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# Section 1.0 Introduction

#### **1.1 OVERVIEW AND UNDERWRITING PHILOSOPHY**

The Lead+ Wholesale and Correspondent Lending Eligibility Guideline (hereafter referred to as "Guidelines") outline the requirements for residential mortgage loans to be originated for Lead+ Wholesale and Correspondent Lending. This document serves to provide guidance and consistency in the underwriting and review of the loan and its characteristics related to the borrower and property. Lead+ Wholesale and Correspondent Lending offers programs to lenders for borrowers who may have limited access to credit. As such, Lead+ Wholesale and Correspondent Lending evaluates many elements of the loan but primarily relies on the evaluation of the borrower's ability to repay the loan. In addition to ability-to-repay (ATR), Lead

+ Wholesale and Correspondent Lending's programs take into consideration—with the expectation of full verification and examination—the borrower's income stability and employment history, credit history, asset position, and the property being used for collateral. Each loan is assessed on the basis of its individual merits with a common sense and holistic approach to the borrower's ability and willingness to repay. To this end, Lead+ Wholesale Lending and Correspondent Lending's programs consider the benefit to the borrower on each loan.

# **1.2 UNDERWRITING CRITERIA**

The Guidelines are intended to reference and supplement the Fannie Mae Seller Guide. For specific information concerning qualification requirements that are not referenced in this document, Originators should refer to the Fannie Mae Lender Guide. For specific loan characteristic and eligibility requirements related to LTV, FICO, DTI, etc., refer to the Lead+ Wholesale Lending and Correspondent Lending Matrix (hereafter referred to as "Matrix"). Loans sold to Lead+ Wholesale Lending and Correspondent Lending must meet the criteria of the current published Guidelines and Matrix as of the loan application date.

### 1.2.1 ABILITY-TO-REPAY (ATR)

Lead+ Wholesale Lending and Correspondent Lending recommends the or similar document be included with all loan files delivered for purchase.

#### 1.2.2 UNDERWRITING DOCUMENTATION

All loans must be manually underwritten. The Underwriting Approval, Income Calculation Worksheet, and the Underwriter's determination of ATR is required as part of the credit package.

As an option, the lender may utilize an AUS Recommendation for guidance on income documentation in lieu of documentation requirements on matrix.



# Section 2.0 CES Program and Requirements

# 2.1 CES PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Lead+ Wholesale Lending and Correspondent Lending closed-end second (CES) can be stand-alone and in combination with new first liens (piggy-back). When used in combination with a new first mortgage, the income documentation used for qualifying must be the same for both liens. See Matrix for details and program specific.

- The CES is designed for primary, second home and investment borrowers. For both QM and Non-QM transactions, with flexibility in mortgage history, credit history, and/or payment and documentation options. This program offers expanded credit parameters for multiple borrower profiles while utilizing standard and alternative document types. On piggy-back transactions, the income documentation type for the CES must match the requirements of the 1st lien approval.
  - Full Doc 1 or 2 Yrs: Standard FNMA Documentation Alt Doc Bank Statements: 12, 24 Bank Statements
  - o Alt Doc 1099: 1yr 1099 Statement
  - o Alt Doc WVOE: FNMA Form 1005
  - o Alt Doc P&L Only: 12 month P&L Statement

### 2.2 ELIGIBLE CES PRODUCTS

The following loan products are eligible for purchase by The Lead+ Wholesale Lending and Correspondent Lending.

See Matrix for details.

- Fully Amortizing Fixed Rate
  - Qualifying ratios are based on PITIA payment with the principal and interest payments amortized over the loan term.
  - o 10, 15, 20, 30 year fixed rate

#### 2.3 INELIGIBLE SENIOR LIENS

A copy of the 1st mortgage Note and most current 1st mortgage statement is required to determine eligibility. Statement date to be within 60 days of Note date and rated current month on the credit report. Additional 1st mortgage documentation may be required to provide sufficient data for underwriting.

- Loans in active forbearance or deferment. Deferred balance due to a documented hardship may remain open. Without documented hardship, deferred amounts must be paid through closing.
- Loans with negative amortization.
- Reverse mortgages.
- Balloon loans for which the balloon payment comes due during the amortization period of the 2nd loan.
- Mortgages not reporting on credit report
- Private Party loans

### 2.4 INTEREST ONLY SENIOR LIENS

The following loan products are eligible for purchase by The Lead+ Wholesale Lending and Correspondent Lending.



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- Interest only senior liens are acceptable when qualified at a maximum DTI of 45%.
- Qualify I/O on fully-amortized payment on the remaining term after the I/O period.
- 1st lien ARMS with < 3 years fixed period remaining qualified on fully indexed payment.

#### 2.5 MAXIMUM COMBINED LIENS

The maximum combined 1st and 2nd liens is based on the loan amount. See matrix for limits.

### 2.6 SEASONING: LOAN AND DOCUMENT

Lead+ Wholesale Lending and Correspondent Lending will typically not purchase loans seasoned more than 90 days from the Note Date at the loan delivery date.

#### Age of documents from Note Date.

- Credit Documents: 120 Days
- Income Documents: 60 Days
- Asset Documents: 60 Days
- New AVM/Appraisal: 120 Days
- With Re-Certification of Value: 180 Days
- Title Report: 90 Days

#### 2.7 SEASONING: PROPERTY LISTING

Properties that have been on the market within six months of the application date are ineligible.

#### 2.8 SEASONING: OWNERSHIP

Properties owned less than six (6) months ineligible. Properties owned greater than six (6) months – no restrictions.

### 2.9 BORROWER CONTACT CONSENT FORM

To assist the loan servicer in contacting the borrower in a timely manner, the lender is required to obtain a valid phone number for the borrower(s). The phone number can be collected on the 1003 loan application or by using the Borrower Contact Consent Form.

#### 2.10 STATE AND FEDERAL HIGH COST LOANS

Not eligible for Lead+ Wholesale Lending and Correspondent Lending loan purchase.

#### 2.11 INTEREST CREDIT

Loans closed within the first ten (10) days of the month may reflect an interest credit to the borrower.

#### 2.12 ASSUMABILITY

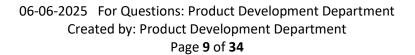
Life Force products are not assumable.

#### 2.13 ESCROWS

Closed-end 2nd loans with escrows are not eligible for purchase with Lead+ Wholesale Lending and Correspondent Lending.

