



DSCR

PROGRAM GUIDELINES AND MATRICES



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Section 1 - Overview & Underwriting Criteria

This Product Eligibility Policy outlines the parameter requirements for residential mortgage loans submitted to Orion Lending. This document is an integral part of the loan underwriting review process and should be reviewed in conjunction with all potential findings.

All loans will be examined and evaluated to determine whether the proposed loans generally conform to these guideline parameters. The qualifying specifications and procedures are meant to serve as a principal foundation to qualify, and each borrower will be reviewed in its entirety on an individual basis.

COIN Business Purpose Investor Cash Flow (DSCR) loans that do not conform to the provisions of this Product Eligibility Policy will be comprehensively reviewed on a case-by-case basis. All applicable mitigating and compensating factors to a policy exception must be fully documented prior to considerations/granting of said exception.

Section 2 - Underwriting Criteria

Orion Lending permits utilization of the Debt Service Coverage Ratio (DSCR) Program with investment property transactions. Orion Lending recognizes the relationship between cash flow and current debt obligations and utilizes property income to qualify the transaction. Orion Lending approaches DSCR by using the gross income provided by the subject property divided by the total debt service. Orion Lending considers current debt obligations to include total debt service (i.e., PITIA or ITIA for Interest Only loans).

Age of Documents:

The following documents may not be more than 120 days old at closing (the date the Note is signed)

- Credit Report
- Income verification
- pay stubs
- Mortgage /rental verification
- Asset documents / bank statement
- Title Commitment

Appraisal Age Requirements

• Residential Appraisals: The appraisal must be dated within 365 days of the Note date. Recertification of value required if the report would exceed 120 days as of Note date

Loan Exceptions

• Exceptions will be reviewed per file on a case-by-case basis. Upon approval, exceptions may incur an additional LLPA and/or a price cap to be determined at time of exception approval



Section 3 – Product Eligibility							
3.1 Eligibility	Financing of the investment property must be solely for commercial / business purposes and is required to sign a Certification of Business Purpose/Non-Owner Occupancy Common occupancy red flags include, but are not limited to: Subject property value significantly exceeds the value of the borrower's primary residence The borrower is a first-time homebuyer and currently living rent free or renting his/her primary residence. Subject property could reasonably function as a second home Borrower documents show subject property as current residence All loans must be manually underwritten. Schedule of real estate owned must be completed on the 1003, including properties held in LLCs						

3.2	Eligible
Pro	ducts

Product	Term	I/O Term	Amort Term	Index	Caps	Qualifying Rate	Program Codes
30 Yr. Fixed	360	NA	360	NA	NA	Note Rate	ICFF30
30 Yr. Fixed I/O	360	NA	240	NA	NA	Note Rate	ICFF30 I/O
40 Yr. Fixed	480¹	NA	480	NA	NA	Note Rate	ICFF40
40 Yr. Fixed I/O	480¹	120	360	NA	NA	Note Rate	ICFF40 I/O
5/6 ARM	360	NA	360	30 – day SOFR	2/1/5	Note Rate	ICFA5/6
5/6 I/O ARM	360	120	240	30 – day SOFR	2/1/5	Note Rate	ICFA5/6 I/O
5/6 I/O ARM	4801,2	120	360	30 – day SOFR	2/1/5	Note Rate	ICFA5/6 I/O
7/6 ARM	360	NA	360	30 – day SOFR	5/1/5	Note Rate	ICFA7/6
7/6 I/O ARM	360	120	240	30 – day SOFR	5/1/5	Note Rate	ICFA7/6 I/O
7/6 I/O ARM	4801,2	120	360	30 - day SOFR	5/1/5	Note Rate	ICFA7/6 I/O
10/6 ARM	360	NA	360	30 – day SOFR	5/1/5	Note Rate	ICFA10/6 I/O
10/6 I/O ARM	360	120	240	30 – day SOFR	5/1/5	Note Rate	ICFA10/6 I/O
10/6 I/O ARM	4801,2	120	360	30 – day SOFR	5/1/5	Note Rate	ICFA10/6 I/O

Additional ARM Criteria					
Adjustment Reset Period Lookback Period Margin Floor					
6 Months	45 days	6.50	Margin		

¹2-4 Mixed-Use maximum loan term cannot exceed 30 years

²40Year term ARMs available when combined with interest only feature





	• 1-4 Units				
	o Minimum loan amount: \$100,000				
	■ Loan amounts < \$150,000				
	Max 70% LTV Purchase				
3.3 Loan Amounts	Max 65% LTV Rate/Term and Cash Out				
	Minimum DSCR 1.25				
	o Maximum loan amount is \$3,500,000				
	2-4 Units Mixed Use				
	o Minimum Ioan amount: \$400,000				
	o Maximum loan amount is \$2,000,000				
	• 1-4 Units				
	o ≥ 65% LTV: \$500,000				
3.4 Maximum Cash	o < 65%: \$1,000,000				
Out	• 2-4 Units Mixed Use				
	。 \$1,000,000				
	Proceeds from the loan transaction cannot be used for consumer purpose, i.e., payoff personal debt, personal tax lien(s), personal judgments, personal collection, or lines of credit secured by the subject property				
	Interest Only Requirements:				
	Purchase and Rate/Term				
	o Max 75% LTV/CLTV				
	Cash Out				
	o Max 70% LTV/CLTV				
	Interest Only Period – 10-year Interest only period followed by a 20-year or 30-year amortization period.				
3.5 Interest Only	o 40 yr. term available when combined with I/O feature (40 yr. term not available on 2-4 mixed use)				
	• 1-4 Units				
	o Min 680 FICO				
	o Qualifying is based on ITIA payment				
	• 2-4 Mixed Use				
	o Min 700 FICO				
	o Qualifying is based on ITIA payment				



	• 5% Flat PPP: i.e., 5/5/5/5					
	o Available for 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 yr. PPP					
	o PPP calculation = fixed percentage applied to any curtailment or the entire outstanding principal balance during the prepay period					
	 Months Interest Prepayment Penalty Term: 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 year 					
	 PPP calculation = 6 months interest on the amount of the prepayment that exceeds 20% of the original principal balance in a given 12-month time period 					
	• Tiered Penalty Term: i.e., 5/4/3/2/1 (tiered structures cannot exceed 5% and drop below 3% in the first 3 years)					
	 PPP calculation = the percentage in effect and applied to any curtailment or the entire outstanding principal balance during the prepay period 					
3.6 Prepayment	The following states do not allow a PPP and are to be priced as No PPP					
Penalty	o AK, KS, MI, MN, NM, OH, RI					
	o IL					
	 Not allowed on loans vested to individuals 					
	o NJ					
	 Prepayment penalties are not allowed 					
	 Pennsylvania - Prepayment penalties are not allowed on loan balances less than an adjusted value as determined by the Dept Banking & Securities. For the calendar year 2025, the amount is \$319,777 					
	 Only declining prepayment penalty structures are allowed in MS 					
	Ex. 5%, 4%, 3%, 2%, 1%					
	o <u>Prepayment Penalty Calculator</u>					
	The following documents may not be more than 120 days old at closing (the date the Note is signed)					
	Credit Report					
	Income verification					
	pay stubs					
	Mortgage /rental verification					
3.7 Age of	Asset documents / bank statement					
Documents						
	Title Commitment					
	Appraisal Age Requirements					
	 Residential Appraisals (1-4 Units): The appraisal must be dated within 365 days of the Note date. Recertification of value required if the report would exceed 120 days as of Note date 					
	 Commercial Appraisals (2-4 mixed use): Appraisals dated fewer than 120 days prior to the Note date are acceptable. After 120 days, a new appraisal is required 					



Section 4 - Product Matrix - DSCR 1-4 Units

Section 1 Froduct Flating Dock 1 Forms							
DSCR 1.00+							
FICO	LOAN AMOUNT	PURCHASE LTV/CLTV	R/T REFI LTV/CLTV	CASH OUT LTV/CLTV	RESERVES		
	≤ \$1,000,000	80	75	75			
	\$1,000,001 - \$1,500,000	80	75	75			
700+	\$1,500,001 - \$2,000,000	75	70	70			
	\$2,000,001 - \$3,000,000	70	65	65			
	\$3,000,001 - \$3,500,000	70	65	NA			
	≤ \$1,000,000	75	75	70	LA ≤ \$1.5M - 2 Months PITIA		
	\$1,000,001 - \$1,500,000	75	70	70	LA > \$1.5M - 6 Months PITIA LA > \$2.5M - 12 Months PITIA		
660-699	\$1,500,001 - \$2,000,000	70	65	65	Cash out may be used to satisfy		
	\$2,000,001 - \$2,500,000	70	65	65	Cash out may be used to satisfy reserve requirements		
	\$2,500,001 - \$3,000,000	65	NA	NA			
	≤ \$1,000,000	75	70	NA			
640.650	\$1,000,001 - \$1,500,000	65	65	NA			
640-659	\$1,500,001 - \$2,000,000	65	NA	NA			
	\$2,000,001 - \$3,000,000	60	NA	NA			
		DSCR	< 1.00				
FICO	LOAN AMOUNT	PURCHASE LTV/CLTV	R/T REFI LTV/CLTV	CASH OUT LTV/CLTV	RESERVES		
	≤ \$1,000,000	75	70	70			
	\$1,000,001 - \$1,500,000	75	70	70			
700+	\$1,500,001 - \$2,000,000	70	65	65			
	\$2,000,001 - \$2,500,000	65	NA	NA	LA ≤ \$1.5M - 2 Months PITIA		
	\$2,500,001 - \$3,000,000	60	NA	NA	LA > \$1.5M - 6 Months PITIA LA > \$2.5M - 12 Months PITIA		
	≤ \$1,000,000	70	65	NA	Cash out may be used to satisfy		
680, 600	\$1,000,001 - \$1,500,000	70	65	NA	reserve requirements		
680-699	\$1,500,001 - \$2,000,000	65	60	NA			
	\$2,000,001 - \$3,000,000	60	NA	NA			
660-679	≤ \$1,000,000	65	NA	NA			

4.1 Loan Purpose 1-4 Units

NOTE:

See <u>section 4.2</u> for declining market / State eligibility adjustments See <u>section 4.2</u> for 2-4 units and Condo/Condotel LTV restrictions





