

FNMA			
Conforming and High Balance			
Loan Purpose	Units	Max LTV/CLTV	FICO
Primary Residence			
Purchase or Limited Cash-Out	1	Fixed 97 ^{2, 3, 4}	DU A/E with Min. 620
	Manufactured	95	
	2 Unit Conforming	95	
	2 Unit High Balance	85	
	3-4 Unit Conforming	95	
	3-4 Unit High Balance	75	
Cash-Out	1	80	
	Manufactured Term 30 years	65	
	2-4	75	
Second Homes			
Purchase or Limited Cash-Out	1	90	DU A/E with Min. 620
	Manufactured	90	
Cash-Out	1	75	
Investment Property			
Purchase	1	85	DU A/E with Min. 620
	2-4	75	
Limited Cash-Out	1-4	75	
Cash-Out	1	75	
	2-4	70	

Reference:

1. Note: Loan pricing and MI pricing will be determined by the lowest mid score rather than the eligibility score.
2. Please refer to 95.01 -97% LTV requirement section for qualification.
3. 105% CLTV Ratio allowed only if the loan is part of a Community Second transaction.
4. High Balance or transactions with non-occupant co-borrowers are limited to 95% LTV/CLTV.

2026 Maximum Loan Limits		
Property Type	Conforming Loan Limits	High Balance Loan Limits
1 Unit	\$832,750	\$1,249,125
2 Unit	\$1,066,250	\$1,599,375
3 Unit	\$1,288,800	\$1,933,200
4 Unit	\$1,601,750	\$2,402,625

2026 Maximum Loan Limits Alaska & Hawaii	
Property Type	Conforming Loan Limits
1 Unit	\$1,299,500
2 Unit	\$1,633,600
3 Unit	\$2,010,950
4 Unit	\$2,499,100

Mortgage Insurance		
LTV	Loan Term	
	25, 30 YR, MFH, ARMs	10, 15, 20 yr
80.01-85	12	6
85.01-90	25	12
90.01-95	30	25
95.01-97	35	35

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FNMA (Fannie Mae) Requirements

Quick Reference

Temporary Interest Rate Buydown	Allowed subject to the following:
	2/1 buydown allowed. Max total interest rate reduction of 2%, max increase per year of 1%
	Maximum 3 years to reach standard note rate
	Minimum 660 FICO
	Owner Occupied and Second Home only
	Fixed rate and ARMs
	Manufactured Homes are ineligible
	Must qualify at the standard note rate without benefit of the buydown
	When the source of the buydown funds is an interested party to the property sale or purchase transaction, FNMA's interested-party contribution limits apply.
	Must meet all other applicable FNMA requirements, including but not limited to qualification, documentation of buydown, and funding of buydown.

95.01% to 97% LTV Requirements

95.01-97% LTV	Must meet the following:
	Must be Fixed Rate up to 30 years
	1 unit Primary Residence only. Manufactured not allowed.
	Non-occupant not allowed. All borrowers must occupy.
	- Purchase - at least one borrower must be a first-time home buyer, as indicated on 1003 declarations reflecting "No" to ownership interest in a property in the last three years - if all borrowers are first-time homebuyers, homeownership education is required.
	Limited Cash-Out
	Must document that the existing loan being refinanced is owned by FNMA.

Loan Purpose

Loan Purpose: Rate & Term Refinance	Limited Cash-Out/Rate & Term Refinance - RT to buy out owner's interest: Written agreement must be legible and signed/dated prior to or at application. All other FNMA requirements must be met 31 days seasoning required from prior Note date to new loan application date if the loan being paid off was done as a Cash-Out transaction within 30 days of existing note - Proceeds can be used to pay off Non-delinquent real estate taxes - Proceeds can be used to pay off a first mortgage lien - Proceeds can be used to pay off any junior liens related to the purchase of the subject property - For two-closing construction-to-permanent loans, to pay off an existing construction loan and documented construction cost overruns that were incurred outside of the interim construction financing. (These construction cost overruns must be paid directly to the builder at closing.) - Pay related closing costs and prepaid items - Disburse cash out to the Borrower in an amount not to exceed 1% of the new Mortgage or \$2,000, whichever is Greater