#### 2.14 PROPERTY HAZARD INSURANCE

#### 2.14.1 COVERAGE REQUIREMENTS



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Following Fannie Mae (FNMA) guidance, the property insurance policy must provide the claims to be settled on a replacement cost basis. The coverage amount must be at least equal to the lesser of:

- 100% of the replacement cost of the improvements as of the current property insurance effective date, or
- The unpaid principal balance of all liens, provided it equals no less than the replacement cost value of the improvements

Follow FNMA guidance for additional information. Lender is to be added as additional loss payee.

#### 2.15 FLOOD INSURANCE

Flood insurance is required for any property located within any area designated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) as a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA). A SFHA is typically denoted as Flood Zone A or Zone V (coastal areas). Properties in Flood Zone A or V must be located in a community which participates in the FEMA program to be eligible for financing.

Flood insurance must be maintained throughout the duration of the loan.

#### 2.15.1 FLOOD CERTIFICATE

Determination whether a subject property is in a flood zone must be established by a Flood Certificate provided by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Flood Cert from CoreLogic or ServiceLink is preferred. The appraisal report should also accurately reflect the flood zone.

The flood insurance requirement can be waived if:

- Subject property improvements are not in the area of Special Flood Hazard, even though part of the land is in Flood Zone A or V; or
- Borrower obtains a letter from FEMA stating that its maps have been amended so that the subject property is no longer in an area of Special Flood Hazard

#### 2.15.2 MINIMUM FLOOD INSURANCE COVERAGE

For reference, the minimum amount of flood insurance required for most first mortgages secured by 1-unit properties and individual PUD units is the lower of:

- 100% of the replacement cost of the insurable value of the improvements;
- the maximum insurance available from the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), which is currently \$250,000 per dwelling; or,
- the unpaid principal balance of the mortgage.

The minimum amount of flood insurance required for a PUD or condo project is the lower of;

- 100% of the insurable value of the facilities; or,
- the maximum coverage available under the appropriate National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

The flood policy for a PUD or condominium project must cover any common element buildings and any other common property located in a SFHA.



# Section 3.0 CES Property Eligibility

### 3.1 APPRAISALS

Collateral evaluation requirements for the second mortgage program: When a full appraisal is utilized for the value determination, see First Lien criteria, Appraisal Requirements 1-4 Unit Residential for questions or requirements.

#### 3.1.1 APPRAISAL REQUIREMENTS

All second liens will require a primary and secondary valuation product. Primary valuation products are referenced below. See Appraisal Review Products for eligible valuation products. **Loan Amount <= \$250,000** (One of the following required)

- AVM with a 90% Confidence Fact (Clear Capital, Corelogic, Collateral Analytics, House Canary, Quantarium, Verus) AND Property Condition Inspection
- New Appraisal (FNMA Form 1004/1025/1073)
- Prior 1st lien appraisal dated within 12 months of subject loan Note Date allowed subject to the following:
  - o The lender on the prior appraisal must be the same as the subject loan, and
  - o A new Property Condition Report with acceptable findings; and
  - Recertification of value by the original appraisal

Loan Amount >\$250,000 (One of the following required)

- New Appraisal (FNMA Form 1004/1025/1073), or
- Prior 1st lien appraisal dated within 12 months of subject loan Note Date allowed subject to the following:
  - o The lender on the prior appraisal must be the same as the subject loan, and
  - o A new Property Condition Report with acceptable findings; and
  - Recertification of value by original appraiser
  - Declining markets: Maximum 75% CLTV for primary residences and 2nd homes, 70% CLTV For non-owner occupied

#### 3.1.2 PROPERTY CONDITION REPORTS

When required, a Property Condition Report (i.e., Clear Capital Property Condition Inspection) should be obtained to include an exterior photo of the subject property along with a rating of the property's physical condition and characteristics.

# 3.1.3 APPRAISAL REVIEW PRODUCTS 1-4 RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY

An appraisal review product is required on every loan file, unless a second appraisal is obtained. The appraisal review product should provide an "as is" value for the subject property (the "Appraisal Review Value") as of the date of the subject loan transaction.

The following review products are eligible when the primary valuation is a full appraisal:

- An enhanced desk review product from one of the following choices:
  - $\circ$  ~ ARR from Stewart Valuation Intelligence FKA Pro Teck.
  - o CDA from Clear Capital.
  - o ARA from Computershare
  - o CCA from Consolidated Analytics



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- VRR from Homegenius Real Estate
- Valreview Appraisal Review Value from Valligent (Veros Software Company)
- If the enhanced desk review product reflects a value more than 10% below the appraised value or cannot provide a validation, the file must include either a field review or a second appraisal. A field review or a second appraisal is acceptable. These may not be from the same appraiser or appraisal company as the original report.

#### 3.2 MINIMUM PROPERTY STANDARDS

Minimum property standards include but may not be limited to;

- 600 square feet.
- Property constructed for year-round use
- Permanently affixed continuous heat source
- Maximum deferred maintenance cannot exceed \$2,000
- No health or safety issues both internal or external
- Any Cost to Cure exceeding \$2000 will be reviewed case by case basis and requires and Exception Approval

#### 3.2.1 ELIGIBLE PROPERTY TYPES

- SFR, PUD, Townhome, Rowhome, Modular
- 2-4 Units
- Condos Warrantable
- Rural Primary, Maximum 10 acres. See matrix for CLTV.

#### 3.2.2 INELIGIBLE PROPERTY TYPES

- Rural Investor Properties & Rural 2nd Homes
- Condotels
- Non-warrantable Condos
- Manufactured/Mobile Homes
- Log Homes
- Working Farms and Hobby Farms
- Unique Properties
- Agricultural or Commercial Zoned Properties
- Co-ops
- Room and Board Facilities
- Adult Assisted Living/Care Facilities
- Mixed-Use
- Land Trust
- Deed-restricted properties
- Hawaii properties located in lava zones 1 and/or 2
- Houseboats
- Income producing properties with acreage
- Multiple dwellings on single lot (1 legal ADU acceptable on SFR)

#### 3.2.3 ACREAGE LIMITATIONS

Maximum 10 acres

#### 3.3 STATE INELIGIBILITY

Puerto Rico, Guam, US Virgin Islands, New York, North Dakota, South Dakota and Texas are ineligible.

### 3.4 TITLE VESTING AND OWNERSHIP

Ownership must be fee simple or leasehold Acceptable forms of vesting are;



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- Individuals
- Joint tenants
- Tenants in Common
- Inter Vivos Revocable Trust
- Business Entity Investor properties only. With current vesting in:
  - o Limited Liability Company (LLC)
  - o Limited and General Partnerships
  - Corporations

#### 3.4.1 INTER VIVOS REVOCABLE TRUST

Inter Vivos Revocable Trusts are allowed when the requirements outlined below are met.

