO Partner must obtain additional statements or other documentation to support the information from the current year to-date P&L statement
- All borrowers owning 25% or more of a business or entity must provide a year- to-date P&L statement and balance sheet for that entity, regardless of whether or not the business income is being used to qualify. This requirement includes all business entities including those organized as pass through entities.
- If the tax return for the previous tax year is not filed a 12-month P&L and balance sheet for this period is required.
- If the most recent year's tax returns have not been filed by the IRS deadline, an executed copy of the borrower's extension request for both personal and business tax returns must be provided.
- The P&L and balance sheet is required even if the borrower does not have a business checking account.
- P&L and tax returns must show stable or increasing income from all business entities and income sources for the period relative to previous periods. Income cannot decline by 20% or more from the prior tax period.

## SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (SBA) LOANS AND GRANTS REQUIREMENTS

The existence of a Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loan or any other similar COVID related loan or grant could be helpful information in analyzing the borrower's business.

PPP loan terms allow deferred payments for a specified period, no personal loan guarantee, and the potential for all or some portion of the loan to be forgiven. Therefore, a payment for the PPP loan does not need to be included in the borrower's liabilities at this time. Once it has been determined that any portion of the PPP loan must be repaid, follow the requirements of the "[Employment and Income](#)" and "[Debts and Liabilities](#)" sections of these guidelines.

Proceeds from the PPP loan must not be included as business income or assets.

PPP loan proceeds cannot be used for the subject transaction down payment, closing costs, prepaids or reserves.

Follow all requirements in this section for underwriting self-employed borrowers.

## VERIFICATION OF ACTIVE BUSINESS

LHFS must verify the existence of the borrower's business within 10 calendar days prior to closing. Methods of verifying business include:

- Verification from a third party such as a CPA, regulatory agency or by an applicable licensing bureau. If CPA letter is used it must indicate the borrower has been self-employed for a minimum of 2 years. Closing in this section is defined as the notary date on the Security Instrument.

## TAX TRANSCRIPTS

Two years 1040 tax transcripts are required to be obtained from the IRS. Borrower pulled transcripts are not acceptable. The IRS transcripts and the supporting income documentation provided by the lender must be consistent.

### RENTAL INCOME

- Rental income from other properties must be documented with the borrower's most recent signed federal income tax return that includes Schedule E. Leases are required for all properties where rental income is being used to qualify. Rental income for properties with leases from management companies or other rental companies (i.e., Airbnb and VRBO) is not allowed.
- Proposed rental income from the comparable rent schedule may be used for qualifying if there is not a current lease or assignment of lease on purchase of an investment property.
- Properties with expired leases that have converted to month to month per the terms of the lease will require bank statements for the lesser of 12 months or the time period after the lease expired.
- A 25% vacancy factor must be applied to the gross rent used for qualifying. Multiply the gross rent by 75% and subtract the PITI to arrive at the rental income/loss used for qualifying.
- Commercial properties owned on schedule E must be documented with commercial leases and evidence that the primary use and zoning of the property is commercial.

### RETIREMENT OR PENSION INCOME

Retirement or Pension income must be verified by the following:

- Copies of retirement award letters.
- Copies of last two (2) months bank statements to document the regular deposit of payments.
- Distributions from a retirement account (401K, IRA, Keogh, SEP) must be documented with a distribution letter and copies of last two (2) months bank statements to document the regular deposit of payments.
- Most recent signed tax return. If distributions are not evident on the tax return, the income cannot be considered as qualifying income.

Annuity retirement benefits must have a minimum continuance of three years from the date of the application to be considered as qualifying income.

### SOCIAL SECURITY INCOME

Social Security Income must be verified by the following:

- Copy of the Social Security Administrations award letter.
- Copies of last two (2) months bank statements to document the regular deposit of payments.

Benefits must have a minimum continuance of three years from the date of the application to be considered as qualifying income.

## ALIMONY AND CHILD SUPPORT INCOME

Alimony and Child Support are allowable sources of income with proof of a minimum of three-year continuance.