Loan Purpose (Continued)		
Loan Purpose: Cash-Out	•	The transaction must be used to pay off existing mortgage loans by obtaining a new first mortgage secured by the same property, or be a new mortgage on a property that does not have a mortgage lien against it (the borrower owns the property free and clear at the time of refinance).
	•	If an existing first mortgage is being paid off through the transaction, it must be at least 12 months old at the time of refinance, as measured by the note date of the existing loan to the note date of the new loan . This requirement does not apply:
	•	to any existing subordinate liens being paid off through the transaction, or
	•	when buying out a co-owner pursuant to a legal agreement.
	•	At least one borrower must have been on title for at least for six months prior to the disbursement date of the new loan.
	•	If the DTI ratio exceeds 45%, six months reserves is required.
	•	Properties that were listed for sale must have been taken off the market on or before the disbursement date of the new mortgage loan.
	•	Proceeds can be used to pay off delinquent taxes

Credit Requirements		
Age of Documents	•	For new and existing construction, credit documents must be no more than 4 months old on the date the note is signed, including credit reports and employment, income and asset documents
	•	90 days Title
		All items are measured from Note Date
Borrower Eligibility		Eligible Borrowers: Must have legal residency and valid Social Security Number
	•	US Citizens, Permanent Residents and Non Permanent Resident Aliens
	•	DACA recipients are eligible with proof of legal status, including but not limited to a valid Employment Authorization Document card.
	•	Inter-Vivos Revocable Trusts
		Ineligible Borrowers:
	•	Foreign Nationals
	•	Limited and General Partnerships
	•	Irrevocable Trusts
	•	ITIN borrowers
Credit Refresh / Soft Pull		Required within 10 calendar days of Note date. Any additional inquiries found on soft pull must be addressed by borrower.
Debt Paid By Borrower's Business		The account payment does not need to be considered as part of the borrower's DTI ratio if:
	•	The account in question does not have a history of delinquency,
	•	The business provides acceptable evidence that the obligation was paid out of company funds (such as 12 months of canceled company checks), and
	•	Tax returns show that cash flow analysis of the business took payment of the obligation into consideration.
Derogatory Credit		Per DU
DTI		Per DU
Federal Income Tax Installment Agreements		The debt may include the monthly payment amount in liabilities (in lieu of requiring payment in full) if:
	•	There is no indication that a Notice of Federal Tax Lien has been filed against the borrower in the county in which the subject property is located.
	•	The lender obtains the following documentation:
	•	an approved IRS installment agreement with the terms of repayment, including the monthly payment amount and total amount due; and
	•	evidence the borrower is current on the payments associated with the tax installment plan. Acceptable evidence includes the most recent payment reminder from the IRS, reflecting the last payment amount and date and the next payment amount owed and due date. At least one payment must have been made prior to closing.

Credit Requirements (Continued)		
Contingent Liabilities	Debts Paid by Others	
	•	Non-Mortgage Debt - 12months canceled checks or bank statements from the other party making the payments that document a 12 month payment history with no delinquency. The party does not have to be obligated to the non-mortgage debt.
	•	Mortgage debt - may be excluded if the party making the payments is obligated on the mortgage debt, No delinquencies in the most recent 12 months and the borrower is not using rental income from the applicable property to qualify
Homebuyer Education	•	To meet the homeownership education requirements, borrowers must complete an online education program that is aligned with the National Industry Standards(NIS) for Homeownership Education and Counseling or with HUD Housing Counseling program, or provided by a HUD-approved Counseling agency.
	•	FNMA's Framework Homeownership program continues to be an acceptable option.
Open-End or 30 day Accounts	•	Does not require to be included in the DTI. Must verify borrower funds to cover the account balance. The verified funds must be in addition to any funds required for closing costs and reserves
	•	If the borrower paid off the account balance prior to closing, provide proof of payoff in lieu of verifying funds to cover the account balance.
	•	For transactions that do not require the verification of reserves, the balance of 30-day charge accounts in the Reserves Required to be Verified amount in DU will be reduced by any cash out the borrower will receive through the transaction.
Refinance of Payment Deferral due to COVID-19	•	Rate & Term: Refinance of an existing loan with payment deferral(s) due to COVID-19 as a 2nd lien is allowed. It does not have to be treated as a Cash-Out transaction. The payment deferral or 2nd lien must only be due to a deferral of the 1st lien.
Student Loan Calculation		If the credit report does not provide a monthly payment for the student loan, or if the credit report shows \$0 as the monthly payment, determine the qualifying monthly payment using one of the options below.
		If the borrower is on an income-driven payment plan, obtain student loan documentation to verify the actual monthly payment is \$0 to qualify the borrower with a \$0 payment.
	•	For deferred loans or loans in forbearance, calculate
	•	a payment equal to 1% of the outstanding student loan balance (even if this amount is lower than the actual fully amortizing payment), or
	•	a fully amortizing payment using the documented loan repayment terms.