- The trust must be established by one or more natural persons, solely or jointly.
- The primary beneficiary of the trust must be the individual(s) who is establishing the trust. Trust must be in the borrower's name.
- Trust must state that the borrower(s) have a right to revoke the Trust during their lifetimes.
- Income and assets of at least one borrower of the individuals establishing the Trust must be used to qualify for the mortgage.
- Trust must comply with all applicable state and local laws and regulations.
- Trustee must have the power to mortgage the property.
- The trust must become effective during the lifetime of the person establishing the trust.

Provide copy of Trust Agreement or Trust Certificate (where allowed by law) reviewed and approved by Title company. Title must not contain any title exceptions and offer full title protection without exception to the trust.

### 3.4.2 BUSINESS ENTITY

Vesting solely in the name of a business entity (LLC, partnership or corporation) is acceptable on investor properties only on the Life Force CE Seconds program. Lender must ensure loans that are secured by properties vested in a business are solely business purpose loans for the purchase or refinance of an investment property.

Loans must be originated only in individual borrower(s) names. Entities are eligible for vesting only. The following standards apply:

- All persons with ≥25% interest in the business entity ("Interested Persons") must apply for the loan and meet credit requirements
- Maximum of four (4) individual members/partners/shareholders. No entities as members.
- Persons who sign the note or a personal guaranty must sign an Occupancy Affidavit prior to closing.

Note Signature	Required Security Instrument Signature	Personal Guaranty Required
Only Interested Persons	Both Business Entity and all Interested Persons	No
Only Business Entity	(a) Only Business Entity; or (b) Both Business Entity and all Interested Persons	Yes, for all Interested Persons
Interested Persons and Business Entity	(a) Only Business Entity; or (b) Both Business Entity and all Interested Persons	No

Collateral documents must be signed as follows:

The following documentation must be provided:

• Formation and Operating documents



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- Articles of Incorporation and bylaws
- Certificate of Formation and Operating Agreement, or
- Partnership Agreement
- Tax Identification Number
- Certificate of Good Standing

### 3.5 LEASEHOLD PROPERTIES

In areas where leasehold estates are commonly accepted and documented via the Appraisal, loans secured by leasehold estates are eligible for purchase. The mortgage must be secured by the property improvements and the borrower's leasehold interest in the land. The leasehold estate and any improvements must constitute real property, be subject to the mortgage lien, and be insured by the lender's title policy.

Lender must provide documentation and Leaseholds must meet all FNMA eligibility requirements (i.e. term of lease).

### 3.6 SOLAR LIENS

Solar liens must be paid-off prior to or at closing.

#### 3.7 LIMITATIONS ON FINANCED PROPERTIES

Primary and Second Homes

- The maximum number of financed properties to any one borrower is limited to twenty (20) residential properties including subject property.
- Commercial properties and residential > 5-units excluded from calculation.

**Investor Properties** 

• There is no limit on the number of financed properties.

#### 3.8 DISASTER AREAS

Lender is responsible for identifying geographic areas impacted by disasters and taking the appropriate steps to ensure the subject property has not been adversely affected.

Subject properties that have been adversely affected by disaster events that receive a formal disaster declaration issued by local, state or federal departments of emergency management must follow the procedures listed below. The following guidelines apply to properties located in FEMA declared disaster areas, as identified on the FEMA website at <a href="http://www.fema.gov/disasters">http://www.fema.gov/disasters</a>.

In addition, when there is knowledge of an adverse event occurring near and around the subject property location, such as earthquakes, hurricanes, floods, landslides, tornadoes, wildfires, volcanic eruptions, civil unrest or terrorist attacks, additional due diligence should be used to determine if the disaster guidelines should be followed.

Guidelines for disaster areas should be followed for 90 days from the disaster period end date or the date of the event, whichever is later.

See Lead+ Wholesale Lending and Correspondent Lending full Loan Eligibility Guidelines for additional specifics on Disaster Areas or FNMA Guidelines.

# 3.9 DECLINING VALUES

Properties in which the appraiser is reporting a declining trend in values for the subject's market area are limited to a maximum 75% CLTV on primary and 2nd homes, 70% CLTV on non- owner.

### 3.10 CONDOMINIUMS

Fannie Mae eligible condominium projects allowed.

The lender may review and approve FNMA warrantable projects. Follow the review process required by Fannie Mae for Limited Review.

Site Condos meeting the Fannie definition are eligible for single-family dwelling LTV/CLTV.



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# Section 4.0 Transaction Types

#### 4.1 ELIGIBLE TRANSACTIONS

- Purchase
- Cash-Out

#### 4.1.1 CASH-OUT SEASONING

Properties owned for 6 months or greater, no restrictions. Properties owned less than 6 months ineligible.

#### 4.1.2 STAND-ALONE CASH-OUT

Life Force stand-alone loans are available for cash-out on Primary, Second Home or investor property. A letter of explanation regarding the use of loan funds must be provided for cash-out refinance transactions.

#### 4.1.3 PRIOR CASH-OUT REFINANCE SEASONING

Any previous cash-out refinance transaction, either the 1st or a 2nd lien, within the prior six (6) months limits the maximum CLTV to 80%.

#### 4.1.4 PIGGY-BACK PURCHASE

Life Force second mortgages can be combined with a new 1st mortgage for the purchase of a Primary, Second Home or investor property.

When the product is combined with a new 1st mortgage in a purchase transaction, the required income and asset documentation will follow the AUS Recommendations and/or the 1st mortgage loan approval.

The following credit requirements will default to the AUS Recommendation and/or the 1st loan approval:

- Housing history limit of 0x30x12 can be waived if allowed by 1st loan approval.
- FTHB overlays can be waived if allowed by 1st loan approval.
- Minimum tradelines requirements are waived when the 1st lien has an AUS Approve/Eligible or Approve/Ineligible Recommendation.

Lead+ Wholesale Lending and Correspondent Lending Guidelines and overlays apply with an AUS "Out of Scope" finding.

A copy of the appraisal and original pictures and any secondary valuation (if applicable) used for the 1st mortgage is required for the file. Appraisal waivers not accepted.

# 4.2 NON-ARM'S LENGTH

Non-arm's length transactions ineligible.



# Section 5.0 Borrower Eligibility and Requirements

Refer to Fannie Mae guidelines for all definitions of eligibility status.

### 5.1 FRAUD REPORT AND BACKGROUND CHECK

All loans must include a third-party fraud detection report for all borrowers. Report findings must cover standard areas of quality control including, but not limited to: borrower validation, social security number verification, criminal records, and property information (subject property and other real estate owned). All high-level alerts on the report must be addressed by the lender. If the lender cannot electronically access the fraud report to clear high-level alerts within the fraud provider's system, an Underwriter's Certification from the lender is acceptable. The Certification must address each individual high alert and explain what actions were taken to satisfy the issues. It must be signed and dated by a member of the lender's underwriting staff or operations management personnel.

