

		Rainier		
		Owner Occupied		
	LTV / CLTV			
Loan Amount	Credit Sc	ore Purchase Rate & Term		Cash-Out
≤ \$2,000,000	700	80%		75%
≤ \$2,500,000	700	70%		65%
		Second Homes and Investment Prope	erties	
			LTV / CLTV	
Loan Amount	Credit Sc	ore Purchase Rate & Term		Cash-Out
≤ \$2,000,000	700	75%		70%
		Rainier		
	Product	Qualifying Rate	Term	I.O. Term
Available Products	15 Year Fixed	Note Rate	180	N/A
	30 Year Fixed	Note Rate	360	N/A
	30 Year Fixed I.O.	Note Rate	360	120
Minimum Loan Amount	\$100,000 \$250,000 for Texas 50(a)(6) \$159,500 for Ioans in Missouri			
Prepayment Penalty	Prepayment penalties allowed on Non-Owner occupied properties only. Prepayment penalty is equal to 6 months interest on 80% of unpaid principal balance. PPP Not Allowed in the following states: - Alabama, Arkansas, DC, Illinois, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, New Jersey, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Vermont, West Virginia PPP Allowed in the following states w/ restrictions: - Iowa: Allowed on 3-4 units only - North Carolina: Allowed for Ioan amounts > \$150,000 - Indiana: Allowed only if fixed rate			



Secondary Financing	Allowed - See LTV/CLTV grid Junior financing can be lender or seller provided and must meet the requirements as defined by Fannie Mae Junior financing used for purchase or fixed 2nd's seasoned for 12 months can be paid off for transaction to be considered rate & term. If junior financing is a HELOC, total draws within previous 12-months cannot exceed the lesser of 2% or \$5,000 to be considered rate & term.	
PACE / HERO Loans	Follow FNMA Any energy efficiency-based liens, like PACE or HERO, when paid off through loan proceeds, the transaction is treated like a rate & term Cannot be subordinated	
Property Type	Single Family (attached and detached) PUD Warrantable Condo - Follow FNMA Requirements Non-Warrantable Condo - Not Allowed 2 - 4 Units	
Cash Out Ownership Seasoning	Property must be owned a minimum of 6 months at note date to be eligible for cash out. See delayed financing for properties owned less than 6 months.	
Delayed Financing	Properties purchased with cash, or debt not secured to the subject property, within the past six (6) months (measured from the purchase date of the property to the disbursement date of the new loan) are eligible for a cash-out refinance. Cash-out equity withdrawal not restricted to guideline maximums. Follow Fannie Mae requirements	
LTV Determination	Rate & Term - use current appraised value Cash-Out owned >= 6 months - use current appraised value Cash-Out owned < 6 months (delayed financing) - use lesser of acquisition cost or appraised value (see delayed financing)	
Maximum Cash-Out	>= 70% LTV up to \$500,000 allowed < 70% LTV up to \$1,000,000 allowed <= 50% LTV unlimited cash out allowed	

Borrower Requirements		
Eligible Borrowers	US Citizens Permanent Resident Alien Non-Permanent Resident Alien	
Non-Permanent Resident Standard	 Non-Permanent Resident Alien: Standard Visa types allowed E-1, E-2, E-3, EB-5, G-1 through G-5, H-1, L-1, L-2, NATO, O-1, R-1, TN NAFTA Visas must be current and have at least six (6) months remaining from the close date, if less than six (6) months provide evidence that extension has been requested If the visa will expire within six (6) months of the loan application a letter from the employer stating the borrower's continued employment and continued visa renewal sponsorship. Employer on the loan application must be same on the unexpired visa 	
Non-Permanent Resident Non-Standard	 Non-Permanent Resident Alien: Non-Standard Any residency status that meets FNMA guidelines is allowed provided the requirements listed below are met: Visas must be current and have at least six (6) months remaining from the close date, if less than six (6) months provide evidence that extension has been requested If the visa will expire within six (6) months of the loan application a letter from the employer stating the borrower's continued employment and continued visa renewal sponsorship. Employer on the loan application must be same on the unexpired visa Must have a min of two (2) years residency and employment history in the US and qualifying income is based on the two (2) years income, the two (2) year history is measured by note date Must have a two (2) year US credit history and must meet program credit profile, the two (2) year history is measured from note date The requirement for residency, Credit, employment may be reduced to one (1) year with AUS Approve/Ineligible (Ineligible for loan amount, DTI and/or reserves) 	
Entity Vesting	Entity vesting is allowed on non-owner occupied only, the following are required - Entity type must be LLC - All entity members must also be borrowers - 4 borrower MAX - U.S. domiciled entities only - Purpose of entity must be for real estate acquisition Documentation verifying the following must be provided - Verify entity membership with formation docs or other entity documentation - Provide federal licensing entity ID number (EIN) - Show the entity is in good standing	