4.2 Program
Restrictions 1-4
Units

PROGRAM RESTRICTIONS / REQUIREMENTS		
Housing History	Credit Event Seasoning	Investor Experience
 1 x 30 x 12 No LTV Reduction > 1 x 30 x 12 and 0 x 60 x 12 Max 70% LTV Purchase Max 65% LTV Rate/Term and Cash Out 	Bankruptcy, Foreclosure, Short Sale, Deed in Lieu, or Default Modification (from Note Date) • ≥ 36 Months • No LTV Reduction • ≥ 24 Months • Max 75% LTV Purchase • Max 70% LTV Rate/Term and Cash Out	The borrower must have a history of owning and managing commercial or non-owner occupied residential real estate for at least 1 year in last 3 years First Time Investor: • 700 FICO • If reported, no mortgage lates in the past 36 months • Minimum 12-month housing history required • ≥ 36 Months from any credit event • Single family residence only • DSCR > 1.00 • Must own a primary residence First Time Home Buyer not allowed
Declining Markets / State Overlays	Unleased Properties (All Long-Term Refinances)	Property Type
If either or both of the following apply: 1) the appraisal report identifies the property as a declining market, and/or 2) the property is located in CT, FL, IL, NJ, or NY, the maximum LTV/CLTV is limited to • 75% for purchases • 70% for all refinances, and • Maximum loan amount of \$2MM • IL and NY: 2-4 Units not eligible	Vacant or unleased property is allowed subject to the following: LTV/CLTV limits: Lesser of 70%, or the LTV/CLTV based upon the DSCR/FICO/Loan balance matrix. Not applicable for short-term rentals, see section 9.4 for additional details	 2-4 Units & Condos Max 75% Purchase Max 70% Refinance Condotel Max 75% Purchase Max 65% Refinance Max Loan Amount \$1.5M Rural Max 75% Purchase Max 75% Purchase Max 75% Refinance



5.2 Program Restrictions

Section 5 - Product Matrix - 2-4 Units Mixed Use **DSCR 1.00+** PURCHASE CASH OUT R/T REFI FICO LOAN AMOUNT **RESERVES** LTV/CLTV LTV/CLTV LTV/CLTV **5.1** Purpose 75 70 65 ≤ \$1,500,000 See section 11.4 700+ Cash Out may not be used to \$1,500,001 - \$2,000,000 70 meet reserve requirements 65 65

Housing History	Credit Event Seasoning	Investor Experience	
• 0 x 30 x 12	Bankruptcy, Foreclosure, Short Sale, Deed in Lieu, or Default Modification • ≥ 36 Months ○ Any Event	The borrower must have a history of owni and managing commercial or non-owner occupied residential real estate for at leas year in last 3 years. First Time Investor: Not Eligible	
State Eligibility Restrictions	Unleased Properties	Property Type	
 Ineligible States: IL, NY State Overlays for CT, NJ: Purchase Transactions Max LTV/CLTV 70% Min credit score 720 Refinance Transactions Max LTV/CLTV 65% Min credit score 720 Ineligible locations: Puerto Rico, Guam, & the US Virgin Islands 	Maximum vacancies 1 vacant unit on 2–3-unit properties 2 vacant units on 4+ unit properties	See <u>section 13</u>	

Declining Markets LTV reductions not applicable for 2-4 Units Mixed Use





Section 6 – Borrower Eligibility		
6.1 Eligible Borrowers	 U.S. Citizens First Time Investor Permanent Resident Aliens / Non-Permanent Resident Aliens Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Inter-Vivos Revocable Trust Limited Liability Companies, Partnerships, Corporations and S Corporations - See section 6.5 Purpose and activities are limited to ownership and management of real property Entity must be domiciled in the U.S. Any business structure is limited to a maximum of four (4) member(s) or manager(s) Personal guaranties must be provided by member(s)/manager(s) representing at least 50% ownership of the entity The application of each member providing a personal guaranty and their credit score, and creditworthiness will also be used to determine qualification and pricing 	
6.2 Vesting	Ownership may be fee simple or leasehold title. For more information regarding leaseholds, see Section 14.5 • Eligible forms of vesting are: • Individuals • Joint tenants • Tenants in Common • Inter vivos revocable trust • Entity (LLC, Partnerships, Corporations, and S Corporations) • Multi-level entity structures are allowed subject to entity documentation requirements are met for all entities • Ineligible forms of vesting are: • Land trusts • Blind trusts • Blind trusts • IRA's • Irrevocable Trusts • Not for Profit Entity	



6.2 Ineligible Borrowers	 First Time Home Buyers If one borrower on the transaction is a FTHB and married to a borrower on the transaction who is not a FTHB, the transaction may proceed without restriction. In all other FTHB scenarios, an exception would be required. Any parties to a transaction listed on HUD's Limited Denial of Participation (LDP) list, or the federal General Services Administrative (GSE) Excluded Party lists Persons with diplomatic immunity, as defined by US Citizenship and Immigration Services Persons from OFAC sanctioned countries and persons sanctioned by OFAC When the borrower is an entity, Guarantor(s) and all member(s)/manager(s) of the entity must be included in the OFAC search Borrowers without a valid Social Security Number Borrowers party to a lawsuit Not-for-Profit entity Foreign Nationals
6.3 Experienced Investor	 An experienced investor is a borrower/guarantor having a history of owning and managing non-owner occupied commercial or residential real estate for at least one (1) year in the last three (3) years. For files with more than one borrower/guarantor, only one borrower must meet the definition Experience can be documented by one of the following: Mortgage history on credit report, or Provide a property profile report, or Other 3rd party documentation (e.g., Fraud Report, Settlement Statement, Closing Disclsoure)
6.4 First Time Investor	A first-Time Investor is a borrower/guarantor not meeting the Experienced Investor definition in Section 6.3, but who currently owns a primary residence for at least one (1) year. First time investors are eligible subject to the following restrictions: 700 Minimum FICO If reported, no mortgage lates in the past 36 months (including Primary Residence) Minimum 12-month housing history required Minimum of 36 months seasoning from any credit event 1 unit only (SFR, Condo, PUD) DSCR > 1.00 Must own a primary residence First time homebuyers not eligible





Limited Liability Companies, Partnerships, Corporations, and S Corporations (each, an "Entity") in accordance with the requirements listed below:

To vest a loan in an Entity, the following requirements must be met:

- Purpose and activities are limited to ownership and management of real property
- Entity must be domiciled in a US State
- Any business structure is limited to a maximum of four (4) owners or members
- Personal guaranties must be provided by member(s)/manager(s) representing at least 25% cumulative ownership of the entity
- A quarantor must have authority to execute loan documents on behalf of the entity
- Each Entity member providing a personal guaranty (full recourse) must complete a Form 1003 or similar credit application indicating clearly that such document is being provided in the capacity of guarantor. Only the debt appearing on the personal credit report of individual(s) providing a personal guaranty needs to be reflected on the 1003 loan application. The application of each member providing a personal guaranty and their credit score, and creditworthiness will also be used to determine qualification and pricing. See section 6.6 Personal Guaranty for additional requirements

Limited Liability Company (LLC)

- Entity articles of organization or partnership (or equivalent)
- Evidence of good standing good standing is always required for the state in which the entity was formed (e.g., Certificate, screen shot from state website)
- Entity documents authorizing the guarantor to execute loan documents on behalf of the entity (e.g., Operating Agreement, Certificate
 of Authorization). If not available, a Borrowing Certificate is required
- Entity documents that include a list of members/managers and ownership percentage (e.g., organization structure)
- EIN/Tax Identification Number
 - Single member LLC may use EIN or the guarantor social security number
 - Multi-member LLCs require an EIN

Corporation

- Filed Certificate/Articles of Incorporation and all amendments (or equivalent)
- By-Laws and all amendments
- Evidence of good standing good standing is always required for the state in which the entity was formed (e.g., Certificate, screen shot from state website)
- EIN/Tax Identification Number
- Borrowing Resolution/Corporate Resolution granting authority of signer to enter loan obligation

Partnership

- Filed Partnership Certificate (if a general partnership, filing with the SOS may not be required)
- Partnership Agreement and all amendments
- Evidence of good standing good standing is always required for the state in which the entity was formed (e.g., Certificate, screen shot from state website)
- EIN/Tax Identification Number
- Limited partner consents (where required by partnership agreement)

Signed by the authorized signer for the entity:

Note, Deed of Trust/Mortgage, and all Riders

6.5 LLC, Partnerships & Corporations



LENDING	
	Loan Application (e.g., FNMA Form 1003 or other application)
	o Completed for each guarantor
	 Section labelled "Title will be held in what Name(s)" should be completed with only the LLC name
	Signed as an individual
	Credit report from all guarantors completing an application
	Disclosure Documents
	o Business purpose loan disclosures as applicable
6.6 Guarantor(s)	Any state or federally required settlement statement as applicable
Documentation	Legal Documents
	 Note, Deed of Trust/Mortgage, and all applicable Riders must be executed by the guarantor in their capacity as authorized signer for the entity
	Personal Guaranty
	The guaranty must be full recourse
	 The guaranty must reference the Note and Loan Amount and be dated the same as the Note
	 Members/managers on the application must sign the guaranty as an individual
	 Personal Guaranties from community property states (AK, AZ, ID, LA, NM, TX, WA, WI) must be accompanied with a Spousal Consent to Pledge (included in the closing docs) when the spouse is not a guaranty on the loan
	 An alien admitted to the United States as a lawful permanent resident. Lawful permanent residents are legally accorded the privilege of residing permanently in the United States. Acceptable evidence of permanent residency include the following:
	 Alien Registration Receipt Card I-551 (referred to as a green card)
6.7 Permanent	 Alien Registration Receipt Card I-551 (Resident Alien Card) that does not have an expiration date on the back (also known as a green card)
Resident Alien	 Alien Registration Receipt Card I-551 (Conditional Resident Alien Card) that has an expiration date on the back and is accompanied by a copy of the filed INS Form I-751 (petition to remove conditions)
	 Non-expired foreign passport that contains a non-expired stamp (valid for a minimum of three years) reading "Processed for I-551 Temporary Evidence of Lawful Admission for Permanent Residence. Valid until [mm-dd-yy]. Employment Authorized."
	Eligible without guideline restrictions
	Individuals who can provide documentation of current DACA status along with work authorization are eligible for financing under the same criteria as a
	non-permanent resident. The individual is required to have a valid Social Security number along with a 2-year U.S. credit and employment history. Some forms of documentation may include the following:
6.8 Deferred Action for Childhood	Form I-766 Employment Authorization Document (EAD), (work permit/card) referencing code C33, or
Arrivals (DACA)	Form I-797 conveying approval status for Case Type I765-Application for Employment Authorization referencing code C33, or
	Form I-765 Application for Employment Authorization, the form:
	Must reflect approval status in the Action Block (upper right-hand corner of the form)



An individual admitted to the United States as a lawful temporary resident. Lawful non-permanent residents are legally accorded the privilege of residing temporarily in the United States