Income / Assets		
Amended Tax Returns Overlay	•	Amended tax return must be filed before loan application date. An income increase of 20% or more from the original return will not be allowed or subject to management approval.
Assets	Per DU. Source any single large deposits that exceeds 50% of the total monthly qualifying income for Purchase transactions.	
Rental Income	Follow FNMA Selling Guide.	
Partial or No Rental History on Tax Returns	IF	
	• the property was acquired or placed into service during the most recent tax filing year,	• Evidence of the purchase date using the settlement statement or other documentation, and • Fair Rental Days on Schedule E of the most recently filed tax return must confirm partial year rental income.
	• the property was acquired or placed into service right after the most recent tax filing year	• the lender must confirm the purchase date using the settlement statement or other documentation, if applicable, and • Schedule E or the most recently filed tax return must confirm no rental income or expenses for this property.
	• the lender determines that some other situation warrants an exception to use a lease agreement,	• Provide satisfactory explanation and justification in the loan file.

Income / Assets (Continued)				
Requirements for Documenting Rental Income (Subject and NonSubject Property)	Does the Borrower Have a History of Receiving Rental Income From the Subject Property?	Transaction Type	Documentation Requirements	
	Yes	Refinance	Form 1007 or Form 1025, as applicable, and either	
			•	the borrower’s most recent year of signed federal income tax returns, including Schedule 1 and Schedule E, or
			•	copies of the current lease agreement(s) if the borrower can document a qualifying exception (follow FNMA guides).
	No	Purchase	•	Form 1007 or Form 1025, as applicable, and copies of the c lease agreement(s) iftransferred to the borrower.
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No	Purchase	•	If there is a lease on the property that is being transferred to the borrower, see B2-1.5-03, Legal Requirements B7-2-05, Title Exceptions and Impediments, for additionalinformation.	
Calculating Monthly Qualifying Rental Income (or Loss) for Subject Property	If the borrower...			Rental income restrictions are as follows:
	• currently owns a principal residence (or has a current housing expense), and • has a minimum of 1 yr history of receiving rental income or at least one year of documented property management experience			• No restrictions on the amount of rental income that can be used.
	• currently owns a principal residence (or has a current housing expense), and • has less than one-year history of receiving rental income from the related property or documented property management experience			• for a principal residence, rental income in an amount not exceeding PITIA of the subject property can be added to the borrower’s gross income, or • for an investment property, rental income can only be used to offset the PITIA of the subject property (in other words, it is limited to zero positive cash flow).
	• does not own a principal residence, and • does not have a current housing expense			• rental income from the subject property cannot be used.
Calculating Monthly Qualifying Rental Income (or Loss) for Non-subject property	If the borrower...			Rental income restrictions are as follows:
	• currently owns a principal residence (or has a current housing expense), and • has at least one-year of receiving rental income from the property or • does not currently have a housing expense, and • has at least one-year of receiving rental income from the property			• No restrictions on the amount of rental income that can be used.
	• currently owns a principal residence (or has a current housing expense), and • has less than one-year history of receiving rental income from the related property or documented property management experience			• for a principal residence, rental income added to the borrower's gross monthly income is restricted to an amount not exceeding PITIA of the related property. • for an investment property, rental income can only be used to offset the PITIA of the related property (in other words, is limited to zero positive cash flow).
	• does not own a principal residence, and • does not have a current housing expense			• rental income from the property cannot be used.
Reserves	•	DU will determine the reserve requirements based on the following:		
	•	Two months' reserves for a second home transaction.		
	•	Six months' reserves for the following:		
	•	a two- to four-unit principal residence transaction,		
	•	an investment property transaction, and		