## UNACCEPTABLE INCOME

Unacceptable income sources include the following:

- Any source that cannot be verified.
- Restricted stock income (RSU).
- Income that is temporary.
- Rental Income (Boarder Income) received from the borrower's primary residence.
- Expense account payments.
- Retained earnings.
- Non-occupant income.

# DEBTS AND LIABILITIES

For information regarding the treatment of debts and liabilities not addressed below please contact your LHFS AE.

## DEBT-TO-INCOME RATIO

The Debt-to-Income (DTI) ratio is based on the total of existing monthly liabilities and any planned future monthly liabilities divided by gross monthly income. Liabilities include but are not limited to all housing expenses, revolving debts, installment debts, other mortgages, rent, alimony, child support, and other consistent and recurring expenses. The TPO Partner must ensure that all liabilities are included in qualifying. This includes debts paid by another entity such as the borrowers business or debts being paid by a family member. Refer to the [Product Matrix](#) for the maximum allowable DTI.

## INSTALLMENT DEBT

- Installment debt, including car lease payments, must be included in the qualifying ratio regardless of months remaining.
- Debt that is not a contingent liability must be included in the DTI. A contingent liability is defined as a debt paid by a party or entity other than the borrower where said party or entity and not the borrower is the primary obligor. If the borrower is the primary obligor on any liability the debt must be included in the DTI. Example: A borrower financed the purchase of an automobile for their business and the business pays the loan. If the loan is in the borrower's name this debt must be included in the DTI.
- Real estate owned by the borrower where the borrower is not on the Note may be excluded from DTI with 12 months cancelled checks showing another party is making the payments. Tax and Insurance amounts on the property must be document and the full amount of taxes and insurance must be included in the DTI.
- PITI on real estate owned pending sale must be included in the DTI.
- Borrowers who have entered into an IRS repayment plan must have a minimum of three (3) months timely pay history. Credit report and title must not indicate an IRS tax lien.
- Student loans must be included as a long-term debt even if payments are deferred. If the monthly amount of a student loan is not shown on the credit report a payment of one percent (1%) of the balance may be used for qualifying.
- Payments related to a 401(K) loan do not need to be included in total debt obligation.
- Child support and alimony payments with 10 months or less remaining do not need to be included in total debt obligation unless the debt effects the borrower's ability to pay the mortgage during the months immediately after loans closing.
- Installment debt may be paid off to qualify either before or at closing using cash-out proceeds.
- Gift funds may not be used to pay off debt to qualify.

## **REVOLVING DEBT**

- All revolving debt is included for qualifying regardless of number of payments remaining.
- The monthly payment amount of a revolving account shown on the credit report may be used for qualifying.
- If the monthly payment amount of a revolving account is not shown on the credit report a payment of five percent (5%) of the balance may be used for qualifying.
- Payments may only be excluded if the account is documented as paid in full and closed.
- Revolving debt may be paid off to qualify either before or at closing using cashout proceeds. Documentation that the revolving debt has been paid off and the account is closed is required.
- Gift funds may not be used to pay off debt to qualify.
- For open 30-day charge accounts (for example, American Express), the borrower must have sufficient verified liquid assets to pay off the balance in addition to any reserve requirements to exclude the payment.
- Debt that is not a contingent liability must be included in the DTI. A contingent liability is defined as a debt paid by a party or entity other than the borrower where said party or entity is the primary obligor. If the borrower is the primary obligor on any liability the debt must be included in the DTI. Example: A borrower purchased an automobile for their business. The business pays the loan however the loan is in the borrower's name. This debt must be included in the DTI.

## **HOME EQUITY LINE OF CREDIT (HELOC)**

For HELOC loans paid off at closing the line must be closed to any future draws. Requirement on title commitment for payoff and cancellation of HELOC is acceptable to document.

Subordination of HELOC loans is permitted up to maximum CLTV per matrix. The CLTV should be calculated using the full amount of any HELOCs (whether or not funds have been drawn).