- Maximum 75% LTV
- Gift Funds not allowed
- Employment Status Documentation is required for all borrowers, and may consist of one of the following:
 - Employment Authorization Documents, provide one of the following:
 - Form I-766 Employment Authorization Document (EAD), (work permit/card) is required for US employment if the borrower is not sponsored by a current employer
 - If the EAD will expire within six (6) months of loan application, it is acceptable to obtain a letter from the employer documenting the borrower's continued employment and continued EAD renewal. The EAD documentation is acceptable up to 540 days if an automatic extension has been granted
 - Form I-765 Application for Employment Authorization, the form:
 - Must reflect approval status in the Action Block (upper right-hand corner of the form)
 - Form I-797, I-797A, I-797B, or I-797C conveying approval status
 - Petitioner to match employer name on application
 - If EAD is not provided, a copy of the Visa permitting employment authorization needs to be included in the credit file. The following VISA types are acceptable:
 - E-1, E-2, E-3, G1 through G5, H-1B, L-1A, L-1B, O-1, and R-1, and P
 - Other VISA types permitting employment may be considered, see the U.S. Dept of State Website at <u>Directory of VISA</u> categories (state.gov)
 - Asylum Individuals granted asylum are eligible, documentation includes one of the following:
 - Form I-766 Employment Authorization Document (EAD), (work permit/card) referencing code C08, or
 - Form I-94 with a stamp or notation, such as "asylum granted indefinitely" or the appropriate provision of law (8 CFR 274a.12(a)(5) or INA 208) to show their employment authorization. The asylee does not need to present a foreign passport with this Form I-94. An asylee can also present an electronic Form I-94 with an admission class of "AY."
 - o Temporary Status or stay borrowers whose country of origin has been vacated or shortened are ineligible.
 - Status must be verified at the US Citizenship and Immigration Services website below:
 - https://www.uscis.gov/humanitarian/temporary-protected-status
- Additional Requirements:
 - Borrower(s) must have been residing in the U.S. for at least 2 years, and
 - Must have been employed in the U.S. for at least 2 years as evidenced on the loan application, and
 - Borrower(s) must have a valid SSN, and
 - Borrower(s) must have established U.S. credit history

6.9 Non-permanent Resident Aliens





Section 7 – Transaction Eligibility		
7.1 Transaction Eligibility	Borrower is financing the property solely for commercial purposes and is required to sign a Certification of Business Purpose/Non-Owner Occupancy • The certification will be included with loan closing documents and is required to be notarized Underwriting staff must take additional steps as deemed necessary to further evaluate the reasonableness of the borrower's certification. Any red flags must be researched and resolved No income or Employment (or retirement) information is required to be listed on the 1003	
7.2 Eligible Transactions	 Purchase Rate / Term Cash Out CEMA Delayed Financing TX Cash Out 1031 Exchange 	
7.3 Ineligible Transactions	 Construction Loans Temporary Buydowns Builder Bailout & Model leasebacks Conversion Loans Lease option to purchase Community down payment assistance / equity sharing Reverse 1031 exchanges Properties where one of the units is owner occupied 	



- Proceeds from the transaction are used to finance the acquisition of the subject property
- LTV/CLTV is based upon the lesser of the sales price or appraised value
- · Assignment of contract or finder's fees reflected on the purchase contract are eligible, subject to interested party contribution limits
- Arm's Length For-Sale-By-Owner (FSBO) transactions allowed
 - o If Non-Arm's Length, see Section 7.10, Eligible Non-Arm's Length Transactions
- Ensure the transaction is compliant with the Higher Priced Mortgage Loan appraisal rule. See Section 7.12 (Flip Transactions) for details
- The loan file must include a fully executed agreement (purchase contract) of sale and counteroffer (if applicable) reflecting the following:
 - The purchase contract cannot be expired
 - o Borrower as the purchaser of the property. (Business purpose loans may reflect the Guarantor or Entity name)
 - Seller as the vested owner on title
 - Correct sales price
 - Amount of down payment
 - Closing dates
 - Concessions and seller contributions
- Buyer's Real Estate Agent Commission In response to the NAR Settlement, the following apply:
 - o Commission paid by the property buyer: Considered a closing cost
 - Source of funds must be documented in assets
 - If borrowed or financed, the monthly payment must be included in the debt-to-income ratio
 - Commission paid by the property seller:
 - Not considered an interested party contribution if seller agrees to pay according to the negotiated terms of the purchase contract

7.4 Purchase



Proceeds from the transaction are used to:

- Pay off an existing first mortgage loan and any subordinate loan used to acquire the property
- Pay off any subordinate loan not used in the acquisition of the subject property, provided one of the following apply:
 - o Closed-end loan, at least 12 months of seasoning has occurred
 - HELOC, at least 12 months of seasoning has occurred, and total draws over the past 12 months are less than \$2,000. (For business purpose transactions, any draw over the life of the loan may not have been used for personal use. Business purpose transactions will require a draw history schedule, along with an attestation from the borrower, in the credit file, that none of the advances were used for personal/consumer use)
- Buy out a co-owner pursuant to an agreement
- Pay off an installment land contract executed more than 12 months from the loan application date

Other Considerations:

- Cash back in an amount not to exceed the lesser of 2% of the new loan amount or \$5,000 can be included in the transaction
- If the subject property was acquired greater than six (6) months, as measured from the property acquisition date to the new Note date, the appraised value will be used to determine LTV/CLTV.
- If the property was acquired less than or equal to six (6) months, as measured from the property acquisition date to the new Note date, the lesser of the current appraisal value or previous purchase price plus documented improvements (if any) will be used to determine LTV/CLTV. The purchase settlement statement and any invoices for materials/labor will be required
- Refinance of a previous loan that provided cash out, as measured from the previous note date to the new Note date, and is seasoned less than 12 months, will be considered a cash out refinance
- A payoff statement that reflects late fees, deferred balance, or delinquent interest are subject to housing history and/or credit event criteria.
 Transaction is to be considered cashout
- The transaction must be treated as cash-out when the subject property is encumbered by one of the following:
 - Blanket/Cross-Collateralized loan, or
 - Loan that allows for Paid in Kind (PIK) interest

7.5 Rate/Term Refinance



A refinance that does not meet the definition of a rate/term transaction is considered cash-out

- A mortgage secured by a property currently owned free and clear is considered cash-out
- The payoff of delinquent real estate taxes (60 days or more past due) is considered cash-out
- Cash-out eligible to satisfy the reserve requirements (Not eligible on 2-4 Mixed Use)
- Cash-Out Seasoning is defined as the length of time the subject property has been owned by the borrower as measured by the property acquisition date (Note date) to the subject transaction Note date
 - o A minimum borrower seasoning requirement of six (6) months is required
 - Less than six (6) months seasoning is allowed, the current appraised value may be used, with one of the following documented circumstances:
 - Borrower acquired the subject property through an inheritance, or
 - Subject property was legally awarded the property through divorce, separation, or dissolution of a domestic partnership

Property Value Determination

- o For properties owned 12 months or longer, the LTV/CLV is based upon the appraised value
- For properties owned greater than 6 months but less than 12-months: LTV/CLTV is limited to the lower of the current appraised value or the property's purchase price plus documented improvements
- For properties owned less than 6 months, see <u>Section 7.7</u> Delayed Financing Refinance
- Proceeds from the loan transaction cannot be used for consumer purpose, i.e., payoff personal debt, personal tax lien(s), personal judgments, or personal collection
 - HELOC: When paying off a HELOC, provide draw history schedule, along with an attestation from the borrower, in the credit file, that none of the advances were used for personal/consumer use)
- When the subject property is encumbered by a blank/cross collateralized loan, the transaction is considered cashout. Copy of the note will be required to verify the payoff/release terms

Loans not eligible for cash-out:

- Properties listed for sale in the past six (6) months, unless a minimum three (3) year prepay penalty
 - Prepayment Penalty See section 3.6
- There has been a prior cash-out within the past six (6) months
- Payoff of a Land Contract/Contract for Deed
- When proceeds from the loan transaction are used for consumer purpose, i.e., payoff personal debt, personal tax lien(s), personal judgments, personal collection, or lines of credit secured by the subject property
- Loans with Power of Attorney

7.6 Cash-Out Refinance



	Delayed purchase financing is eligible when a property was purchased by a borrower for cash within 180 days of the loan application
	o The original purchase transaction was an arms-length transaction
	 The source of funds for the purchase transaction are documented (such as bank statements, personal loan documents, or a HELOC on another property)
7.7 Delayed	 If the source of funds are gift from family and documented according the FNMA guidelines, transaction is eligible for delayed financing
Financing Refinance	 The maximum LTV/CLTV ratio for the transaction is based upon the lower of the current appraised value or the property's purchase price plus documented improvements
	 The preliminary title search or report must confirm that there are no existing liens on the subject property
	 The new loan amount can be no more than the actual documented amount of the borrower's initial investment subject to the maximum LTV/CLTV for cash-out transactions
	The transaction is considered cash-out refinance for pricing and eligibility
7.8 Subordinate Financing	 Seller carried or private-party subordinate financing not allowed Existing subordination is permitted on refinances All subordinate loans must be considered when calculating the Borrower's DSCR For closed-end fixed rate, fully amortizing simultaneous loans, the qualifying payment is the monthly payment HELOC CLTV must be calculated at the maximum available line amount unless the borrower can provide documentation showing the line of credit is past its draw period If the subordinate financing is a HELOC secured by the subject property, monthly payments equal to the minimum payment required under the HELOC terms considering fully drawn line amount on or before closing of the subject transaction A HELOC with zero balance does not require a minimum payment be applied
7.9 Continuity of Obligation	 All borrowers on the refinance transaction must be on title at time of application When title is held in the name of an entity, the borrower must be majority owner of the entity to meet continuity of obligation



	Non-arm's length transactions are purchase transactions in which there is a relationship or business affiliation between the seller and the buyer of the property. Examples of non-arm's length transactions include family sales, property in an estate, employer/employee sales, and flip transactions	
	When the property seller is a corporation, partnership, or any other business entity, it must be ensured that the borrower is not an owner of the business entity selling the property	
	Non-Arm's length transaction restrictions:	
7.10 Eligible Non-	o Borrower's EMD must be verified	
Arm's Length Transactions	 Purchase between family members requires a 12-month mortgage history on the existing mortgage securing the subject property, confirming the family sale is not a foreclosure bailout 	
	• Exceptions:	
	 Buyer(s)/Borrower(s) representing themselves as agent in real estate transaction 	
	 Commission earned by buyer/borrower CANNOT be used for down payment or monthly PITIA reserves, but CAN be used towards closing costs 	
	 Seller(s) representing themselves as agent in real estate transaction 	
	For cash out and rate term refinances:	
7.11 Properties	Value will be based on the lesser of lowest list price in prior 12 months or appraised value For each out refinences.	
Listed for Sale	For cash out refinances:	
	• A listing expiration of less than six (6) months is permitted with a 3-year prepayment penalty. If a property is listed for sale, the listing must be cancelled prior to the note date	
	Property Flipping defined as:	
	The price in the borrower's purchase agreement exceeds the property Seller's acquisition price by more than 10% if the property Seller acquired	
	the property 90 or fewer days prior to the date of the borrower's purchase agreement	
	• The price in the borrower's purchase agreement exceeds the property Seller's acquisition price by more than 20% if the property Seller acquired the property 91-180 days prior to the date of the borrower's purchase agreement	
	Property Flipping additional requirements:	
7.12 Flip	o A second appraisal must be obtained	
Transactions	 If the loan is subject to Regulation Z, a copy of the second appraisal must be provided to the borrower in compliance with the federal HPML requirements 	
	o The second appraisal must be dated prior to the loan consummation/note date	
	o The property Seller on the purchase contract must be the owner of record	
	o Increases in value should be documented with commentary from the appraiser and recent comparable sales	
	 Sufficient documentation to validate actual cost to construct or renovate (e.g., purchase contracts, plans and specifications, receipts, invoices, lien waivers, etc.) must be provided, if applicable 	