### 5.2 NON-OCCUPANT CO-BORROWERS

Non-Occupant co-borrowers are ineligible.

### 5.3 FIRST TIME HOMEBUYERS

Lead+ Wholesale Lending and Correspondent Lending defines a First Time Home Buyer as a borrower who has no ownership interest (sole or joint) in a residential property during the three-year period preceding the date of the purchase of the subject property.

For Piggyback loans, a First Time Home Buyer's housing history defaults to the 1st lien requirements.

### 5.4 RESIDENCY

# 5.4.1 U.S. CITIZEN

Eligible without guideline restrictions.

See Lead+ Wholesale Lending and Correspondent Lending full Loan Eligibility Guidelines for specifics on:

- Permanent Resident Alien
- Non-Permanent Resident Aliens

#### 5.4.2 INELIGIBLE BORROWERS

The following borrowers are ineligible:

- Irrevocable Trust
- Land Trust
- Individual possessing diplomatic immunity or otherwise excluded from US jurisdiction.
- Any material parties (company or individual) to transaction listed on HUD's Limited Denial of Participation (LDP) list, the federal General Services Administrative (GSA) Excluded Party list or any other exclusionary list.
- Foreign Nationals.
- Borrowers without a valid Social Security Number.
- Borrowers who are party to a lawsuit
- Non-Occupant CoBorrowers



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# Section 6.0 Credit

#### 6.1 CREDIT REPORT

- A credit report is required for every borrower. All applicants must have a valid SSI number. Fannie Mae guidelines should be utilized for processing and documenting all required credit reports and determining borrower's credit eligibility for Lead+ Wholesale Lending and Correspondent Lending loan purchase.
- Borrower explanations are to be provided for any Disputed Tradelines with derogatory information reported in the last two years.
- For borrowers who have a security freeze on their credit, the security freeze must be removed and credit repulled.

# 6.2 LOAN INTEGRITY AND FRAUD CHECK

Data integrity is critical to quality loan file delivery and mitigation of fraud risk. All loans must be submitted to an automated fraud and data check tool (i.e. FraudGuard, DataVerify, etc.). A copy of the findings report must be provided in the loan file along with any documentation resolving any deficiencies or red flags noted.

### 6.3 CREDIT INQUIRIES

Lenders must inform borrowers that they are obligated to notify the lender of any new extension of credit, whether unsecured or secured, that takes place during the underwriting process and up to the consummation of the loan.

For all inquiries within the most recent 90 days of the credit report date, a signed letter of explanation from the borrower or creditor is required to determine whether additional credit was granted as a result of the borrower's request. If new credit was extended, borrower must provide documentation on the current balance and payment; based on the verification of all new debt/liabilities, the borrower should be qualified with the additional monthly payment. If no credit was extended, borrower must state the purpose of the inquiry.

# 6.4 CREDIT REPORT UPDATE

Lender is to confirm there are no new or higher debt obligations for the borrower by using a gap credit report, soft-pull or undisclosed credit monitoring. This type of report is required if Note date is greater than 30 days after the date of the credit report relied upon for underwriting. The gap credit report, soft-pull or final report for the undisclosed debt monitoring is to be dated within 15 days of the Note date.

When these reports are required, it becomes part of the Mortgage File and all payments/balances and DTI are to be updated.

### 6.5 HOUSING HISTORY

Borrowers must have satisfactory consecutive 12-month mortgage and/or rent payment history in the three (3) years prior to loan application. All files must be documented with the following:

• 12-month mortgage history showing on credit report

### 6.6 CONSUMER CREDIT

#### 6.6.1 CONSUMER CREDIT HISTORY

Applicants with current credit delinquencies are ineligible.



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### 6.6.2 CONSUMER CREDIT CHARGE-OFFS AND COLLECTIONS

Open charge-offs or collections  $\leq$  \$1,000 per occurrence are acceptable. Open medical collections  $\leq$  \$1,000 per occurrence are acceptable.

#### 6.6.3 CONSUMER CREDIT COUNSELING SERVICES

Borrowers enrolled in credit counseling are ineligible.

#### 6.6.4 JUDGMENT OR LIENS

All judgements, garnishments and all outstanding liens must be paid off prior to or at loan closing.

#### 6.6.5 INCOME TAX LIENS

All income tax liens (federal, state, local) must be paid off prior to or at loan closing.

#### 6.7 CREDIT EVENT SEASONING

No foreclosure actions (NOI, NOD), short-sale, deed in lieu, bankruptcies in last 48 months. No multiple credit/housing events (FC, BK, SS/DIL) in the last seven (7) years.

### 6.8 CREDIT SCORE

The Representative Credit Score is to be used for the Credit Decision. A valid score requires one (1) score from at least two (2) of the following agencies: Experian (FICO), Trans Union (Empirica), and Equifax (Beacon). Only scores from these agencies are acceptable.

A borrowers' representative credit score is the lower of two (2) scores or the middle of three (3) scores.

For loans with multiple borrowers:

The occupying borrower with the highest income is the primary borrower and their representative credit score is to be used. When borrowers are self-employed and have equal ownership of a business, the lowest representative score of all borrowers is to be used.

Minimum credit score for co-borrowers is 600.

### 6.9 STANDARD TRADELINE REQUIREMENTS

The primary wage-earner must meet either of the minimum tradeline requirements listed below:

- At least three (3) tradelines reporting for a minimum of twelve (12) months with activity in the last 12 months; or,
- At least two (2) tradelines reporting for a minimum of twenty-four (24) months with activity in the last 12 months

On Primary residence only, borrowers who do not have the minimum tradelines are acceptable with a current mortgage history on their credit report reporting 0x30x12 (no private party mortgages). Valid tradelines have the below characteristics:

- The credit line must be reflected on the borrower's credit report
- The account must have activity in the last 12 months but may be open or closed
- Student loans may be counted as tradelines as long as they are in repayment and are not deferred
- An acceptable 12 or 24-month housing history not reporting on credit may also be used as a tradeline (VOR from professional management company).

The following are not acceptable to be counted as valid tradelines:

- Liabilities in deferment status
- Accounts discharged through bankruptcy
- Authorized user accounts
- Charge-offs
- Collection accounts



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- Foreclosures
- Deed-in-lieu foreclosures
- Short sales
- Pre-foreclosure sales

On piggy-back loans, minimum tradelines are waived when the 1st lien has an AUS with Approve/Eligible or Approve/Ineligible Recommendation.