First Time Home Buyer	Defined as borrowers who have not owned residential property in the past three (3) years If one (1) borrower is an FTHB and the other borrower is not, then FTHB guidance does not apply Property owned outside of the US is not considered in the FTHB determination - All occupancy types allowed - Subject rents on investment property transaction not allowed Max Loan Amount = \$2,000,000 > 40% DTI 300% max payment shock, <= 40% DTI payment shock does not apply	
Multiple Properties Owned	The maximum number of residential 1-4 unit properties owned (financed or free and clear) is six (6)	
Max Exposure to Newfi	The max exposure to Newfi for any one (1) borrower is eight (8) loans or \$5,000,000 UPB	
	Purchase and Rate/Term only Cash-Out transactions are not allowed Blended Ratios are allowed using one of the three following options: Option 1:	
Non-Occupant Co-Borrowers	 Occupying borrower must have a DTI <= 60% AND a minimum of 5% of the down payment must come from occupying borrower's own funds AND occupant borrower is responsible for 50% of the reserve requirement Option 2: Occupying borrower must have a DTI <= 75% with combined DTI <= 40% AND a minimum of 5% of the down payment must come from occupying borrower's own funds AND a minimum of 5% of the down payment must come from occupying borrower's own funds AND a minimum of 5% of the down payment must come from occupying borrower's own funds AND a minimum of 5% of the down payment must come from occupying borrower's own funds AND occupant borrower is responsible for 50% of the reserve requirement 	
	 True blended ratios are allowed at <= 70% LTV/CLTV No occupant contribution required for down payment or reserves 	
Non-Arm's Length	 No occupant contribution required for down payment or reserves The following NAL's are eligible with proper documentation: Sale 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 purchasing from his or her current landlord (cancelled checks or bank statements required to verify satisfactory pay history) Borrower is a mortgage broker or loan officer, or works for submitting broker. Borrower is related to realtor and/or loan officer who is representing them only. Investment property loans must be arms length 	



	Credit and Liabilities		
Credit Score	Refer to Matrices for eligibility When multiple borrowers apply, the lowest middle score is the qualifying credit score		
Age of Credit Docs	Appraisal and title valid for 120-days from note date Credit, Income, and Assets valid for 90-days from note date YTD P&L age limit is 90-days		
Housing Payment History	Maximum of 0x30 in past 24 months		
Mortgage/Rental Verification	Institutional Lender/ Landlord Payment history may be documented as follows: - 24 months mortgage payment history on the credit report OR - 24 months canceled checks OR - 24 months canceled checks OR - Verification of Mortgage (VOM)/ Verification of Rent (VOR) Non-Institutional Lender/ Landlord - Payments must be verified with either canceled checks or bank statements AND - A copy of the note or lease is required to verify payment amount and due date - Verifying housing payments can be eliminated if the following is present: - File receives an AUS approve		
Forbearance	 Forbearance allows for borrower experiencing financial hardship to pause making mortgage payments. A recent forbearance, due to COVID-19, may be eligible based upon the following: Borrowers who entered into forbearance but continued to make timely payments and remained employed without income disruption, are eligible without any other requirements. Borrowers who participated in forbearance and missed payments have two options: Pay loan current by making all missed payments from borrower verified funds. Make three monthly payments in lender modification plan after exiting forbearance. Third payment must be made prior to note date. Evidence the borrower has exited forbearance or entered the modification plan is required. 		
Major Credit Events	Four (4) year seasoning is required on all major credit events Seasoning is measured from date of credit event to note date and includes: Bankruptcy, Foreclosure, Deed-in-Lieu, Short-Sale / Short-Refinance, and Modification Simple rate reduction modifications or modifications that were a result of a COVID-19 forbearance plan are acceptable with no restrictions		
Credit Report Security Freeze	If the credit report shows a security freeze and the borrower unfreezes credit after the date of the original credit report, a new report is required to reflect current and updated information		