7.13 1031 Exchange	 Funds held by a 1031 administrator/agent are permitted for down payment and closing costs Allowed on investment purchases only Reverse 1031 exchanges not allowed Must be in compliance with Internal Revenue Code Section 1031 Excess proceeds cannot be used to satisfy reserve requirements unless liquidated Documented by accommodator instructions, fully executed exchange agreement at closing, and settlement statement. Both the sold property and subject property must be similar and qualify as "like-kind" NOTE: 2-4-unit properties where one of the units is occupied by the customer are not considered investment properties and therefore are not eligible
	Section 8 – Credit Eligibility
8.1 Credit Report Detail	 A tri-merged in file credit report including scores from Experian, Transunion and Equifax is required The credit report used to evaluate a loan may not reflect a security freeze. If the borrower(s) unfreeze credit after the date of the original credit report, a new tri-merged report must be obtained to reflect current and updated information from all repositories Credit Report may not be more than 120 days old at closing (date the Note is signed) Credit inquiry letter is not required
8.2 Credit Scores	 Single borrower/guarantor Middle of 3 scores or lower of 2 Multiple borrower(s)/guarantor(s) Highest middle score of all borrowers
8.3 Credit Repair/Rescore	Not allowed
8.4 Credit Counseling	 Borrower enrollment in Consumer Credit Counseling Services (CCCS) is allowed when a minimum of 12 months have elapsed on the plan, and evidence of timely payments for the most recent 12 months is provided The CCCS Administrator must also provide a letter allowing the borrower to seek financing on a new home while enrolled in the plan



- Housing history is required for the borrower's primary residence and the subject property if a refinance transaction. Any mortgage tradeline reported on the credit report for any property owned by the borrower needs to be included in the housing history eligibility
- For any non-subject property, non-primary mortgage not reporting to credit, additional housing history is not required
 - o 1 x 30 x 12 (rolling late payments are not considered a single event)
 - No LTV reduction
 - \circ > 1 X 30 X 12 and 0 x 60 x 12
 - Max 70% LTV Purchase
 - Max 65% LTV Rate/Term and Cash Out
- Primary residence owned free & clear requires a Property Profile Report or similar document
 - Payment history evaluation for property taxes and insurance is not required
- All borrowers must be current on mortgage or rent at loan application
 - An updated mortgage history, defined as paid current as of 45 days of the loan application date, is only needed for the primary residence and subject property
 - Current means the borrower has made all mortgage payments up to and including the month prior to the note date. If the credit report does not reflect the current payment history, one of the following additional documents in required:
 - A loan payment history from the servicer or third-party verification service,
 - A payoff statement (for mortgages being refinanced),
 - The latest mortgage account statement from the borrower, or
 - A verification of mortgage
 - If the subject property or the borrower's primary mortgage history is not reported on the credit report, see section 8.8
- First time homebuyers (FTHB) living with a spouse are eligible with the following:
 - Spouse owns the primary residence
 - Evidence spouse is on title, and
 - Proof of 12- month payment history, or evidence the primary residence is owned free & clear
- For refinance transactions of the subject property, when the existing financing is a Paid In Kind (PIK) loan, a copy of the note must be provided in the credit file to determine required payments. Notes allowing interest to accumulate during the term of the loan are eligible, however, all refinance transactions are treated as cashout
- Properties owned free and clear
 - o Provide verification property taxes, insurance, and HOA (if applicable) are paid current
- Borrowers currently renting, see <u>section 8.7</u>
- First Time Investors, see <u>section 6.4</u>

8.5 Mortgage/Housing History 1-4 Units



8.6 Mortgage/Housing History 2-4 Units Mixed Use	 Housing history is required for the borrower's primary residence and the subject property if a refinance transaction. Any mortgage tradeline reported on the credit report for any property owned by the borrower needs to be included in the housing history eligibility For any non-subject property, non-primary mortgage not reporting to credit, additional housing history is not required 0 x 30 x 12 Primary residence owned free & clear requires a Property Profile Report or similar document Payment history evaluation for property taxes and insurance is not required All borrowers must be current on mortgage or rent at loan application An updated mortgage history, defined as paid current as of 45 days of the loan application date, is only needed for the primary residence and subject property If the subject property or the borrower's primary mortgage history is not reported on the credit report, see section 8.8 For refinance transactions of the subject property, when the existing financing is a Paid in Kind (PIK) loan, a copy of the note must be provided in the credit file to determine required payments. Notes allowing interest to accumulate during the term of the loan are eligible, however, all refinance transactions are treated as cashout Borrowers living rent free are not eligible Borrowers living rent free with spouse may be considered on a case-by-case basis Properties owned free and clear Provide verification property taxes and insurance are paid current
8.7 Housing History Rental Verification	A 12-month rental history is required when the borrower is renting their current primary residence. The following documents are required: • A verification of rent (VOR): • A third-party VOR is required for any file when the borrower is currently renting • Borrower must be current on rent at time of application • Any VOR completed by a private party, or any non-institutional landlord must be supported by alternative documentation showing the most recent 6-monht history (cancelled checks, rental statements, including payment history, etc.)



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	Mortgages not appearing on the credit report other than the primary residence or subject property, can be excluded from determining housing history eligibility
l	If applicable, 12 months mortgage payment history is to be documented as follows:
	Mortgage statement or Note for the review period to verify monthly payment amount, and
	Proof of payments through one of the following:
	o 12-months cancelled checks, ACH payment, bank transfer/wire, or electronic payment method from the borrower
8.8 Mortgage(s) Not	 Payments made in cash are not eligible, or
Reported on Credit	o 12-months mortgage statements for the review period, or
	o 12-months loan payment history from the creditor/servicer
	 Proof of borrower's payment for the most recent 6-months is required, or
	o 12-months Verification of Mortgage form (VOM) completed by the creditor/servicer
	Proof of borrower's payment for the most recent 6-months is required
	If subject transaction is a refinance, mortgage payoff statement is required from the creditor:
	 A payoff statement that reflects late fees, deferred balance, or delinquent interest are subject to housing history and/or credit event criteria. Transaction is to be considered cashout
	For each borrower who has three (3) credit scores, the minimum tradeline requirement is waived (all borrowers must be evaluated individually)
	Each borrower with less than three (3) credit scores must meet the minimum tradeline requirements outlined below:
	 At least three (3) tradelines reporting for a minimum of 12 months, with activity in the last 12 months, or
	o At least two (2) tradelines reporting for a minimum of 24 months, with activity in the last 12 months
	Borrowers who do not meet one of the above tradeline requirements, but have a minimum of two credit scores, can alternatively satisfy the tradeline requirement by meeting the below requirements:
	o No fewer than eight (8) tradelines are reporting, one (1) of which must be a mortgage or a rental history
8.9 Minimum	o At least one (1) tradeline has been open and reporting for a minimum of twelve (12) months
Tradeline	o The borrower has an established credit history for at least eight (8) years
Requirements 1-4 Units	o Tradelines with recent serious adverse history are not acceptable
	 Student loans can be counted in credit depth as long as they are in repayment and not being deferred
	The following are not acceptable to be counted as tradelines:
	Non-traditional credit as defined by FNMA
	Self-reported tradeline
	o Any liability in deferment
	Accounts discharged through BK
	Authorized user accounts
	Collections, charge-offs, foreclosures, DIL, short sales, pre-foreclosure sales



8.10 Minimum Tradeline Requirements 2-4 Units Mixed Use	For each borrower who has three (3) credit scores, the minimum tradeline requirement is waived (all borrowers must be evaluated individually) • Each borrower with less than three (3) credit scores must meet the minimum tradeline requirements outlined below: • At least three (3) tradelines reporting for a minimum of 12 months, with activity in the last 12 months, or • At least two (2) tradelines reporting for a minimum of 24 months, with activity in the last 12 months
8.11 Credit Events	 No housing event permitted on any real estate reported on credit within (24) twenty-four months Housing Event = Foreclosure, Short Sale, Pre-foreclosure Sale, Deed in Lieu, Charge-off of a mortgage account, or Default Modification The length of time is measured from the settlement date to the Note date Notice of Default will be considered a 1x90x12 under housing history restrictions If the borrower cured the default and has made 12 timely payments, they are eligible without any restrictions The seasoning for a foreclosure/short sale/deed-in-lieu which was included in a bankruptcy will start from the earlier of the date of discharge of bankruptcy and the foreclosure completion date Timeshare obligations are treated as consumer installment loan
8.12 Bankruptcy	 All bankruptcies must be settled and discharged a minimum of (24) twenty-four months See section 4.2 for LTV restrictions if < (36) thirty-six months The length of time is measured from the discharge/dismissal date to the Note date
8.13 Adverse Credit	 Charge-offs and collections can be ignored unless reporting on title A second mortgage or junior lien that has been charged off is subject to foreclosure seasoning periods, based on the charge off date All open judgements, garnishments, and all outstanding liens must be paid off prior to or at closing from borrower's own funds All tax liens (federal, state, and local) must be paid off prior to or at loan closing unless the requirements listed below are met: The file must contain a copy of the approved IRS installment agreement with the terms of repayment, including the monthly payment amount and total amount due. Multiple payment plans not permitted A minimum of two (2) payments have been made under the plan with all payments made on time and the account is current. Acceptable evidence includes the most recent payment reminder from the IRS, reflecting the last payment amount and date and the next payment amount owed and due date The balance of the lien, or repayment plan, must be included when determining the maximum CLTV for the program Refinance transactions require a subordination agreement from the taxing authority for liens against the subject property



8.14 Court-Ordered Assignment of Debt	 When a borrower has outstanding debt what was assigned to another party by court order (such as under a divorce decree or separation agreement) and the creditor does not release the borrower from liability, the borrower has a continent liability. The contingent liability may be excluded from the borrower's recurring monthly debt obligations In addition, the payment history can be excluded for the assigned debt after the effective date of the assignment 	
8.15 Disputed Accounts	The total aggregate balance of accounts in dispute remaining unresolved may not exceed \$2,000. Disputed tradeline exceeding a balance of or aggregate balance of greater than \$2,000 must be documented with a credit supplement showing the accounts have been resolved.	
8.16 HELOC	Orion Lending requires the total line limit amount to be included in the CLTV	
8.17 Forbearance, Modification, or Deferrals	 Greater than 12 Months from Note Date: Forbearance, loan modification, or deferrals completed or reinstated greater than 12 months from the Note date of the subject to housing history requirements for the selected program Within 12 Months of Note Date: Forbearance, loan modification, or deferrals completed or reinstated within 12 months of the Note date of the subject transaction are not allowed 	
8.18 Balloon Notes	 Balloon notes with Maturity Default Notes with a balloon feature with an expired maturity date exceeding 30 days require an extension to avoid being counted as delinquent (e.g., delinquent 31 days is 1x30 late, delinquent 61 days is 1x60 late, etc.) 	
8.19 Subject Default Event	If the subject loan payment is delinquent for 60 days, the loan servicer will enforce provisions from the following: • 1-4 Family Rider (FNMA Form 3170): Paragraph "G" – Assignment of Leases • Assignment of Leases and Rents Rider: Paragraph 5	