#### 6.10 OBLIGATIONS / LIABILITIES NOT APPEARING ON CREDIT REPORT

#### 6.10.1 HOUSING AND MORTGAGE RELATED OBLIGATIONS

All properties owned by the borrower must be fully documented. These obligations must be verified using reasonably reliable records such as taxing authority or local government records, bomeowner's association billing statements, information obtained from a valid and legally executed

homeowner's association billing statements, information obtained from a valid and legally executed contract.

The monthly mortgage payment (PITIA) used for qualification consists of the following:

- Principal and Interest
- Hazard and flood and insurance premiums
- Real Estate Taxes
- Special Assessments
- Association Dues
- Any subordinate financing payments.
- Premiums and similar charges that are required by the creditor (i.e., mortgage insurance)

#### 6.10.2 CURRENT DEBT OBLIGATIONS, CHILD SUPPORT, ALIMONY OR MAINTENANCE OBLIGATIONS

A lender may use a credit report to verify a borrower's current debt obligations, unless the lender has reason to know that the information on the report is inaccurate or disputed.

Monthly alimony, child support or separate maintenance fees should be current at time of application and must be included in the borrower's DTI ratio. The file should contain supporting documentation as evidence of the obligation, such as a final divorce decree, property settlement agreement, signed legal separation agreement, or court order. If payments are past due, the borrower is ineligible.

# Section 7.0 Assets

# 7.1 DOCUMENT OPTIONS

For purchase files, documentation of sufficient funds from acceptable sources for down payment, closing costs, prepaid items, debt payoff are required and follow 1st lien approval when applicable. FNMA guidelines used to verify funds. All documentation to follow AUS requirements when applicable.



# Section 8.0 Income Documentation

### 8.1 INCOME ANALYSIS

For stand-alone loans, the income documentation and calculation per FNMA guides with 2 years verification unless otherwise noted by the program document requirements. For Piggy-back loans, the income documentation and calculation follow 1st lien approval.

#### 8.1.1 INCOME WORKSHEET

Stand-alone loans using bank statement program must include Lender's income calculations, or Lead+ Wholesale Lending and Correspondent Lending's income calculation worksheet detailing income calculations.

Income analysis for borrowers with multiple businesses must show income/(loss) details separately, not in aggregate.

#### 8.1.2 EMPLOYMENT AND INCOME VERIFICATION

For stand-alone loans, most recent two (2) years employment is required to be documented and verified for all income/documentation types unless otherwise noted by specific program requirements.

If any borrower is no longer employed in the position disclosed on the Form 1003 at the Lead+ Wholesale Lending and Correspondent Lending purchase date, loan will be ineligible for purchase. A two-year employment history is required for the income to be considered stable and used for qualifying.

When the borrower has less than a two-year history of receiving income, Lender must provide written analysis to justify the stability of the income used to qualify the Borrower.

For piggy-back loans, documentation to follow 1st lien approval.

# 8.2 DEBT TO INCOME RATIO / DTI

Standard Debt-to-Income ("DTI") maximums as per Matrix. See Section 2.4 for limits to DTI on loans with Interest Only First Liens.

DTI is calculated and reviewed for adherence to Fannie Mae guidelines and inclusion of all income and liability expenses.

### 8.3 DOCUMENTATION OPTIONS

For stand-alone loans, full income documentation for wage earners and self-employed borrowers. Bank statement documentation for self-employed borrowers.

For piggy-back loans, follow 1st lien documentation requirements. Documentation used for the CES must be the same as used for the 1st lien.

# 8.4 FULL INCOME DOCUMENTATION

#### 8.4.1 FULL DOC FOR STAND-ALONE

Self-employed borrowers:

- 1 or 2 years tax returns (business and personal) including all schedules.
- Current YTD P&L (borrower prepared ok), or 3 months bank statements.



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- Qualifying income based on tax returns. P&L or bank statement to support tax return income.
- Tax transcripts.
- For Self-Employment Income Tax Transcripts refer to the Life Force Closed End Second program matrix for requirements

Wage/Salaried borrowers:

- W-2s for most recent 1 or 2-years and current paystubs reflecting 30 days earnings
- W-2 transcripts.
- Other Requirements:
  - A verbal VOE from each employer within 10-days of the note date for wage and salaried employees.
  - For self-employed verify existence of business within 30-days of the note date with one of the following:
    - Letter from business tax professional.
    - On-line verification from regulatory agency or licensing bureau.
    - Certification verifying business existence through direct contact or internet search.

Other Miscellaneous Income

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Treatment of miscellaneous income sources follow FNMA guidelines.

#### 8.4.2 FULL DOC FOR PIGGY-BACK

Documentation requirements to follow 1st lien requirements.

#### 8.5 ALTERNATIVE INCOME DOCUMENTATION: 12 OR 24 MONTHS BANK STATEMENTS

#### 8.5.1 ALT-DOC: 12 OR 24 MONTHS BANK STATEMENTS

For self-employed borrowers. Bank statements (personal and/or business) may be used as an alternative to tax returns to document a self-employed borrower's income.

The Primary Borrower (greater than 50% of income) must be self-employed for at least 2 years (25% or greater ownership) to qualify for this program.

No 4506-C/tax transcripts/Tax Returns (4506-C required for salaried co-borrowers)

#### 8.5.2 ALT-DOC: BANK STATEMENT RESTRICTIONS

Excessive NSFs on the bank statements may cause the loan to be ineligible. Business bank statements must be operating account(s) reflecting normal business expenses.

#### 8.5.3 ALT-DOC: BANK STATEMENT DOCUMENTATION

- Borrower must document two years current continuous self-employment with business license or statement from corporate accountant/CPA confirming the same.
  - Other documentation from third parties may be acceptable on a case by case basis (e.g., letter from an attorney).
  - Acceptable business license must be verified by third party (e.g., government entity, borrower's business attorney). Borrowers whose self-employment cannot be independently verified are not eligible.
  - In instances where a license is not required (e.g., choreographer), a letter from a CPA confirming employment may be accepted in lieu of a license.

#### 1099 Contractor

• A borrower who is a "1099 contractor" may be considered self-employed for this program with confirmation from a CPA that the borrower is a 1099 contractor and files Schedule C



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See Lead+ Wholesale Lending and Correspondent Lending' full Loan Eligibility Guidelines for other income specifics.

#### 8.5.4 ALT-DOC: BANK STATEMENT INCOME ANALYSIS

Bank statements are used to calculate and show consistency of income for the self-employed borrower.

When using 12 or 24 months of bank statements, no P&L is required.