Income / Assets (Continued)		
Reserves		a cash-out refinance transaction with a DTI ratio greater than 45%.
		The other financed properties reserves amount must be determined by applying a specific percentage to the aggregate of the outstanding unpaid principal balance (UPB) for mortgages and HELOCs on these other financed properties. The percentages are based on the number of financed properties:
		2% of the aggregate UPB if the borrower has one to four financed properties,
		4% of the aggregate UPB if the borrower has five to six financed properties, or
		6% of the aggregate UPB if the borrower has seven to ten financed properties (DU only).
		The aggregate UPB calculation does not include the mortgages and HELOCs that are on the subject property, the borrower's principal residence, properties that are sold or pending sale, and accounts that will be paid by closing (or omitted in DU on the online loan application).
Rental Income From Accessory Dwelling Unit		Only Available Under HomeReady. See Seller Guideline for requirements
Tax Transcripts		All loans require a signed 4506-C form. Additional 4506-C form is required to be signed by Borrower's LLC, S-Corp or Corporation Name and EIN
		Tax Transcripts are required for:
		Self-employed borrowers
		Borrower employed by family member
		Using rental income to qualify per tax returns
		Relationship between the parties

Property		
Appraisal Requirements		Transferred Appraisal Accepted
		FNMA SSR score on Appraisal must be 4.9 or below. A FNMA SSR score of 5 is not acceptable.
		Stand Alone Appraisal Waiver or Value Acceptance allowed per DU except for the following:
		Value Acceptance + Property Data
		Two- to four-unit properties;
		Leasehold properties;
		Community land trusts or other properties with resale restrictions, which include loans using the Affordable LTV feature;
		Manufactured homes
		Transactions using gifts of equity;
		Texas Section 50(a)(6) loans.
		Using rental income from the subject property to qualify the borrower
		HomeStyle Renovation and HomeStyle Energy loans;
		Construction-to-permanent loans, proposed construction
Condominiums		See B4-2 Project Standards in FNMA's Seller Guide or https://www.fanniemae.com/singlefamily/project-eligibility for complete details on condos.
		FNMA to FNMA rate and term refinances up to 80% LTV may be eligible for a waiver of the project eligibility review.
		Documentation confirming refinanced loan was owned by Fannie Mae is required.
		Condo type V required.
		See B4-2.1-02 Waiver of Project Review for additional information
		Limited Review allowed in accordance with Fannie Mae Guidelines, including NOO up to 75% LTV/CLTV/HCLTV
		Projects in which the HOA is named as a party to pending litigation, or for which the project sponsor or developer is named as a party to pending litigation that relates to the safety, structural soundness, habitability, or functional use of the project are ineligible.