Collections & Charge Offs	 Collection and charged-off accounts that do not impact title do not need to be paid off if: Individual accounts less than \$500 and cumulative balance \$2,500 or less Medical collections up to \$10,000 cumulative Collections and charge-offs that have passed the individual state statute of limitations Collections and charge-offs not excluded by one of the above three (3) exceptions must be paid or may remain open with the following Payments for open charge-offs or collections are included in the DTI (subject to program DTI restrictions). If a payment amount is not known, 5% of the balance may be used as the payment AND/OR Reserves are sufficient to cover the balance of the charge-offs or collections and meet reserve requirements *Note: A combination of reserves and debt service can be used to address open balances. For example: \$10,000 collection balance can be addressed by \$5,000 extra reserves and \$5,000 debt serviced at \$250 per month.
Required Credit History	If the primary wage earner has 3 credit scores, the minimum tradeline requirement is met. If the primary wage earner has only 2 scores, one of the following four (4) options must be met. Multiple borrowers with the same income need to meet either the 3 credit score threshold or meet one (1) of the minimum tradeline requirements listed below. Primary wage earner ONLY must meet tradeline requirement Tradelines with recent serious adverse history are not acceptable Rental verification can be included as a tradeline Student loans can be counted in credit depth as long as they are in repayment and not being deferred Option #1 - 3 of 12 : At least three (3) tradelines reporting for a minimum of 12 months, with all three (3) having activity in the last 12 months, accounts can be open or closed Option #2 - 2 for 28 : At least two (2) tradelines reporting for a minimum of 24 months, with both having activity in the last 12 months, accounts can be open or closed Option #3 - 8 for 8 : No fewer than eight (8) tradelines are reporting, one (1) of which must be a mortgage or a rental history. - At least one (1) tradeline has been open and reporting for a minimum of twelve (12) months. - The borrower has an established credit history for at least eight (8) years. Option #4 - AUS 4 for 4 : AUS approval and on fewer than four (4) tradelines are reporting, one (1) of which must be a mortgage or a rental history. - At least one (1) tradeline has been open and reporting for a minimum of twelve (12) months. - There is an established credit history for at least eight (8) years. - There is an established credit history of at least four (4) years. - Requirements can be met by primary borrower or 2 combined borrowers on same application. Please note: a satisfactorily documented housing history, not reported on the credit report, can be used to meet the tradeline minimum requirements. If the AUS is of a score and the minimum requirements.

Installment Debt	 The monthly payment may be excluded from the DTI calculation provided there are ten (10) or fewer payments remaining, and the payment does not exceed 5% of the borrower's qualifying income Paying down installment debt to 10 payments or less to qualify is allowed with a DTI < 40% Business debt in borrower's name may be excluded with documentation to verify that the business has made 6 months of timely payments and the debt is accounted for as an expense in the business tax returns. Only allowed with full documentation income Student loans, whether deferred, in forbearance, or in repayment, .5% of the unpaid balance or the actual documented payment To exclude contingent liabilities, document that the individual making the payment is also obligated on the debt and document most recent 12 months timely payments Timeshares are considered installment debt, not a mortgage
Revolving Debt	 The minimum payment on the credit report or current statement is used in the DTI calculation: Revolving debt may not be paid down to qualify Revolving debt may be excluded if account is paid off, funds used to pay off account must be verified If there is no minimum payment amount is listed on the credit report and no supplemental documentation to support a payment is provided, then use the greater of \$10.00 or 5% of the outstanding balance Business debt in borrower's name may be excluded with documentation to verify that the business has made 6 months of timely payments and the debt is accounted for as an expense in the business tax returns. Only allowed with full documentation income