#### Personal & Business Bank Statements Combined

- If personal and business bank activity are combined in one bank account, borrower is to provide the most recent 24 or 12 months consecutive bank statements from the same account.
- The bank statements are analyzed per Business Bank Statement Analysis guidance in Lead+ Wholesale Lending and Correspondent Lending full Loan Eligibility Guidelines to determine qualifying income.
- Standard expense factor applies; 50% expense factor.
- If the type of business operates more efficiently or typically has a materially different expense factor (lower than standard expense factor), then the expense factor per either a CPA/CTEC/EA letter or P&L may be applied. PTIN acceptable if documented as employed by a 3rd party tax preparation service.
- The underwriter may use an expense factor higher than the standard 50% when the analysis of the bank statements reflect higher expenses.
- The minimum expense factor with CPA letter or P&L is 20%.
- When a CPA or tax preparer produced statement is provided, apply the stated expense factor to calculate the qualifying income (subject to the minimum expense factors). Provide either of the following:
- A CPA/CTEC/EA produced written statement/letter specifying the actual expense ratio of the business (including cost of goods sold and all other business expenses) based on the most recent year's filed tax returns. Such statement shall not include unacceptable disclaimer or exculpatory language regarding its preparation (Exhibit G: Sample of CPA Letter); or,
- A CPA/CTEC/EA produced Profit and Loss (P&L) statement that has been reviewed by the CPA/CTEC/EA, the CPA/CTEC/EA states they have reviewed the P&L in writing, and the P&L and accompanying statement do not have unacceptable disclaimer or exculpatory language regarding its preparation.
- The expense factor per the P&L or CPA/CTEC/EA produced statement must be reasonable. The annual deposits on the bank statements must be at least 75% of the gross receipts per the P&L.
- When the borrower is an inter vivos trust, personal bank statements in the name of the are allowed for qualification.

#### Personal & Business Bank Statements Separated

- If the borrower maintains separate bank accounts for personal and business, only personal bank statements are used for qualifying.
- The borrower is to provide the most recent 24 or 12 months consecutive personal bank statements and two (2) months business bank statements (to support the borrower does maintain separate accounts, and to show business cash flows in order to utilize 100% of business-related deposits in personal account).
- The deposits are analyzed and averaged to determine monthly income. No expense factor
- Deposits to a personal account from sources other than self-employment is not to be included.
- When the borrower is an inter vivos trust, personal bank statements in the name of the trust are allowed for qualification.

#### **Business Bank Statements Only**

• If only using business bank statements, borrower is to provide the most recent 24 or 12



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- The bank statements are analyzed per Lead+ Wholesale Lending and Correspondent Lending full Loan Eligibility Guidelines.
- Standard expense factor applies; 50% expense factor.
- If the type of business operates more efficiently or typically has a materially different expense factor (lower than 50%), then the expense factor per either a CPA/CTEC/EA letter or P&L may be applied. PTIN acceptable if documented as employed by a 3rd party tax preparation service.
- The underwriter may use an expense factor higher than the standard 50% when the analysis of the bank statements reflect higher expenses.
- The minimum expense factor with CPA letter or P&L is 20%.
- When a CPA or tax preparer produced statement is provided, apply the stated expense factor to calculate the qualifying income. Provide either of the following:
- A CPA/CTEC/EA produced written statement/letter specifying the actual expense ratio of the business (including cost of goods sold and all other business expenses) based on the most recent year's filed tax returns. Such statement shall not include unacceptable disclaimer or exculpatory language regarding its preparation or,
- A CPA/CTEC/EA produced Profit and Loss (P&L) statement that has been reviewed by the CPA/CTEC/EA, the CPA/CTEC/EA states they have reviewed the P&L in writing, and the P&L and accompanying statement do not have unacceptable disclaimer or exculpatory language regarding its preparation.
- The expense factor per the P&L or CPA/CTEC/EA produced statement must be reasonable. The annual deposits on the bank statements must be at least 75% of the gross receipts per the P&L.

The bank statements should show a trend of ending balances that are stable over the 24 or 12 month period.

- Large deposits inconsistent with history must be documented as business income.
- Net deposits must not reflect any other income sources already taken into consideration (i.e. deduct SS payments, W-2 wage earnings, etc., that have already been used for income calculation).

See Lead+ Wholesale Lending and Correspondent Lending full Loan Eligibility Guidelines for Bank Statement Income Analysis Guidance.

#### 8.6 ALTERNATE INCOME DOCUMENTATION: 1099

#### 8.6.1 ALT-DOC: 1099

This program is designed for borrowers who are paid on a 1099 basis and would benefit from alternative loan qualification methods. Most recent 1 year IRS Form 1099 may be used as an alternative to tax returns to document the borrower's income.

#### 8.6.2 ALT-DOC: 1099 RESTRICTIONS

Borrower cannot have any ownership interest in the company(s) providing 1099 income

# 8.6.3 ALT-DOC: 1099 REQUIREMENTS AND DOCUMENTATION

The following is required:

- Most recent 1 year IRS Form 1099(s) from employer(s). Borrower must have 2 year history of 1099 employment.
- Current paystub or bank statement deposit for each 1099 source utilized for qualification (e.g. if borrower provided 1099 forms from five (5) separate sources, then a separate paystub/bank statement deposit must be provided from each of the five (5) 1099 sources to support current receipt)



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- Third party documentation (CPA/CTEC/EA) supporting a 2 year employment history when 1 year 1099 used.
- Tax transcripts are required for each 1099 provided
- 1099 income minus 10% expense factor / 12 months = Qualifying Income.

Please see below example for qualification of 1099 income, with a borrower obtaining 1099 income from two (2) different sources:

Borrower's 1099 Source	1099 Income
1099 Form #1	\$25,000
1099 Form #2	\$35,000
Total 1099 Income	\$60,000
Minus 10% Expense Factor	(\$6,000)
1099 Income less Expense Factor	\$54,000
1099 Income less Expense Factor/12	\$54,000/12
Months	
Qualifying Income	\$4,500/month

1099 Income that is not supported by documentation of current receipt cannot be used for qualification.

#### 8.7 ALTERNATIVE INCOME DOCUMENTATION: WVOE

#### 8.7.1 ALT-DOC: WVOE

This program is designed for wage or salaried borrowers providing a streamlined loan qualification method.

#### 8.7.2 ALT-DOC: WVOE RESTRICTIONS

See Life Force CE seconds matrix for acceptable credit, max CLTV, loan amount, combined lien amount and DTI for the transaction.

This documentation program is not available to borrowers employed by a family- owned/managed business.