## **CONVERSION OF DEPARTING RESIDENCE TO INVESTMENT PROPERTY**

If the current primary residence is pending sale the following applies:

- The rental income from the departing residence may be used if the borrower has a loan to value of 75% or less, as evidenced by either:
  - A current residential appraisal (no more than 6 months old from application date) and outstanding liens as evidenced by a mortgage statement or credit report reference or;
  - An Exterior Only appraisal (2055) (no more than 6 months old from application date) and outstanding liens as evidenced by a mortgage statement or credit report reference or;

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- An automated valuation model (AVM) listing the prior sales price minus outstanding liens as evidenced by a mortgage statement or credit report reference. The AVM may not be used as a current valuation to determine the borrower's equity percentage.
- A 25% expense /vacancy deduction must be applied to all rental income. Copies of the signed lease are required.
- Reserves of six (6) months of PITI must be documented in addition to the required reserves for the primary residence.



# ASSETS AND SOURCE OF FUNDS

For information regarding assets and source of funds not addressed below please contact your sales representative, transaction manager or underwriting.

## SOURCE OF FUNDS

- The borrower must have sufficient liquid assets to meet the requirements for down payment, pre-paid items, closing costs and reserves.
- Funds needed for closing must be verified with copies of the most recent two (2) months bank statements including all pages.
- Large deposits, defined as a single deposit that exceeds 50% of the total monthly qualifying income, must be sourced. Large deposits that cannot be sourced may be subtracted from asset amount.
- Acceptable sources of verified funds include:
  - Bank deposits
  - Stocks, stock options, bonds, and mutual funds. Stocks and bonds will be discounted at 70% of value for reserves.
  - Life Insurance surrender value if used for cash to close must be liquidated. If used for reserves no liquidation is required.
  - Sale of real property.
  - Sale of personal property with supporting documentation.
  - Disbursement from a Trust Fund.
  - Disbursement from an IRA/401K.
  - Disaster relief grants. Borrowers may use lump sum grant for down payment. No minimum contribution is required. Grant may not be used for closing costs or reserve requirements. Document that payment received is an actual grant and not a loan. Subordinate lien against the property is ineligible.
- Business funds can be used for down payment. Personal and business tax returns for the entity the funds are being withdrawn from and a year-to-date P&L and balance sheet are required. Business funds may not be counted toward cash reserves.
- A letter from an accountant verifying the following is also required:
  - The amount of business assets that can be used must correspond to the borrower's percentage of ownership in the business.
  - The funds are not a loan.
  - Withdrawal of the funds will not negatively impact the business.
- Gift funds are an acceptable source of funds as follows for primary residences and second homes with LTV/CLTV  $\leq$  to 80% as follows:
  - Borrower must contribute at least 5% from their own funds.
  - Gift donor must be a relative, defined as the borrower's spouse, child, or other dependent, or by any other individual who is related to the borrower by blood, marriage, adoption, or legal guardianship, or a fiancé or domestic partner.
  - Gift letter from donor that includes name, address, telephone number and relationship to borrower

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- Evidence of funds transfer and receipt prior to closing.
- Gift funds are not allowed for investment property transactions.
- Gift funds may not be used to pay off debt to qualify.
- Gifts of equity are not allowed to be used as a source of funds.

### **CASH RESERVES**

All loans require a minimum cash reserve. Please refer to the [Product Matrix](#) for reserve requirements.

Reserves must be verified and comprised of liquid assets that borrower can readily access. If a borrower owns multiple financed properties, the borrower also must have six (6) months cash reserves for each additional property. Equity lines of credit, gift funds, business assets, and cash out from the subject property on a refinance transactions are not acceptable sources to meet the reserve requirement.

Vested funds from individual retirement accounts (IRA/SEP/Keogh/401K accounts) are acceptable sources of funds for reserves. If the retirement assets are in the form of stocks, bonds, or mutual funds, in order to be considered for reserves, the account must be discounted by 30% to account for market volatility.