Section 9 – Income Documentation 1-4 Units				
9.1 Property Income Analysis	Gross monthly rents are used to determine the DSCR. See section <u>9.4 Lease Requirements – Long Term Rental</u> or <u>9.5 Lease Requirements – Short Term Rental</u> for rental income documentation and DSCR calculation.			
9.2 Eligible Tenant	 Neither the Borrower(s) nor the borrower's immediate family shall at any time occupy the properties Borrower affiliated tenants are defined as any borrower or guarantor, any affiliate of the borrower/guarantor, any holder of a direct or indirect interest in Borrower or such affiliate, any officer, director, executive employee, or manager of the borrowing entity, and any family member (including spouse, siblings, ancestors, and lineal descendants) of any person or entity described in the preceding Borrower(s) must attest via LOE that all tenants are non-borrower affiliated 			
9.3 DSCR Calculation	Lessor of Market Rents or current lease divided by (P) ITIA. (ARM and I/O based on the Note Rate and I/O Payment) Ratio Calculation Monthly Gross Rents / PITIA (ITIA) = Debt Service Coverage Ratio PITIA Expenses: Total Principal, Interest, Taxes, Insurance, and Association Dues (if applicable) Interest Only, use ITIA expenses ARM, use Note Rate			



9.4 Lease Requirements – Long Term Rental

Purchase Transactions:

- Monthly Gross Rents are the monthly rents established on FNMA Form 1007 or 1025 reflecting long term market rents
- If subject property currently tenant occupied, the 1007 or 1025 must reflect the current monthly rent. Monthly gross rent is to be evaluated for each unit individually
 - If using the lower of the actual lease amount or estimated market rent, nothing further is required
 - If using a higher actual lease amount, evidence of 2-months of receipt is required, and the lease amount must be within 120% of the estimated market rent from the 1007/1025. If the actual rent exceeds the estimated market rent by more than 120%, the rents are capped at 120%
 - If using a higher estimated market rent from 1007/1025, it must be within 120% of the lease amount. If the estimated market rent exceeds the lease amount by more than 120%, the estimated market rent is capped at 120%
- A vacant or unleased property is allowed without LTV restriction
- Unit subject to rent control or housing subsidy must utilize current contractual rent to calculate DSCR

• Refinance Transactions:

- o Original appraisal report reflecting tenant-occupied, and
- o FNMA Form 1007 or 1025 reflecting long term market rents, and lease agreement
- If the lease has been converted to month-to-month, then provide the most recent two (2) months proof of receipt to evidence continuance of lease.
 - If unable to provide evidence of receipt, the unit will be treated as vacant and subject to the following:
 - Lessor of 70%, or the LTV/CLTV based upon the DSCR/FICO/Loan Balance Matrix
- Monthly Gross Rents are determined by using the actual lease amount or estimated market rent from 1007/1025. Monthly gross rent is to be evaluated for each unit individually
 - If using the lower of the actual lease amount or estimated market rent, nothing further is required
 - If using a higher actual lease amount, evidence of 2-months of receipt is required, and the lease amount must be within 120% of the estimated market rent from the 1007/1025. If the actual rent exceeds the estimated market rent by more than 120%, the rents are capped at 120%
 - If using a higher estimated market rent from 1007/1025, it must be within 120% of the lease amount. If the estimated market rent exceeds the lease amount by more than 120%, the estimated market rent is capped at 120%
- o A vacant or unleased property is allowed subject to the following:
 - Lessor of 70%, or the LTV/CLTV based upon the DSCR/FICO/Loan Balance Matrix
- Unit subject to rent control or housing subsidy must utilize current contractual rent to calculate DSCR





Short-Term Rentals are properties which are leased on a nightly, weekly, monthly, or seasonal basis

- LTV/CLTV limits:
 - Purchase: Lesser of 75%, or the LTV/CLTV based upon the DSCR/FICO/Loan balance matrix.
 - Refinance: Lesser of 70%, or the LTV/CLTV based upon the DSCR/FICO/Loan balance matrix
 - See section 4.2 for Condo Hotel LTV/CLTV limits

DSCR Calculation:

- Monthly gross rents based upon a 12-month average, to account for seasonality required
- Gross rents reduced by 20% to reflect extraordinary costs (i.e., advertising, furnishings, cleaning) associated with operating short-term rental
 property compared to non-short-term property. (condotel included)
 - If the rental documentation referenced below includes expenses, actual expenses should be compared to the 20% expense factor. If actual expenses are *less than* 20%, a minimum 20% expense factor is required to be utilized.
 - (Gross Rents * .80) divided by PITIA (ITIA) = DSCR (Ex. \$2500 * .80)/\$2000 = 1.00 DSCR)
 - If actual expense exceeds 20%, the actual expense factor should be used
- When short-term rental income is documented using multiple sources, the lowest source of monthly income is to be utilized for calculating DSCR.
- Any of the following methods may be used to determine gross monthly rental income:
 - short-term rental analysis provided by an AMC is allowed, subject to the following:
 - Provide the source of the data used to complete the STR analysis
 - Include comparable STR properties, focusing on room count, gross living area (GLA), location, and market appeal
 - Include daily rental rate and occupancy percentage
 - Factor seasonality and vacancy into the analysis
 - Must be completed by a licensed appraiser
 - The most recent 12-month rental history statement from the 3rd party rental/management service
 - The statement must identify the subject property/unit, rents collected for the previous 12 months, and all vendor management fees. The rental income will exclude all vendor or management fees
 - o The most recent 12-month bank statements from the borrower evidencing short-term rental deposits. Borrower must provide rental records for the subject property to support monthly deposits
 - AIRDNA Rentalizer and Overview reports must meet the following requirements:
 - Rentalizer (Property Earning Potential)
 - Only allowed for purchase transaction
 - Gross Rents equal the revenue projection from the Property Earning Potential Report
 - a. The gross rents are subject to the application of the 20% extraordinary expense factor
 - b. Revenue projection equals the average daily rate times the occupancy rate
 - Forecast period must cover 12 months and dated within 90 days of the Note Date
 - Must have three (3) comparison properties all within the same zip code, as evidenced by a boundary map
 - Must be similar in size, room count, amenities, availability, and occupancy
 - Maximum occupancy limited to 2 individuals per bedroom
 - Overview Report
 - Market score or sub-market score grade by zip code
 - Market score or sub-market score must be 60 or greater as reflected on the Property Earning Potential Report
 - When both a Market and Sub-Market score are present, use the lower of the two
 - Both the Market and Sub-Market score must be at the zip code level
 - Market Research report no longer reflects zip code results in the Market/Sub-Market analysis. AirDNA broke down zip codes into sub-markets that vary based on city, town, or neighborhood boundaries. To document the accurate Market/Sub-Market score, it is necessary to capture a screenshot of the Market Research report that includes the zip code search. This will verify the zip code used for the search matches the subject property

9.5 Lease Requirements – Short Term/ Variable Rental





Section 10 – Income Documentation 2-4 Mixed Use		
10.1 DSCR Calculation	Lessor of Market Rents or current lease divided by (P) ITIA. (ARM and I/O based on the Note Rate and I/O Payment) • Minimum DSCR ≥ 1.00 • DSCR = Eligible monthly rents / PITIA (loans with interest only feature may use the ITIA payment) • Loan amounts ≥ \$2,000,000 require DSCR ≥ 1.00 and Debt Yield of 9% or greater (Net operating income / Loan Amount) = 9% or greater • PITIA Expenses: • Total Principal, Interest, Taxes, Insurance, and Association Dues (if applicable) • Interest Only, use ITIA expenses • ARM, use Note Rate	
10.2 Lease Requirements	Leased Use the lower of the Estimated market rent or lease agreement Copies of any existing leases must be provided (Purchase and Refinance transactions) If the lease has been converted to month-to-month, then provide the most recent two (2) months proof of receipt to evidence continuance of lease Vacant Unit(s) Use 75% of market rents Max (1) vacancy on 2–3-unit properties Max (2) vacancies on 4 unit properties Vacant residential units must be actively marketed for rent. Provide screenshot of listing or other documentation Vacant commercial space not allowed Reduce qualifying rents by any management fee reflected on appraisal reports 2-4 units mixed use Income from commercial space must not exceed 49.99% of the total property income Short Term rental income not eligible Neither the Borrower(s) nor the borrower's immediate family shall at any time occupy the property	





Section 11 - Assets, Source of Funds, & Reserves				
11.1 Ineligible Assets and Sources of Funds	 Privately held stock Stock options Non-vested restricted stock units Non-financial assets (collectibles, stamps, coins, artwork, etc.) unless liquidated Assets titled in an irrevocable trust Custodial Accounts Cash on hand Builder Profits Gifts of Equity Funds contributed by a non-borrowing spouse unless documented as a gift 	 Escrow accounts 529 Accounts Assets pledged as collateral on another loan Below investment grade corporate and municipal bonds Health Savings Accounts SBA Loans Gifts or grants which must be repaid / DPAs COVID-19 Paycheck Protection Funds Unsecured loans or cash advances Sweat Equity Interest Reserve Accounts 		
11.2 Asset Documentation	 All pages of an account statement covering a one (1) month period or the most recent quarterly statement Large deposits do not need to be sourced Funds held jointly with another individual are considered 100% of the borrower's funds All statements must be dated within 120 days of the loan Note date Exchange traded Stocks/Bonds/Mutual Funds – 100% may be considered for assets Vested Retirement Accounts – 70% may be considered for assets If needed to close, verification that funds have been liquidated is required Earnest money deposit – Follow FNMA requirements. If needed to meet minimum borrowers' contribution, provide documentation 			
11.3 Reserves 1-4 Units	 2 Months PITIA Loan amounts > \$1,500,000 6 Months PITIA (ITIA) Loan amounts > \$2,500,000 12 Months PITIA (ITIA) Reserves not required for Rate/Term Refinance if the following are met: Reduction in monthly P & I of ≥ 10%, and Housing History does not exceed 1 X 30 X 12 Cash out may be used to satisfy reserve requirements Reserves for a loan with an Interest Only feature are based upon the Interest Only payment amount For Adjustable-Rate Mortgages (ARM), the reserves are based upon the initial PITIA, not the qualifying payment Waived Escrows - 12 months reserves required. See section 15.13 			



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11.4 Reserves 2-4 Mixed Use	 6 Months PITIA (ITIA if I/O) Loan Amounts > \$1,500,000 9 Months PITIA (ITIA if I/O) Cash out may not be used to satisfy requirement Waived Escrows - 12 months reserves required. See section 15.13 	
11.5 Market Based Assets	Market-based asset account documentation updated within 30 days of note date. Applicable for assets used for reserves	
11.6 Borrowed Funds	 Borrowed funds secured by an asset are an acceptable source of funds for the down payment, closing costs, and reserves, since borrowed funds secured by an asset represent a return of equity Assets that may be used to secure funds include automobiles, artwork, collectibles, real estate, or financial assets, such as savings accounts, certificates of deposit, stocks, bonds, and 401(k) accounts 	
11.7 Gift Funds	 Purchase transactions only Gift Funds are not allowed for 2-4 Mixed Use Properties Minimum Borrower Contribution Borrower must contribute 10% of their own funds Gift funds may not be used towards reserves Gift funds must be from a family member as defined by Fannie Mae For any gift provided by a non-US citizen, the donor must be screened against the OFAC Specially Designated Nationals (SDN) list Gift of equity not permitted Non-permanent Resident Aliens – Gift funds not allowed 	
11.7 Gift Documentation Requirements	Gifts must be evidenced by a letter signed by the donor, and must contain: The dollar amount of the gift; Include the donor's statement that no repayment is expected; and Indicate the donor's name, address, telephone number, and relationship to the borrower When a gift from a relative or domestic partner is pooled with the borrower's funds to make up the required minimum cash down payment, the follow must also be included: A certification from the donor stating that he or she has lived with the borrower for the past 12 months; and Documents that demonstrate a history of borrower and donor shared residency. The donor's address must be the same as the borrower's address. Examples include but are not limited to a copy of a driver's license, a bill, or a bank statement	