# 8.7.3 ALT-DOC: WVOE REQUIREMENTS AND DOCUMENTATION

Acceptable documentation forms

- FNMA Form 1005 plus 2 months personal bank statements
- Equifax (The Work Number)
- Finicity (TXVerify)
- Any other acceptable online income data vendor

Form 1005 must be fully completed (current gross pay, YTD earnings, past 2 years earnings) by an authorized company representative (Owner, Officer, HR). When Form 1005 is provided as specified above, 2 months personal bank statements supporting WVOE employment wages must be provided.

### 8.8 ALTERNATIVE INCOME DOCUMENTATION: P&L ONLY

#### 8.8.1 ALT-DOC: P&L ONLY

This program is designed for borrowers who are self-employed and would benefit from alternative loan qualification methods. A CPA/CTEC/EA completed and signed P&L may be used as an alternative to tax returns to document a self-employed borrower's income. No other income documentation type other than Asset Depletion can be combined with the P&L for the self-employed borrower.



At least one of the borrowers must be self-employed for at least 2 years (25% or greater ownership) to qualify for this program.

No 4506-C/tax transcripts/Tax Returns

#### 8.8.2 ALT-DOC: P&L ONLY RESTRICTIONS

The minimum expense factor with a P&L is 20% for service business, 40% for product business. Service Business – Offers services such as Accounting, Consulting, Counseling, Financial Planning, Insurance, Therapy.

Product Business – Sells goods such as Contracting or Construction, Food Services, Manufacturing, Restaurant, Retail.

# 8.8.3 ALT-DOC: P&L ONLY REQUIREMENTS AND DOCUMENTATION

All of the following is required:

- Business license for the past 2 years.
- A signed letter from the CPA, CTEC (CA Tax Education Council) or EA (Enrolled Agent) on their business letterhead showing address, phone number, and license number is required with the following information:
  - CPA/CTEC/EA confirms they have prepared the most recent year's business tax return filing; and,
  - The business name, borrower's name, and percentage of business ownership by the borrower.
- CPA/CTEC/EA signed/prepared Profit and Loss Statement(s) covering the most recent 12 month period.
- PTIN's are not acceptable to sign/prepare P&L statements.
- Income from co-borrowers who are W2 wage earners is to be documented with most recent W2 and paystub.

#### 8.9 ASSET DEPLETION

On stand-alone loans, Asset depletion can be used to augment qualifying income on Full Income and Bank Statement Documentation files.

Asset Depletion cannot be used as a stand-alone income documentation type.

Allowable and documented assets are divided by 84 months to determine amount added to qualifying income.

Document each asset with statements covering six (6) months.

On Piggy-back loans, use of asset depletion as qualifying income must follow 1st lien requirements and calculations if applicable. Asset depletion cannot be used if not included in 1st lien qualifying income.

# Section 9.0 Senior Lien Documentation Requirements

#### 9.1 STAND-ALONE CES

- Current (within 60 days) first mortgage statement showing,
  - Current principal balance.
  - o Fully amortized.
  - o Term.



- HOA statement (if applicable).
- HOI, flood insurance (if applicable), flood cert.
- Copy of Note for 1st mortgage

#### 9.2 PIGGY-BACK 2ND:

- Follow 1st lien income requirements.
- 1st mortgage approval reflecting 2nd.
- DU Approve/Eligible or Approve/Ineligible, or LP Accept
- Purchase agreement (if applicable).
- HOA statement (if applicable).
- HOI, flood insurance (if applicable), flood cert.
- Closing instructions reflecting 2nd.
- Full appraisal from 1st mortgage and any additional collateral evaluation



### 9.3 EXHIBIT A: OCCUPANCY AFFIDAVIT



Loan Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupancy Affidavit

Borrower:

Co-Borrower(s):

Property Address:

I/We the undersigned certify that:

**\_\_\_\_\_Primary Residence** - I/We will occupy the Property as my/our principle residence within Sixty (60) days after the date of closing as stated in the Mortgage or Deed of Trust I/We executed. I/We will continue to occupy the Property as my/our principal residence for at least one year after the date of the occupancy, unless Lender otherwise agrees in writing.

\_\_\_\_\_Second Home - I/We will occupy the Property as second home (vacation, etc.) while maintaining a principal residence elsewhere.

**Investment Property** – I/We will not occupy the Property as a principal residence or second home. I/We will not occupy for more than 14 days in any calendar year. The Property is an investment to be held or rented rather than household or personal use.

**INVESTMENT PROPERTY ONLY** (the following <u>must</u> be completed on an investment property loan)

\_\_\_\_\_\_I/We understand that consumer protection laws applicable to consumer loans will not apply to this loan, including the Truth in Lending Act (15 U.S.C. § 1601 et seq.), Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act (12 U.S.C. § 2601 et seq.), Gramm-Leach Bliley Act (15 U.S.C. §6802-6809), Secure and Fair Enforcement Mortgage Licensing Act (12 U.S.C. § 5101 et seq.), and Homeowners Protection Act (12 U.S.C. § 4901 et seq.).

**REFINANCE ONLY** (the following <u>must</u> be completed on a refinance transaction)

\_\_\_\_\_I/We the undersigned, certify that the property references above is <u>NOT</u> currently listed for sale or under contract to be listed for sale.

I We the undersigned acquired this property on this date:



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#### I/We understand that it is illegal to provide false information in an application for a mortgage loan. Mortgage fraud is punishable by up to thirty (30) years in federal prison or a fine up to \$1,000,000, or both under the provisions of Title 18, United Stated Code, Sec 1001.et seq.

\_\_\_\_\_I/We understand that failure to comply with the requirement in the Mortgage or Deed of Trust regarding occupancy of the property will entitle the lender exercise it's remedies for breach of covenant under the Mortgage or Deed of Trust. Such remedies include, without limitation, requiring immediate payment in full of the remaining indebtedness under the Loan together with all other sums secured by the Mortgage or Deed of Trust, and exercise of power of sale or other applicable foreclosure remedies, to the extent permitted by the Mortgage or Deed of Trust.

Borrower Signature	Date	Borrower Name	Date
Borrower Signature	Date	Borrower Name	Date

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#### 9.4 EXHIBIT B: ABILITY-TO-REPAY BORROWER ATTESTATION



#### Ability-to-Repay Borrower Attestation

Date:

Application No: \_\_\_\_\_

This Important Ability-to-Repay Notice is being provided to each borrower prior to the signing of the loan documents, but after federal Truth in Lending disclosures have been provided.