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Condominiums		Projects with pending litigation that involves minor matters with no impact on the safety, structural soundness, habitability, or functional use of the project, may be eligible if the litigation meets Fannie Mae's requirements for minor matters. See FNMA Selling Guide Section B4-2.1-03 for details.	
Limited Condo Review Eligibility	Maximum LTV/CLTV Ratios Eligible for Limited Review. Full Condo Review Required for LTV over the maximum listed below.		
	Occupancy Type	Projects Not located in Florida	Projects located in Florida
	Primary Residence	90%	75/90
	Second Home	75%	70/75
	Investment Property	75%	70/75
Escrow Accounts / Impounds	Required if LTV is > 90% in CA or > 80% in all other states.		
DPA	Allowed per FNMA guidelines		
Escrow Holdbacks	Not Allowed		
Ineligible Properties		No Land Trusts, Indian Leased Land, Vacant land	
		Property Condition rating C6 and/or Quality condition Q6	
		Non-Warrantable Condo, Condo-tels, Co-Ops, Manufactured Condos	
		Commercial Property, Boarding houses, Bed and Breakfast	
		Working Farms	
		One Time Close Construction to Perm Loans	
		See FNMA Selling Guide for complete list	
Manufactured Homes		Primary Residence and Second Home Only	
		Fixed Rate, Fee Simple Only	
		Property must not be located in a deed restricted area including restrictions for age and income	
		HUD Data Plates (Paper Certification located on the interior of the property) or IBTS Verification	
		Built on or after June 15, 1976	
		Built on a permanent chassis in compliance with the applicable Manufactured Homes (HUD Codes) in effect as of the date the Manufactured Home was constructed.	
		Must be at least 12 feet wide (single-wide not allowed) and have a minimum of 600 square feet of gross living area	
		Must be legally classified as real property; it must be a 1-unit dwelling that is permanently affixed to a permanent foundation	
		Manufactured Condos not allowed	
		Flood insurance required for properties in flood zone	
		Manufactured home must be on original site, relocated homes are not permitted	
		HUD Certification Labels (metal plates attached) or IBTS Verification if not attached to the property	
		New Construction will require a Structural Engineer’s report to show that the property is designed to be used as a dwelling with permanent foundation and meets HUD requirements	
		Additions to the property are not permitted if the addition was to add GLA or if there were structural changes to the home (additions such as decks and green rooms without structural changes to the property may be accepted)	
		Borrower must own the land on which the home is located	
		Affidavit of Affixture (or its equivalent) to evidence property is classified and taxed as real property	
Manufactured Homes Refinance	Limited Cash-out Refinance: The maximum LTV ratio (and CLTV ratio, if applicable) for a limited cash-out refinance transaction for a loan secured by a manufactured home and land will be based on the lower of:		
		the current appraised value of the manufactured home and land; or	
		if the manufactured home was owned by the borrower for less than 12 months on the loan application date and:	

Property (Continued)		
Manufactured Homes Refinance		if the home and land are secured by separate liens, the lowest price at which the home was previously sold during that 12-month period plus the lower of the current appraised value of the land, or the lowest sales price at which the land was sold during that 12-month period (if there was such a sale);
		if the home and land are secured by a single lien, the lowest price at which the home and land were previously sold during that 12-month period.
	Cash Out:	
	The property must be a multi-width manufactured home.	
	The borrower must have owned both the manufactured home and land for at least 12 months preceding the date of the loan application. The LTV, CLTV, and HCLTV ratios will be based on the current appraised value of the manufactured home and land.	
Max Financed Properties	Subject is Primary - Unlimited financed properties	
	Subject is 2nd Home and Investment - 10 Financed Properties including subject property	
Properties Listed for Sale/Listing History	Cash Out and Rate/Term Transactions: Property must be taken off the market prior to application date and borrowers must confirm the intent to occupy for (primary residence)	
State Restrictions	Please see our approved License States	
Texas R/T and Cash Out	Max 80% LTV/CLTV, 1 unit Principal residences and claimed as Borrower's homestead	
	Copy of the current mortgage or Note is required to determine previous terms are not subject to Texas 50 (a)(6).	
	12 month seasoning required.	
	Max 10 acres	
	Maximum 2% fee limitation for all closing costs, fees and charges A Texas (a)(6) loan may not close until:	
	12 days after the borrower submits the loan application or all borrower sign the 12 day notice, whichever is later	
	1 day after the borrowers receives a copy of the Initial Closing Disclosure	
	12 months seasoning of the existing Texas (a)(6) loan	
Texas 50(a)(4)	The TX (a)(6) loan being refinanced must be seasoned at least 12 months	
	No Cash out allowed	
	Max 80% LTV/CLTV	
	Borrower/s affidavit acknowledging the refinance of their Texas (a)(6) loan to a no-cashout Texas(a)(4) refinance loan provided no later than 3 business days after the date of application is received AND at least 12 days before loan closing.	

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