# PROPERTY

## ELIGIBLE PROPERTY TYPES

- 1-4 unit attached/detached owner-occupied properties.
- 1-unit second homes.
- Maximum lot size 20 acres. Properties with greater than 10 acres must have three comparables with similar acreage.
- Low/mid/high-rise new and established Fannie Mae warrantable condominiums.
  - Warrantable condominium types S and T.
  - Limited review is not eligible. All attached condominiums require full lender review with or without Condo Project Manager (CPM). The conventional Condo and PUD warranty form must be used to warrant the condo project.
  - The project must be reviewed within the 3 months preceding the date of the note.
  - New condominiums (type R). New condominiums may not be subject to additional phasing or annexation.
  - All supporting documentation used by the lender to determine eligibility and warranty type criteria must be submitted in the file; including the project acceptance certification generated by CPM, and unexpired PERS approval, as applicable.
  - Minimum square footage 400.
- Planned Unit Development (PUD).

## INELIGIBLE PROPERTY TYPES

- Agriculturally zoned properties (agricultural/residential eligible)
- Commercial properties.
- Condo hotel units
- Condominiums with HOA in litigation
- Cooperatives (Co-ops)
- Factory built housing
- Geothermal homes
- Log homes
- Manufactured Homes
- Mixed use properties
- Properties held as leasehold
- Properties located in Puerto Rico, Guam, and US Virgin Islands.
- Properties with an oil and gas lease
- Properties with income producing attributes
- Properties with more than 20 acres
- Rural zoned properties
- Timeshare units
- Unique properties
- Unwarrantable condominiums
- Working farms

## DECLINING MARKETS

Reduce maximum LTV/CLTV by 10% for any property located in an area of declining property values as reported by appraiser. Maximum 80% LTV/CLTV.

## LAND-TO-VALUE

The property site should be of a size, shape, and topography that is generally conforming and acceptable in the market area. It must also have competitive utilities, street improvements, adequate vehicular access, and other amenities. Because amenities, easements, and encroachments may either detract from or enhance the marketability of a site, the appraiser must reflect them in his or her analysis and evaluation. The appraiser must comment if the site has adverse conditions or if there is market resistance to a property because the site is not compatible with the neighborhood or the requirements of the competitive market, and assess the effect, if any, on the value and marketability of the property.

## APPRAISAL REQUIREMENTS

- LHFS will order appraisal (review appraisal required).
- All appraisals must be completed on the most current Agency appraisal forms as stipulated in the Investor’s Guide and conform to Agency appraisal practices.
- Appraisals must not be over 120 days old from the date of the Note. If appraisal is over 120 days old a recertification of value needs to be performed. For new construction, an appraisal update on form 1004D is required.
- Two (2) full appraisals are required for loan amounts > 1.5 million. Appraisals assigned from another lender are not acceptable. LTV will be based on lower of the two values. All inconsistencies between the two appraisals must be addressed and reconciled.
- Appraisals assigned from another lender are not acceptable.

## THIRD PARTY APPRAISAL REVIEW

- LHFS will order the review appraisal.
- A copy of the appraisal desk review report should be submitted in the loan file. The review must not be over 120 days old from the date of the Note.
- If the desk review produces a value in excess of a 10% negative variance to the appraised value, the loan is not eligible; provided, LHFS has the option to then ask Investor to order a Field Review to support the appraised value. If the field review also produces a value in excess of a 10% negative variance to the appraised value, then the loan will remain ineligible.
- All appraisals are reviewed for eligibility as well as value support. However, the use of an appraisal review product does not relieve LHFS of its representations and warranties relating to the property and the appraisal including the underwriting thereof.

## PROPERTIES LOCATED IN A DISASTER AREA

The following is required for properties located in a FEMA declared disaster zone to be eligible:

- If the property is in a zone where a Disaster End Date has been declared by FEMA, Investor will order a post disaster inspection to confirm the property value has not been impacted by the disaster.
- If the property is in a zone where a Disaster End Date has not been declared by FEMA, in addition to the above inspection requirement, a date and time stamped area map from a state or county agency or similar, showing the subject property in relation to the disaster area is required to evidence that the property is outside of current known fire boundaries.