	Income	
Debt to Income Ratios (DTI)	Max 45% DTI, unless otherwise noted	
Payment Shock	 May not exceed 300% of the borrower's current housing payment unless the DTI is less than or equal to 40% If payment shock exceeds 300%, an exception may be considered with compensating factors If the loan purpose is debt consolidation, and the net tangible benefit test is met, a payment shock calculation is not required Borrowers whose primary is currently free and clear are not subject to the payment shock limitations For Borrowers who are temporarily living rent free, the calculation is based on the most recent primary housing expense For non-owner and second homes, payment shock is based on the global housing payment. For non-owner with net positive cash flow, no payment shock calculation is required 	
	Payment Shock = (Proposed Housing Payment / Present Housing Payment) * 100	
Variable Income Overtime/Bonus/Commission	 Income may be used on 1 or 2 year documentation type A Written Verification of Employment (WVOE) is required to show the breakdown of the income types Variable income earned for less than one year may not be used Variable income is averaged over the most recent 2 years + YTD or 1 year + YTD, however, if the most recent 12 months, or YTD, is lower, the income is averaged over the shorter period 	
Max # of Business Entities	No limit on the number for Schedule C. A transaction may have up to two (2) 1065 and/or 1120 entities between all the borrowers. REO held inside an entity is generally not considered an entity for this purpose provided the entity's sole activity is to hold real estate. An entity with a percentage of ownership that does not require business returns is not considered in this calculation for max number of entities. Transactions that exceed the number of entities may be approved case by case via exception.	
Business Bank Statement (BBS)	Intended for borrowers with 50% or more self-employment income May be combined with non-business income: i.e. SSI, rental income, W2 wages Multiple bank accounts are allowed A minimum of 25% ownership in the business is required	
Co-Mingled Bank Statement (Personal account used for business)	Intended for borrowers with 50% or more self-employment income May be combined with non-business income: i.e. SSI, rental income, W2 wages Multiple bank accounts are allowed Borrower must be 100% owner of the business (borrower plus spouse with 100% ownership is allowed)	
1099 In Lieu of Bank Statements Option	1099s may be obtained and used to replace 1 or 2 calendar years of business or personal bank statements. Some business owners will have one or more main customers with a 1099 relationship in place, those 1099(s) can be used to determine the gross receipts of the business in lieu of providing bank statements for the time period covered by the 1099. - Provide 1 or 2 years of 1099s - Evidence of year-to-date earnings must be verified via bank statements covering the YTD period	
Business Narrative	A business narrative is required to be completed by the borrower/business owner, or loan officer, when using business bank statement or co-mingled bank statement income. The signed business narrative must be in the file prior to submission.	

Consistency of Deposits for Bank Statement Income	Deposits will be reviewed and evaluated for consistency in size, number, and type. Inconsistent, or out of trend deposit activity, may require further documentation or be excluded.		
Evaluation of Large Deposits for Bank Statement Income	 Any deposit exceeding 50% of the average monthly sales of the business is considered a large deposit Isolated large deposits are deposits that occur very infrequently. These deposits need to be sourced and confirmed 		
Methods for Calculating Bank Statement Income	Method 1: Fixed Expense Ratio 50% A 50% fixed expense ratio is applied to total allowed deposits to determine the net business income Method 2: Third Party Expense Statement A CPA, accountant or tax preparer signed and dated statement indicating the percentage of expenses to gross annual sales/revenue - Must cover the 12 or 24 month period of the bank statements - CPA, accountant, or tax preparer must have working knowledge of borrowers' tax returns - Verification evidencing the CPA, accountant or tax preparer's business and a current license are required Method 3: Third Part Prepared P&L A CPA, accountant or tax preparer signed and dated P&L - Must cover the 12 or 24 months period of the bank statements - Verification evidencing the CPA, accountant or tax preparer's business and a current license are required - Must cover the 12 or 24 months period of the bank statements - Verification evidencing the CPA, accountant or tax preparer's business and a current license are required - Gross receipts on P&L must be within a 10% variance of allowable deposits Method 4: Deposits Minus Withdrawals - Take total qualifying deposits and subtract total withdrawals - Add back payments to partners/owners - Add back obvious major non-business expenses, like primary residence housing payments, income tax payments, etc. - Divide net income by number of months of BBS used, 12 or 24		
Personal Bank Statement (PBS)	Intended for borrowers with 50% or more self-employment income May be combined with non-business income: i.e. SSI, rental income, W2 wages Multiple bank accounts are allowed A minimum of 20% ownership in the business is required Third party documentation of self-employment is required to support that the business has been in operation for the previous two (2) calendar years and that the borrower(s) had ownership for same period May use 100% of qualified deposits in the personal account when there is evidence of a separate business account to show transfers and activity to support business operations		