	Business accounts may be considered for asset documentation for down payment, closing costs, and reserves.
11.8 Business Funds	Assets held in the name of the vested entity: 100% of the assets may be used
	 Assets not held in the name of the vested entity: The amount of business assets that may be utilized is limited to the borrower's ownership percentage in the business
11.9 Life Insurance Cash Value	100% of the cash surrender value less any loans may be considered for assets
	 Assets held in foreign accounts may be used as a source of funds to close and to meet applicable reserve requirements. One of the following options may be utilized:
	• Transferred to a U.S. domiciled account in the borrower's name at least ten (10) days prior to closing unless funds are held in a foreign bank with U.S. branches insured by the FDIC; or
	 Verified funds for closing to be wired directly to the closing agent. Wire transfer to include bank name, accountholder name, and account number. Bank used as source of wire transfer must match the bank holding the assets verified in the loan file.
11.10 Foreign Assets	Documentation for assets held in foreign accounts:
	 Assets must be verified in U.S. Dollar equivalency at the current exchange rate via either www.xe.com or the Wall Street Journal conversion table
	A copy of the most recent statement of that account
	Reserves may remain in a foreign bank account
	See section 11.1 – for ineligible sources and types of assets
	Bitcoin and Ethereum are eligible sources of funds for the down payment, closing costs and reserves
	o Down payment and closing costs: currency must be liquidated and deposited into an established US bank account
11.11 Crypto Currencies	 Reserves: Loan file must include a statement meeting the requirements under account statements to document ownership of the crypto holdings
Currencies	Requirements:
	Current valuation, within 30-days of the loan Note date, from the <u>Coinbase Exchange</u>
	60% of the current valuation will be considered eligible funds
	Proceeds from the sale of personal assets are an acceptable source of funds for the down payment, closing costs, and reserves provided the individual
11.12 Sale of Personal Assets	purchasing the assets is not a party to the property sale transaction or the mortgage financing transaction. Documentation required supporting borrower ownership of the asset, independent valuation of the asset, ownership transfer of the asset and borrower's receipt of sale proceeds.



	Section 12 – Property 1-4 Units
12.1 Appraisal Requirements	 1 full appraisal required for all transactions (The sales comparison approach must be used as the final appraised value) 2nd appraisal required for loan amounts > \$2,000,000 When a second appraisal is provided, the transaction's appraised value will be the lower of the two appraisals. The second appraisal must be from a different company and appraiser than the first appraisal The transaction is a flip as defined in Section 7.12 Loans Vesting in an Entity: Borrower name disclosed on the appraisal report may reflect the individual member(s) of the entity or the entity name An appraisal prepared by an individual who was selected or engaged by a borrower, property seller, real estate agent or other interested party is not acceptable Transferred appraisals are acceptable, unless ordered by borrower or affiliate of the property seller Form 1007 Schedule of Rents is required for all loans on Single Family residences – short term rentals excluded For 2-4-unit properties, a FNMA 1025 Small Residential Income Property Appraisal Report is required Interior inspections required, including photos, according to USPAP guides Legal non-conforming zoned properties must indicate that the subject property can be rebuilt if it is severely damaged or destroyed Negative property influences must be disclosed and adjusted accordingly by appraiser Properties with unpermitted additions are considered per Fannie Mae
12.2 Appraisal Review	A third-party appraisal review is required unless the loan file contains: • An eligible score of 2.5 or less from Collateral Underwriter® (CU®) or Loan Collateral Advisor (LCA), or • A second appraisal Eligible third-party review products are: • A CDA from Clear Capital • If the enhanced desk review (CDA) reflects a value more than 10% below the appraised value, cannot provide a validation, or contains a FSD score > 0.13, the next option would be either a field review or a second appraisal • If the AVM reflects a value more than 10% below the appraised value or cannot provide a value, the file must include an enhanced desk review product, field review, or a second appraisal • CDA must be dated within 90 days of the Note date • A field review, which may not be from the same appraiser or appraisal company as the original report • Report must provide an "as is" value for the subject property (the "Appraisal Review Value") and be effective prior to the note date



12.3 Appraisal Age	 The appraisal should be dated no more than 365 days prior to the Note date When an appraisal report will be more than 120 days old on the date of the Note, regardless of whether the property was appraised as proposed or existing construction, the appraiser must inspect the exterior of the property and review current market data to determine whether the property has declined in value since the date of the original appraisal. This inspection and results of the analysis must be reported on the Appraisal Update and/or Completion Report (Form 1004D) If the appraiser indicates on the Form 1004D that the property value has declined, then the borrower must obtain a new appraisal for the property If the appraiser indicates on the Form 1004D that the property value has not declined, then the borrower may proceed with the loan in process without requiring any additional fieldwork
12.4 Eligible Property Types	 SFR – attached or Detached 2-4 Unit PUD – Attached or Detached Modular (pre-fab) Condo Hotel (Condotel) Warrantable Condo Non-Warrantable Condo 2 Acre Maximum Rural – see section 12.5
12.5 Rural	 Purchase Maximum LTV/CLTV 75% Refinance Maximum LTV/CLTV 70% A property is classified as rural if: The appraiser indicates in the neighborhood section of the report a rural location, or The following two (2) conditions exist: The property is located on an unpaved road, and Two of the three comparable properties are more than five (5) miles from the subject property Maximum five (5) acres allowed Maximum five (5) acres allowed



12.6 Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU)	 The property is defined as a one-unit property There is only one accessory unit on the property; multiple accessory units are not permitted The appraisal report demonstrates that the improvements are typical for the market through an analysis of at least one comparable property with the same use Rental income may be used for the accessory unit subject to the following: Appraisal to reflect zoning compliance is legal Permit is not required to establish zoning compliance
	 Appraisal to include at least one comparable with an accessory unit Refinance The market rent for the accessory unit should be documented on FNMA Form 1007 and the file must include a copy of the current lease agreement with two (2) months proof of current receipt Purchase User the lower of the market rent on FNMA Form 1007 or actual rent
12.7 Property Conditions	 Properties for which the appraisal indicates condition ratings of C5 or C6, or a quality rating of Q6 as determined by the appraiser are not eligible No fair or poor ratings No environmental issues (storage or use of hazardous material, i.e., Dry Cleaners, Laundromat No health and safety issues as notes by appraiser No excessive deferred maintenance that could become a health and safety issue for tenants No structural deferred maintenance (i.e., Foundation, rood, electrical, plumbing) Permanent and Functioning Heat Source A permanent heat source is required except for properties located in geographic areas where it is typical not to have heat source and has no adverse effect on marketability



To qualify as an acceptable condominium unit, the condominium project must be common for the area and demonstrate good marketability

- All Loans secured by condominium projects require a completed Homeowners Association (HOA) questionnaire and condominium review except for:
 - Site Condominium
 - 2-4 Unit project provided the following are met:
 - Project is not ineligible
 - Evidence of sufficient hazard, flood, and walls-in insurance coverage if the subject unit has individual coverage. If the insurance covers the entire project, it must be sufficient in the event of a total loss
 - Homeowner's association dues to be included in DSCR if applicable
- Special assessment information is to be provided to determine if there is a critical repair. Provide purpose, amount, term, balance, status, and cost per unit
- Any projects with significantly deferred maintenance or have received a directive from a regulatory or inspection agency to mark repairs due
 to unsafe conditions are not eligible for purchase. Significant deferred maintenance includes deficiencies that meet one or more of the
 following criteria:
 - Full or partial evacuation of the building to complete repairs is required for more than seven days or an unknown period. Project deficiencies, defects, substantial damage, or deferred maintenance is defined as:
 - is severe enough to affect the safety, soundness, structural integrity, or habitability of the improvements,
 - the improvements need substantial repairs and rehabilitation, including many major components, or
 - impedes the safe and sound functioning of one or more of the building's major structural or mechanical elements, including but not limited to the foundation, roof, load bearing structures, electrical system, HVAC, or plumbing; or
 - has critical repairs with one of the following characteristics:
 - mold, water intrusions or potentially damaging leaks to the project's building(s); or
 - unfunded repairs costing more than \$10,000 per unit undertaken within the next 12 months (does not include repairs made by the unit owner or repairs funded through special assessment)
 - o Orion's project exposure maximum shall be \$5,000,000 or 20% of the total units in the project, whichever is lower.
 - Projects consisting entirely of detached (site) units will not require a project review and are eligible for single-family dwelling LTV/CLTV
 - o Subject Unit Minimum Requirements: Minimum 500 Square Feet, Full Size Kitchen, minimum of one (1) bedroom
 - Project has been created and exists in full compliance with applicable local jurisdiction, State, and all other applicable laws and regulations. Commercial space allowed up to 50% of project
 - No more than 20% of the total units in the project may be 60 days or more past due on the condominium/HOA fees
 - For condominium projects consisting of five or more units, single entity ownership is limited to 20% of the project
 - o Investor concentration allowed up to 60%. A higher percentage may be considered when the subject transaction is an investment property when a history of a high percentage of rental units in the project can be demonstrated Exception required
 - Projects involved in litigation are acceptable provided the lawsuit(s)
 - Are not structural in nature effecting the subject unit, and
 - Do not affect the marketability of the project units, and
 - Potential damages do not exceed 25% of HOA reserves, or
 - Master insurance policy provider or representative attorney documents the carrier has agreed to conduct defense
 - And the HOA insurance policy is sufficient to cover the litigation expense
 - Borrower must carry HO-6 coverage for replacement of such items as flooring, wall covering, cabinets, fixtures, built-ins, and any improvements made to the unit
- Project documents cannot give a unit owner or any other party priority over the rights of the first mortgagee