In reviewing your credit application, [\_\_\_\_\_] has considered and verified the following information as it relates to your ability to repay this loan according to its terms as required by applicable law: (1) your current and reasonably expected income and/or assets (other than the value of the dwelling and any attached real property); (2) your current employment status (to the extent that employment income is relied on to determine repayment ability); (3) the monthly payment for principal and interest on the loan; (4) the monthly payment on any simultaneous loan that [\_\_\_\_\_] knows or has reason to know will be made; (5) the monthly payment for mortgage-related obligations (*e.g.*, property taxes, certain insurance premiums, fees and special assessments for condominiums, and homeowners association, ground rent, and leasehold payments); (6) your current debt obligations, alimony, and child support; (7) your monthly debt- to-income ratio and/or residual income; and (8) your credit history.

Below and in the attached Application Form (Uniform Residential Loan Application on Fannie Mae Form 1003) is the information that [\_\_\_\_\_] has been used and considered in making this loan, as required by applicable law:

#### Employment and Income:

Current Monthly Income: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Monthly Income from Assets: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Housing Expenses:

Principal and Interest Payment: \_\_\_\_\_ Real Estate Taxes: \_\_\_\_\_ Homeowner's Insurance: \_\_\_\_\_ Association Dues: \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Housing Payment: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Debts:

Installment and Revolving monthly debt payments: \_\_\_\_\_ Other Obligations (including alimony and child support payments): \_\_\_\_\_ Total Monthly Other Debts: \_\_\_\_\_

The information listed above and in the Attachment, was provided by you in your application and interview, and/or in third-party records and other documents (such as credit reports and tax records). Based on its consideration of this information, [\_\_\_\_\_] has made a reasonable and good faith determination that you have the reasonable ability to repay this loan according to its terms.

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[\_\_\_\_\_] wants to make sure that the information listed above is correct and complete. [\_\_\_\_\_] is in the business of making loans and collecting loan payments—it has no desire to make a loan that cannot be repaid under the terms of the agreement.

By your signature(s) below, you are confirming that:

- You have read and understand this Important Ability-to-Repay Notice, and the information listed above is correct and complete;
- (2) Your current or reasonably expected income or assets (other than the value of the dwelling and any attached real property) is/are consistent with the information listed above;
- (3) Your current employment status is consistent with the information listed above and/or attached;
- (4) Your current housing expenses, debts, and other obligations (including alimony and child support payments) are consistent with the information listed above;
- (5) You have not applied for or opened any new credit accounts, defaulted on any credit accounts, filed for bankruptcy, or had any judgments entered against you by a court;
- (6) You have not experienced any other changes from the time you signed or otherwise completed the information listed above and in the attached Uniform Residential Loan Application (Form 1003) that would reduce your reasonable ability to repay this loan according to its terms.

Borrower(s):

	/ /
Signature	Date

Signature

\_\_\_/\_\_/\_\_ Date

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#### 9.5 EXHIBIT C: AUTOMATIC DEBIT PAYMENT AGREEMENT (ACH) FORM



#### Automatic Payment Authorization Form

You must attach a voided check or a savings deposit slip.

#### Yes, I would like to enroll in the free\* monthly Automatic Payment Program

Name:			
Street Address:			
City, State, Zip Code:			
Mortgage Loan Number:			
Daytime Phone Number:		Evening Phor	ne Number:
Financial Institution Name:		Financial Inst	itution Phone Number:
Account Routing Number:	Account N	Number:	<ul> <li>Checking</li> <li>Savings</li> </ul>

\*Please note that your financial institution may assess a fee for this transaction.

Please specify the payment date most convenient for you, which must be within the applicable grace period. If a payment date is not specified, or your loan is a daily simple interest loan, payments will be deducted on your current loan due date.

Deduct my payment on the \_\_\_\_\_\_of each month.

I would like additional funds deducted and applied toward reducing my outstanding principal balance. Please deduct an additional \$\_\_\_\_\_per month.

I hereby authorize\_\_\_\_\_\_, including its successors and/or assigns, to initiate transfers from my checking or savings account at the financial institution indicated above for the purpose of making my monthly mortgage payment. I authorize the amount of each transfer to include my regularly scheduled payment including principal, interest and escrow items, reimbursement of corporate advances, optional insurance as applicable and the costs of any services I request.

I understand that, in accordance with the terms of my mortgage note and/or adjustments in my escrow for taxes and insurance, my payment may change from time to time as set forth in my loan documents. You are hereby authorized to change the amount of the draft from my checking or savings account, provided that you notify me of the new payment amount at least 10 days prior to the draft date. I agree that the payment change notice provided to me under the Adjustable Rate Mortgage Provisions of the Truth-in- Lending Act and/or escrow analysis form shall

constitute notice of payment change as required by the Electronic Funds Transfer Act and Federal Reserve Board Regulation E.

I HEREBY AGREE TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS IN THIS FORM.

Borrower's	Signature

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\_Date\_

Co-Borrower's Signature

\_Date\_



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#### 9.6 EXHIBIT D: BORROWER CONTACT CONSENT FORM



#### BOFFOWER CONTACT CONSENT FORM

(Information Optional)

To insure we have the correct contact information for servicing your loan, please provide the following information.

By signing, I authorize my mortgage servicer (its transfers and/or assigns) to contact me regarding the servicing of my loan using the following contact information.

#### Mailing address for your mortgage statements and other correspondence:

- Same as the subject property
- Please use this mailing address instead:

Cell phone number:

I choose not to provide a cell phone number.

I understand that by providing a cell phone number and by signing this form, I am giving the holder of my mortgage Note and its billing servicer permission to use the cell phone number to contact me regarding my loan. Borrower:

Co-Borrower:

#### Email address:

I choose not to provide an email address.

I understand that by providing an email address, I am giving the holder of my mortgage Note and its billing servicer permission to use this email to contact me regarding my loan. Borrower: \_\_\_\_\_\_Co-Borrower: \_\_\_\_\_\_

#### Signature(s)

Borrower:

Date

Co-Borrower:

Date

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#### 9.7 EXHIBIT E: VA FORM #26-6393 LOAN ANALYSIS



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#### 9.8 EXHIBIT F: SAMPLE OF CPA LETTER



January 28, 2019

ABC CPA FIRM ADDRESS | CITY, ST ZIP CODE

XYZ LENDER ADDRESS | CITY, ST ZIP CODE

To whom it may concern:

I have worked with borrower, John Homeowner, for 5 years. Mr. Homeowner has been the founder/CEO of company, 123 Business, since 2008. I have either completed or reviewed Mr. Homeowner's taxes, and determined that 123 Business operates at a 35% expense factor.

SINCERELY,

JANE SMITH, CPA

Address | City, St Zip Code

ABC CPA Firm Logo



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