1099 Program (Alt Doc)	 Designed for borrowers who are contractors with minimal expenses and receive one (1) or more 1099s / year Can be combined with all other income sources There are two (2) options to support and document income: Option #1: Use a 10% expense ratio OR Option #2: Provide a third party (tax professional) prepared Business Expense Statement OR P&L to a minimum 5% expense factor Qualifying income is based on the 12 or 24 months average from total of all 1099's minus the expense factor YTD earnings must show that the income is ongoing with the following: Paystub that reflects YTD earnings OR Bank Statements, YTD or 4 months (whichever is less) The YTD earnings from the paystub or the total of deposits on the bank statements must be within 15% of the qualifying income. Some work may have a seasonal aspect and recent activity will not support the yearly average. Documentation must be provided to support seasonality. Some commission work may have irregular payouts. Proof of pending commissions may be acceptable to support continued income level. 	
Rental Income Along with Bank Statement and Alt Doc Income	 Use 75% of lease or STR host report Document receipt of rents Deduct rental deposits if rents are deposited into the same account being used to develop the primary business income 	
Bank Statement Rental Income (Primary Income Source)	 Net rental income is calculated by taking 90% of the lesser of combined lease amounts or average net deposits, minus the PITI. The borrower is given credit for rental income commensurate with the borrower's ownership percentage in the property. The following documentation is required: A copy of the lease(s) for the rental property 12 months bank statements verifying receipt of rents Property profiles, or similar, that document the borrower's ownership position in each REO used to generate qualifying income Entity formation docs for properties held in an entity 	
1099 Documented No Expenses (Full Doc)	Often 1099 employees have transitioned from a W2 job doing the same functions. Borrowers who transitioned from W2 to 1099 with a different employer or contracted by the same employer and in the same position do not require 1040 if documentation is provided that the borrower will not be responsible for any additional expenses. This documentation can be a letter from the employer or the employment contract. Document the current receipt of income with 2 months of pay vouchers or bank statements. Full amount of 1099 payouts can be used. - YTD earnings validated by paystubs, pay vouchers, WVOE, etc. - Documentation from employer that borrower has no job-related expenses	
History of Self-Employment (Full Doc and Alt Doc)	A two (2) year history of self-employed history required on all loans Less than two (2) years but greater than one (1) year can be considered case-by-case. Requirements are: - Strong previous experience - Job industry-specific training - Previous work history to support lack of self-employment history	



Tax Transcripts on Full Doc	 Required on all income used to qualify Transcripts can match income type Business transcripts not required if business income is reported on 1040 Signed 1040's are not required 3rd party WVOE can be used in lieu of W2 transcripts Transcripts not required for subject investment property rental income 		
Tax Transcripts on Bank Statement, and 1099	Transcripts and income validation not required for Bank Statement or 1099 1 & 2 year programs. Transcripts are required for any non-1040 type full doc income used in conjunction with these 2 income types - i.e. W2 wages (see section on transcripts for alternatives)		
Earning Trends	Year to year earnings must be consid Income Stable or Increasing Declining but Stable Declining	ered in accordance with Appendix Q Part 1026 of regulation Z - Standards for determining Monthly Debt and Amounts should be averaged If 24 month average shows a decline, but most recent 12 months has stabilized & there is no reason to believe that the income / employment will not change the most recent 12 month average may be used. Income is ineligible	
Short Term Rental Income	Qualifying income can be used for property that is rented on a short-term basis through services like Airbnb and VRBO. The borrower must document a minimum of one tax year of income and expenses to use as a qualifying income source. Two Year Rental History - In lieu of current leases the borrower must document the property has been subject to short term rental for a minimum of two (2) years. - Income of the type must be averaged over a two (2) year period unless the income trend is declining. A current YTD ledger of rental payments received must also be included and support the two (2) year average. - A host report or equivalent service provider pay history and proof of property listing on website. Greater Than One Year but Less Than Two Years For a rental property with less than two (2) tax year history but at least one (1) tax year reporting, short term rental income may still be used provided that the following requirements are met: - A current YTD ledger of rental payments received included to support the income reported on Schedule E. - Airbnb host report or equivalent service provider pay history and proof of property listing on website.		