12.8 Condos



12.9 Master Insurance	 Master property insurance policies are required for the common elements and residential structures unless the condo project requires individual property insurance policies for each unit Master insurance policy must provide for claims to be settled on a replacement cost basis. Property insurance policies that provide for claims to be settled on an actual cash value basis are not acceptable. Policies that limit, depreciate, reduce, or otherwise settle losses at anything other than a replacement cost basis are also unacceptable Master liability of at least \$1,000,000 is required per occurrence. Maximum deductible is 10% Master insurance policy must include the project name and project address for the location of the condo project. Borrower name, unit number, and mortgagee clause are not required to be included in master insurance policy
12.10 Florida Condominiums	 For loans secured by a condominium unit in the state of Florida, if the project is over 30 years old (or 25 years if within 3 miles of the coast), a structural inspection is required for projects greater than 3 stories. The inspection needs to address items that substantially conform to the definition of a milestone inspection as defined in Florida statute 553.899 Inspection must confirm there are no conditions severe enough to affect the safety, soundness, structural integrity, or habitability of the improvements Projects with an unacceptable or no inspection are not eligible
12.11 California Condominiums Inspection Requirement	 Pursuant to California SB-326, starting January 1, 2025, an inspection is required for condominium projects with a wood deck, balcony, stairway, walkway, or railing elevated more than 6 feet above the ground Completion of an inspection for the project is to be referenced on the condo questionnaire or elsewhere in the credit file If the inspection identifies safety/soundness items to be repaired, proof of repairs must be provided by the HOA Loans with a Note date on or after January 1, 2025, are to comply with this requirement



•	A project subject to the rules and regulations of the US Securities and Exchange Commission
•	Timeshare or projects that restrict the owner's ability to occupy the unit
•	Houseboat project
	Manufactured home projects
•	Assisted living facilities or any project where the unit owner's contract includes a lifetime commitment from the facility to care for the unit owner regardless of future health or housing needs
	Multi-family units where a single deed conveys ownership of more than one, or all of the units
	Co-ops
12.12 Ineligible	Fragmented or segmented ownership
Condo Projects	 Ownership is limited to a specific period on a recurring basis (i.e., timeshare, quarter share)
	Any project where the developer (or its affiliates) owns the Common and/or Limited Elements and leases the elements back to the HOA
•	Any project that has non-conforming zoning (can't be rebuilt to current density)
•	Any project that requires Private Transfer Fees as a part of the transaction, and those fees do not benefit the association
	Any project in need of critical repairs with one of the following characteristics:
	o mold, water intrusions or potentially damaging leaks to the project's building(s); or
	o unfunded repairs costing more than \$10,000 per unit undertaken within the next 12 months (does not include repairs made by the unit owner or repairs funded through special assessment)
•	Any project with significant deferred maintenance or has received a directive from a regulatory or inspection agency to mark repairs due to unsafe conditions
•	90% of the total units in the project must be sold and conveyed to the unit owners
	40% of the total units in the project must be owner occupied
12.13 Condos	All phases are complete
Established Projects	HOA must be conveyed to the unit owners - no developer or builder-controlled projects allowed
•	All comparable sales may be from within the subject's project if the project is established and consists of 100 or more units. Recent sales of model match units, if available, must be utilized in the appraisal report
•	50% of the total units in the project or subject's phase must be sold and conveyed to the unit owners AND at least 50% of the units must be owner occupied
12.14 Condos – New	New Projects: project or subject's legal phase along with other development phases must be complete. All common elements in the project or legal phase must be 100% complete
or Newly Converted Projects *	Project may be subject to additional phasing
•	HOA should be in control - project under Developer or Builder control will be considered by exception only
•	The project developer may be in control of the condominium association provided the Master Agreement allows for the homeowners to take control upon either a predetermined percentage of unit sales or within a defined time frame



- Projects where the units are individually owned, and the project offers hotel amenities.
 - o Hotel amenities may include on-site registration, housekeeping services, and other hospitality services
 - A project that offers rentals of units on a daily, weekly, or monthly basis
- Investor concentration, within the subject project, may exceed established project criteria, up to 100%
- Gross rents must be reduced by 20% to reflect extraordinary costs (i.e., advertising, furnishings, cleaning) associated with operating short-term rental property compared to non-short-term property See section 9.4

Maximum Loan Amount: \$1.5 millionMinimum Loan Balance: \$150,000

- Minimum square footage: 500 sq feet
- Fully functioning kitchen defined as full-size appliances including a refrigerator and stove/oven
- · Bedroom required

Florida Condominiums:

- o For loans secured by a condominium unit in the state of Florida, if the project is over 30 years old (or 25 years if within 3 miles of the coast), a structural inspection is required for projects greater than 3 stories. The inspection needs to address items that substantially conform to the definition of a milestone inspection as defined in Florida statute 553.899
- Inspection must confirm there are no conditions severe enough to affect the safety, soundness, structural integrity, or habitability of the improvements
- Projects with an unacceptable or no inspection are not eligible
- For projects not in compliance with this statue, financing is not eligible
- For projects meeting compliance, financing is eligible subject to a 5% LTV reduction

California Condominiums:

- Pursuant to California SB-326, beginning January 1, 2025, an inspection is required for condominium projects with a wood deck, balcony, stairway, walkway, or railing elevated more than 6 feet above the ground
- completion of an inspection for the project is to be referenced on the condo questionnaire or elsewhere in the credit file
- If the inspection identifies safety/soundness items to be repaired, proof of repairs must be provided by the HOA
- Loans with a Note date on or after January 1, 2025, are to comply with this requirement

12.15 Condo Hotel (aka Condotel)



- Borrowers must carry H06 coverage for replacement of such items as flooring, wall covering, cabinets, fixtures, built-ins, and any improvements made to the unit
 - o Project meets all Fannie Mae insurance requirements for property, liability, and fidelity coverage

Fidelity of Employee Dishonesty Insurance for Condominiums

For condominium projects consisting of more than 20 units, fidelity insurance coverage equaling at least the sum of three months of assessments on all units in the project is required

HO-6

o If the master or blanket policy does not provide interior unit coverage (replacement of improvements and betterment coverage to cover any improvements that the borrower may have made) the borrower must obtain an HO-6 Policy or "walls-in" coverage. The HO-6 insurance policy must provide coverage in an amount as established by the HO-6 insurer

Deductible

- The maximum deductible amount is based on the following:
 - 5% deductible for LTV > 80%
 - 10% deductible for LTV ≤ 80%

Flood Insurance

- The condominium homeowners' owners must obtain an NFIP Residential Condominium Building Association Policy (RCBAP) with the following coverage:
 - Building Coverage must equal the lesser of:
 - 100% of the insurable value (replacement cost) of the building, including amounts to repair or replace the foundation and its supporting structure) or
 - The total number of units in the condominium building times \$250,000
 - Contents Coverage must equal the lesser of:
 - 100% of the insurable value of all contents (including machinery and equipment that are not part of the building) that are owned in common by the association members; or
- The maximum amount of contents coverage sold by the NFIP for a condominium building
- Deductible may not exceed the maximum deductible amount currently offered by NFIP

12.16 Condo Insurance Requirements





	Section 13 – Property 2-4 Mixed Use	
13.1 Appraisal 2-4 Mixed Use	 A full interior inspection with photos is required for all units. The sales comparison approach should be used as the appraised value Loans Vesting in an Entity: Borrower name disclosed on the appraisal report may reflect the individual member(s) of the entity or the entity name 2-4 Mixed Use Properties General Purpose Commercial Forms (i.e., GP Commercial Summary Form available from CoreLogic a la mode); or A narrative report can be utilized and must include the sales approach with repeat sales analysis in value determination Commercial space must not exceed 49.99% of the total building area Commercial unit(s) may be occupied by the borrower's business Regardless of the report type, the following are required: A full interior inspection with photos is required for all units Commercial space must not exceed 49.99% of the total building area The sales comparison approach should be used as the appraised value The following attachments required for 2-4 Mixed Use appraisal reports: Rent Roll Income and Expense Statement Photos of subject including exterior/interior and street scene Aerial photo Sketch or floor plan of typical units Map Appraiser qualifications 	
13.2 Appraisal Review	 A commercial sales and income Broker Price Opinion (BPO) is required. The appraised value is considered valid if the BPO is greater than or not more than 10% below the value of the appraisal. If the BPO is more than 10% below the appraised value, then the BPO value is used to determine the loan LTV A second appraisal may be provided. The transaction's "Appraised Value" will be the lower of the two appraisals. The second appraisal must be from a different company and appraiser than the first appraisal 	
13.3 Appraisal Age	Commercial Appraisals (2-4 mixed use): Appraisals dated fewer than 120 days prior to the Note date are acceptable. After 120 days, a new appraisal is required	





	Mixed use 2 – 4 Units
	o Commercial usage limited to Retail/Office/Restaurant
	2-3 Units: Max 1 commercial Unit
	4 Units: Max 2 commercial Units
	Vacant commercial space not allowed
13.4 Eligible Property	 Commercial space must not exceed 49.99% of the total building area
2-4 Mixed-Use	 Commercial unit(s) may be occupied by the borrower's business
	Residential Unleased Units in a Mixed-Use building
	■ Maximum 1 -unit on 2–3-unit property
	Maximum 2-units on 4-unit property
	 Residential unit(s) not permitted to be occupied by the borrower or the borrower's immediate family
	 Properties up to 2 acres, not meeting rural definition in section 14.1 eligible
	Commercial use limited to <u>retail or office space</u>
	Residential/Commercial zoning acceptable
13.5 Mixed Use	
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	o Properties with infrastructure buildouts, and/or heavy machinery. i.e., Dry Cleaners, Laundromats, etc.
	 Properties with potential health and safety issues due to on-site chemicals
	No fair or poor ratings
	No environmental issues (storage or use of hazardous material i.e., dry cleaners, laundromat, chemical storage, fuel station, or auto body repair)
	No health or safety issues (as noted by appraiser, i.e., broken windows, stairs)
13.6 Property	No excessive deferred maintenance that could become a health or safety issue for tenants
Conditions	No structural deferred maintenance, (i.e., foundation, roof, electrical, plumbing)
	Permanent and Functioning Heat Source
	A permanent heat source is required except for properties located in geographic areas where it is typical not to have heat source and
	has no adverse effect on marketability





	Section 14 - Property Eligibility - 1-4 Units and 2-4 Mixed Use	
14.1 Ineligible Property Types	 2-4 Unit Properties in NY & IL Vacant land or land development properties Properties not readily accessible by roads that meet local standards Properties not suitable for year-round occupancy, regardless of location Agricultural properties (including vineyards, farms, ranches, orchards, or equestrian facilities) Manufactured or Mobile homes Co-op/timeshare hotels Boarding houses or bed/breakfast properties/individual room rentals Properties with zoning violations Dome or geodesic homes Native American Leased Land (Reservations) Mandatory rental pools/Mandatory country club memberships > 5 Acres 1-4 Units Log Homes Unique properties Hawaii properties Properties located in Lava Zones 1 and/or 2 Houseboats Properties used for the cultivation, distribution, manufacture, or sale of marijuana Properties with nonresidential, income-producing structures on premise (e.g., billiboards, cell phone towers, commercial workshop) Properties used as healthcare facilities (e.g., assisted living, elder care, recovery/treatment) Rural property - 2-4 Mixed Use A property is classified as rural if: The appraiser indicates in the neighborhood section of the report a rural location; or the following two (2) conditions exist: The property is located on a gravel road Two of the three comparable properties are more than 5 miles from the subject property 	
14.2 Minimum Property Requirements	 Single Family 700 sq. ft. Condo 500 sq. ft. 2-4 Units 400 sq. ft. per individual unit All properties must: Be improved real property Be accessible and available for year-round residential use. Contain a full kitchen and a bathroom Represent the highest and best use of the property Not contain any health or safety issues 	