# ADDITIONAL LOAN ATTRIBUTES AND POLICIES

## SUBORDINATE FINANCING

- New subordinate financing is permitted up to the maximum allowable LTV/CLTV (See [matrix](#)). Only institutional financing is permitted.
- The CLTV should be calculated using the unpaid principal balance on all closed-end subordinate financing and the full amount of any HELOCs (whether or not funds have been drawn).
- Subordination of an existing loan is permitted on purchase and rate/term refinance transactions up to the maximum allowable LTV/CLTV.
- Subordinate liens must not have negative amortization, no balloon within 5 years, and no prepayment penalties.
- In cases in which a HELOC is resubordinated to the subject mortgage, monthly amount on credit report will be used. If no monthly payment amount is shown on credit report, 1% minimum payment of the maximum line amount will be used for qualifying. A credit report supplement showing the minimum monthly payment is also acceptable. If HELOC has a zero balance and no draws within 24 months of application no payment is needed to be included in DTI. Withdrawal activity must be documented with a transaction history for the line of credit.

## CHAIN OF TITLE

- All transactions require a minimum twenty-four (24) month chain of title.
- For purchase transactions if seller has taken title to the subject property within ninety (90) days of the date of sales contract. Follow requirements under [Purchase](#) section.

## BALLOON MORTGAGE

Balloon mortgages are not eligible.

## RECASTING/RE-AMORTIZING

Recasting or re-amortized transactions are not eligible.

## TEMPORARY BUYDOWN

Temporary buydown mortgage loans are not eligible.

## PREPAYMENT PENALTY

Mortgage loans with prepayment penalties are not eligible.

## INTERESTED PARTY CONTRIBUTIONS

Interested party contributions include funds contributed by the property seller, builder, developer, real estate agent or any other party with an interest in the real estate transaction. Interested party contributions may only be used for closing costs and prepaid expenses. Interested party contributions exceeding the allowed amount per [Program Highlights](#) will be deducted from the sales price to determine LTV.

## HAZARD INSURANCE

- Properties where the insurance coverage on the declaration page does not cover the loan amount must have a cost estimate from the insurance company or agent evidencing the property is insured for its replacement cost.
- Hazard insurance must have the same inception date as the date of disbursement on purchase money mortgages. This may be documented with a post-closing Closing Disclosure or the correction of the inception date on the hazard policy.

## HERO/PACE/SOLAR PANELS

Any item that that will include a UCC associated with the property and/or will create an easement on title is ineligible.

Payoff of a HERO lien is considered cash-out.

## ESCROWS

- Escrow accounts may be created for funds collected by the originator to pay taxes, hazard insurance, flood insurance, special assessments, water, sewer, and other items as applicable.
- All applicable loans must adhere to HFIAA regarding flood insurance escrows.
- Escrow holdbacks are not allowed.

# TITLE AND CLOSING DOCUMENTATION

## FORMS

- All Notes, security instruments, riders, addenda, and special purpose documents used in connection with fully amortizing one to two family conventional first mortgages delivered to Investor must be prepared on approved Agency forms unless this guide specifically requires otherwise. See most recent Fannie Mae Selling Guide for reference.
- Copy of security instrument submitted in the file must be a true and certified stamped copy of the original recorded security instrument.

## TITLE

Title insurance must meet Agency requirements and be written on the 2006 American Land Title ALTA form providing gap coverage or the ALTA short form. Other state forms may be used in states in which standard ALTA forms of coverage are not used or in which the 2006 ALTA forms have not been adopted. If alternative forms are used, the lender must ensure that those amendments provide the same coverage. The title insurance policy/commitment must be dated within 90 days and insure the exact loan amount.

- The title policy should include all applicable endorsements issued by a title insurer qualified to do business in the jurisdiction in which the mortgage insured property is located, including the endorsements for Condominiums and PUDs.
- The title insurance coverage must include an environmental protection lien endorsement (ALTA 8.1-06 or equivalent state form).
- The title insurance policy must insure the mortgagee and its successors and assigns as to the first priority lien of the loan amount at least equal to the outstanding principal balance of the loan.
- A statement by the title insurance company or closing attorney on such binder or commitment that the priority of the lien of the related Mortgage during the period between the date of the funding of the related Mortgage Loan and the date of the related title policy (which title policy shall be dated the date of recording of the related Mortgage) is insured.
- Any existing tax or mechanic's liens must be paid in full through escrow.