Departure Property 3 Options	Option 1: If the current residence is pending sale but the transaction will not close prior to the subject transaction, the current PITI may be excluded with the following: 1. The executed sales contract for the current residence AND 2. Confirmation that all financing contingencies have been cleared. Option 2: If the current residence will become a rental property, the net rental income may be used to offset carrying costs or to add to qualifying income. The following 3 items are required 1. Copy of current lease AND 2. Proof of receipt of deposit and 1st month's rent AND 3. Evidence rent is near market, either a 1007 or other underwriter/loan officer obtained confirmation of market rent is required. 4. Use lease and apply the 75% rule to determine cash flow. Option 3: If the departure prop is unleased, then the PITI can be offset with market rents from a 1007 Positive cash flow from departing residence without a lease in place may not be added to income. Use 1007 rent and apply the 75% rule to determine cash flow. An additional 2 months of PITI on our subject property is required when using only the 1007 on the departure property.
Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Rents	 Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Rents ADUs are becoming increasing popular in many locations across the US as housing gets more scarce and more expensive. Using rents from an ADU are acceptable with the following requirements: Appraisal shows the ADU to be legal Appraiser to provide comparables with ADUs Multi-family or multi-ADU acceptable provided total unit count is less than or equal to four Refinance Appraiser to address ADU rents on a 1007 Purchase Follow guidance above Rental Income Calculation section, however, STR not allowed



Assets		
Business Funds	 Business funds allowed for down payment, closing costs, and reserves with the following requirements: Borrower must be sole proprietor, or 50% owner of the business Must meet cash flow analysis, three (3) months business bank statements required. Newfi Underwriter will perform cash flow analysis. 	
Gift Funds	Min 5% Borrower contribution required for Primary Residence & 2nd Home with LTV > 75%. Minimum 10% Borrower contribution required for NOO. Follow FNMA Guidance - Gift funds must be from a family member, fiancé, or domestic partner Gift funds not acceptable for reserves	
Crypto Currency	Crypto currency that has been converted to USD is an acceptable source of funds provided the crypto can be acceptably documented. Recently this asset type has gained more widespread popularity and documentation has improved. The documentation must show the acquisition date of the asset and it must show a sufficient history to meet 60-day seasoning requirements. Not all crypto currencies or crypto brokerages will provide for adequate documentation. An abundance of care must be used in reviewing statements provided.	
Paying Off Debt to Qualify	Revolving accounts may be excluded if paid to zero - Account does not need to be closed Installment debt may be excluded if paid off and closed Paying down an installment loan to ten (10) months is allowed - Max DTI 40%	
Reserves	All reserve requirements are based on subject property PITI or ITI if applicable If transaction fits 2 categories listed below, only the larger requirement applies Loan proceeds may be used to meet the reserve requirement 3 months PITI required for loan amounts of <= \$750,000 6 months PITI required for loan amounts of <= \$1.5mm 9 months PITI required for loan amounts > \$1.5mm 2 months PITI on subject property when using 1007 rents with no lease	
Acceptable Sources of Reserves	 Funds in non-cash holdings (stocks, bonds, mutual funds) are not required to be discounted. Retirement accounts used for reserves. Employer sponsored savings plans (like a 401k) require TOW from employer which allow for hardship withdrawal (not required for IRA) Cash-Out proceeds 	
Unacceptable sources for Reserves	 Reserves may not come from a 1031 exchange account Reserves may not come from gift funds 	
IPC (Interested Party Contributions)	Owner Occupied & 2nd Home - 6% NOO - 3%	



Property / Appraisal Information		
Acreage	No more than twenty (20) acres	
Property Zoning	Zoning designations are determined by the City or County based on the property location, each governing entity has their own unique zoning titles or descriptions. The property's specific zoning will describe, in general, what type of activity is allowed, and the density that is allowed. Regardless of what the zoning designation is for the subject property, the property must meet the 3 requirements listed below The current usage of the subject property is residential - Residential must be an allowed usage of the subject property zoning - Residential must be the highest and best use of the subject property, as defined by the appraiser As long as the property passes the 3 question test listed above, the zoning designation is acceptable.	
Non-Residential Improvements	 Any non-residential improvements, like shops, storage structures, barns or animal shelters must meet the criteria listed below: Must be minor in scope Common for the area They must have no impact on the property being residential in nature They must be given only nominal contributory value by the appraiser and not impact marketability 	
Horse Improvements	 Must be minor in nature and consistent with owner usage only. In general, a 1 to 4 horse stable is acceptable. Small fenced off riding areas are usually acceptable. Any improvements that indicate usage for more than the owner, like grandstands, parking areas, guest quarters or excessive vehicles, will make the property ineligible. The horse improvements must meet the following test: Must be minor in scope Common for the area They must have no impact on the property being residential in nature They must be given only nominal contributory value by the appraiser and not impact marketability 	
Rural Properties	Allowed Max LTV/CLTV 70% Considered Rural when 2 of the 3 listed below are present OR the appraiser has designated the property as rural: - Non paved service road - 2 or more comps are > 5 miles away from the subject property - Subject surrounding area is less than 25% built up	



Property Flips	A property is considered a flip if either of the following are true: - The purchase price exceeds the seller's acquisition cost by more than 10% if the property was acquired 90 or fewer days prior to the borrower's purchase contract date - The purchase price exceeds the seller's acquisition cost by more than 20% if the property was acquired 91 – 180 days prior to the borrower's purchase contract date If the property is a flip based on the guidance above, a second appraisal is required
Recently Listed Properties	 Non-Owner Occupied Rate & Term: Any active listing must be cancelled prior to going to closing Cash Out: Properties listed for sale in the past six (6) months are acceptable only if locked with a prepayment penalty Owner Occupied and 2nd Home Rate & Term: Properties listed at the time of application are eligible provided listing is cancelled prior to going to closing Cash Out: Properties listed for sale in the past six (6) months are aligible provided listing is cancelled prior to going to closing
Warrantable Condos	Established projects ONLY Detached units and small projects (2-4 condos) follow FNMA guidance (No HOA review required) HOA Review Type: follow FNMA requirements
Ineligible Properties	Non-warrantable condos Condotels & resort style condos Unique style homes: earth, dome, etc. Property condition of C5 or C6 Working farms or ranches Leaseholds
Appraisal Requirements	A second appraisal is required when any of the following exist: - The loan amount is greater than \$2,000,000 - The transaction is a flip (see Property Flipping section) When a second appraisal is required, the value is based on the lower of the two (2) values. The second appraisal must be from a different company and appraiser than the first appraisal.



Appraisal Review	An appraisal review product is required on every loan unless a second appraisal is obtained, one of the three options below is acceptable: - CDA from Clear Capital OR - Collateral Underwriter (CU Score) less than 2.5 OR - A field review or a second appraisal is also acceptable – These must be from a different company and appraiser than the first appraisal If the CDA reflects a value of 10% or less below the appraised value, the appraised value is accepted If the CDA reflects a value of more than 10% below the appraised value, a field review or a second appraisal is required
Appraisal Age	Appraisal must be dated within 120 days of the note date Re-certs of value are allowed and valid for 120 days.
Transferred Appraisals	Allowed When two (2) appraisals are required, only one (1) appraisal can be transferred
Declining Property Value	If the trend of property values is downward, a declining market exists and a 5% LTV reduction from the LTV product matrices for LTVs greater than 70%
Texas 50(a)(6)	A Texas 50(a)(6) mortgage is a loan originated under the provisions or Article XVI, Section 50(a)(6), of the Texas Constitution, which allows a borrower to take equity out of a homestead property under certain circumstances. Any cash back is considered cash-out. Primary residence allowed only. All borrowers must be on title and occupy Max LTV / CLTV is 80% - No interest-only - No prepayment penalties - Only 1 Unit properties are allowed: SFR (attached or detached), PUD (attached or detached), Condominium - New subordinate financing is not permitted, HELOC subordinate financing is not permitted (existing HELOC must be closed), an existing Texas 50(a)(6) second mortgage may not be re-subordinated to a new Texas 50(a)(6). Must be paid off at closing - At least one new full appraisal is required - No Foreign Nationals - 1-year seasoning of prior Texas 50(a)(6) loan required - Loan cannot close until 12 calendar days after the "Notice Concerning Extensions of Credit" is signed - Borrower-paid fees cannot exceed 2% of loan amount
Texas 50(f)(2)	A Texas Section 50(f)(2) mortgage is a rate and term refinance of an existing Texas 50(a)(6). - Max LTV / CLTV is 80% - ZERO cash back allowed. Proceeds to pay off only existing Texas 50(a)(6) lien, other permitted liens on homestead (property taxes, owelty lien, mechanic's lien), actual costs and reserves required by lender to refinance - 1-year seasoning of prior Texas 50(a)(6) loan required - Loan cannot close until 12 calendar days after the "Notice Concerning Refinance of Existing Home Equity Loan to Non-Home Equity Loan" is signed