14.3 Escrow Holdbacks	Escrow Holdbacks are not allowed
14.4 Declining Markets / State Eligibility	If the appraisal report identifies the property in a declining market, or the property is located in CT, FL, IL, NJ, or NY, the following LTV/CLTV caps apply. Maximum loan amount is limited to \$2,000,000 • 1-4 Units Declining Markets/State Eligibility LTV/CLTV Caps • Purchase – 75% LTV • Refinance – 70% LTV • 2-4 Mixed Use • Maximum LTVs don't require a market adjustment
14.5 Leasehold Properties	In areas where leasehold estate are commonly accepted and documented via the appraisal, loans secured by leasehold estates are eligible. 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 Seller's title policy Documentation must be provided that the leasehold must meet all Fannie Mae® eligibility requirements (i.e., term of lease)
14.6 Properties Located in a Disaster Area	For properties located in a FEMA declared disaster area a re-inspection is required to be performed by the original appraiser if possible is required • The appraiser should provide a statement indicating if the subject property is free from any damage, is in the same condition from the previous inspection, and the marketability and value remain the same • An Inspection Report must include new photographs of the subject property and street view • Any damage must be repaired and re-inspected • The guidelines for disaster areas should be followed for 120 days from the disaster declaration date as published by FEMA For FEMA declared natural disasters, the inspections must be dated after the disaster end date is declared by FEMA. https://inciweb.nwcg.gov
	Section 15 – Miscellaneous Guideline Requirements
15.1 Recasting/Reamortizing	Recasting or re-amortized transactions are not eligible
15.2 Assumability	 Fixed Rate loans are not assumable ARM loans with assumability language are acceptable if the assumption is at the lender's discretion. The Note and Closing Disclosure must match
15.3 Rental Loss Insurance	Not required



15.4 2-4 Mixed Use Commercial Insurance	 Commercial General Liability Insurance for 2-4 Mixed Use Properties is required in addition to Hazard Insurance Commercial General Liability insurance blanket policy against claims for personal injury, bodily injury, death or property damage occurring upon, in or about any property, such insurance to be: Per Occurrence Minimum Coverage: \$1,000,000 Aggregate Coverage: \$2,000,000 At least as broad as Insurance Services Office's (ISO) policy form CG 00 01
15.5 Temporary Buydown	Temporary buydown mortgage loans are not eligible
15.6 Interested Party Contributions	 Maximum Interested Party Contributions May not exceed 6% All interested party contributions must be properly disclosed in the sales contract, appraisal, final HUD, and must be compliant with appliable federal, state, and local laws Interested party contributions include funds contributed by the property seller, builder, real estate agent/broker, mortgage lender, or their affiliates, or any other party with an interest in the real estate transaction. A borrower participating in the transaction (i.e., borrower acting as their own agent) may contribute funds (i.e., commission) up to the maximum contribution limits referenced above Interested party contributions may only be used for closing costs and prepaid expenses (Financing Concessions) and may never be applied to any portion of the down payment or contributed to the borrower's financial reserve requirements. If an Interested Party Contribution is present, both the appraised value and sales price must be reduced by the concession amount that exceeds the limits referenced above.
15.7 Solar Panel Requirements	 The ownership and debt financing structures commonly found with solar panels are key to determining whether the panels are third-party owned, personal property of the homeowner, or a fixture to the real estate. Common ownership or financing structures include: borrower-owned panels, leasing agreements, separately financed solar panels (where the panels serve as collateral for debt distinct from any existing mortgage); or power purchase agreements If the borrower is, or will be, the owner of the solar panels (meaning the panels were a cash purchase, were included in the home purchase price, were otherwise financed and repaid in full, or are secured by the existing first mortgage), our standard requirements apply (for example, appraisal, insurance, and title) Properties with solar panels and other energy efficient items financed with a PACE loan are not eligible if the PACE loan is not paid in full prior to or at closing If insufficient documentation is available and the ownership status of the panels is unclear, no value for the panels may be attributed to the property value on the appraisal unless the lender obtains a UCC "personal property" search that confirms the solar panels are not claimed as collateral by any non-mortgage lender A Uniform Commercial Code (UCC) financing statement that covers personal property and is not intended as a "fixture filing" must be filed in the office identified in the relevant state's adopted version of the UCC The underwriter is responsible for ensuring the appraiser has accurate information about the ownership structure of the solar panels and that the appraisal appropriately addresses any impact to the property's value. Separately financed solar panels must not contribute to the value of the property unless the related documents indicate the panels cannot be repossessed in the event o



15.8 Solar Panel Requirements (continued)

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The following table summarizes some of the specific underwriting criteria that must be applied depending on the details of any non-mortgage financing for the solar panels

If the solar panels are	Then the lender must	
If the solar panels are collateral for the separate debt used to purchase the panels, but they are a fixture to the real estate because a UCC fixture filing¹ has been filed for the panels in the real estate records	 Obtain and review the credit report, title report, appraisal, and/or UCC fixture filing*, related promissory note and related security agreement that reflect the terms of the secured loan; Include the debt obligation in the DSCR ratio calculation; Provided that the panels cannot be repossessed for default on the financing terms, instruct the appraiser to consider the solar panels in the value of the property (based on standard appraisal requirements); and Include the solar panels in other debt secured by the real estate in the CLTV ratio calculation because a UCC fixture filing* is of record in the land records If a UCC fixture filing* is in the land records as a priority senior to the mortgage loan, it must be ordinated 	
If the solar panels are reported to be collateral for separate (non-mortgage) debt used to purchase the panels, but do not appear on the title report	 Obtain and review documentation sufficient to confirm the terms of the secured loan (such as copies of the credit report, title report, any UCC financing statement, related promissory note or related security agreement); Include the debt obligation in the DSCR ratio calculation; Instruct the appraiser not to provide contributory value of the solar panels towards the appraised value because the panels are collateral for another debt; Not include the panels in the LTV ratio calculation; and Not include the debt in the other debt secured by the real estate in the CLTV ratio calculation since the security agreement or any UCC financing statement treat the panels as personal property not affixed to the home. 	

¹A fixture filing is a UCC-1 financing statement authorized and made in accordance with the UCC adopted in the state in which the related real property is located. It covers property that is, or will be, affixed to improvements to such real property. It contains both a description of the collateral that is, or is to be, affixed to that such property, and a description of such real property. It is filed in the same office that mortgages are recorded under the law of the state in which the real property is located. Filing in the land records provides notice to third parties, including title insurance companies, of the existence and perfection of a security interest in the fixture. If properly filed, the security interest in the described fixture has priority over the lien of a subsequently recorded mortgage

If the solar panels are leased from or owned by a third party under a power purchase agreement or other similar lease arrangement, the following requirements apply (whether to the original agreement or as subsequently amended)



	The lender must obtain and review copies of the lease or power purchase agreement
	The monthly lease payment must be included in the DSCR ratio calculation unless the lease is structured to:
	 Provide delivery of a specific amount of energy at a fixed payment during a given period, and
	 Have a production guarantee that compensates the borrower on a prorated basis in the event the solar panels fail to meet the energy output required for in the lease for that period
	Payments under power purchase agreements where the payment is calculated solely based on the energy produced may be excluded from the DSCR ratio
	The value of the solar panels cannot be included in the appraised value of the property
	The value of the solar panels must not be included in the LTV ratio calculation, even if a precautionary UCC filing is recorded because the documented lease or power purchase agreement status takes priority.
15.9 Solar Panels – Leased or Covered by a Power Purchase Agreement	 A "precautionary" UCC filing is one that lessors often file to put third parties on notice of their claimed ownership interest in the property described in it.
	 When the only property described in the UCC filing as collateral is the solar equipment covered by the lease or power purchase agreement, and not the home or underlying land, such a precautionary UCC filing is acceptable (and a minor impediment to title), as long as the loan is underwritten in accordance with this topic.
	The value of the solar panels must not be included in other debt secured by real estate in the CLTV ratio calculation because the documented lease or power purchase agreement status takes priority.
	The property must maintain access to an alternate source of electric power that meets community standards.
	The lease or power purchase agreement must indicate that:
	 Any damage that occurs as a result of installation, malfunction, manufacturing defect, or the removal of the solar panels is the responsibility of the owner of the equipment and the owner must be obligated to repair the damage and return the improvements to their original or prior condition (for example, sound and watertight conditions that are architecturally consistent with the home);
	The owner of the solar panels agrees not to be named loss payee (or named insured) on the property owner's property insurance policy covering the residential structure on which the panels are attached. As an alternative to this requirement, the lender may verify that the owner of the solar panels is not a named loss payee (or named insured) on the property owner's property insurance policy; and
	 In the event of foreclosure, the lender or assignee has the discretion to:
	 Terminate the lease/agreement and require the third-party owner to remove the equipment;
	 Become, without payment of any transfer or similar fee, the beneficiary of the borrower's lease/agreement with the third party; or
	 Enter into a new lease/agreement with the third party, under terms no less favorable than the prior owner
15.10 Private Roads	Require a permanent easement for ingress and egress with provisions for road maintenance
15.11 Lien Position	UCC filings, private transfer covenants, mechanics liens, and other items that would impact title, marketability, or foreclosure are not allowed



15.12 Deed Restrictions	Deed restrictions are not allowed. Age Restricted communities are allowed	
15.13 Escrows – Impound Accounts	HPML loans require an escrow account for property taxes, hazard insurance, and flood insurance (if applicable) • Escrow accounts for property taxes and hazard insurance may be waived subject to the following requirements: • LTV < 80% • Minimum decision FICO of 720 • Minimum 12-months of reserves • Pricing adjustment (LLPA) will apply • Flood insurance escrow account: • Escrow account for flood insurance premium may be waived	
15.14 Hazard and Flood Insurance	Hazard Insurance • The appropriate amount of hazard insurance is determined as the lesser of: • Replacement Cost Estimator from the property insurer or a 3rd party source (i.e., CoreLogic), if provided • Estimated cost to replace the dwelling from a recent appraisal, if provided • The unpaid principal balance of the mortgage • For condominium and PUD properties, the blanket policy must meet the minimum coverage amount per Orion Lending's Insurance policy Flood Insurance • Life of loan flood insurance coverage is required when a mortgage loan is secured by a property located in: • a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA), or • a Coastal Barrier Resources System (CBRS) or Otherwise Protected Area (OPA)	
15.15 Maximum Financed Properties	No limit to the maximum number of financed properties owned	
15.16 Closing in a Trust	 Permitted for both purchase and refinance, subject to Orion approval. See <u>Orion Lending Trust Policy</u> for requirements HOI must also reflect trust as insured 	



15.17 Power of Attorney	 Limited Power of Attorney (POA) is acceptable for executing closing documents, is specific to the transaction, contains an expiration date, initial 1003 is signed by the borrower executing the POA Not eligible on cash-out No POA may be used if closing in an LLC or Corp An interested party to the transaction may not act as a Power of Attorney An LOE regarding why a POA is needed must be provided 		
15.18 Principal Curtailments	The maximum amount of the curtailment cannot exceed the lesser of \$2,500 or 2% of the original loan amount		
15.19 Lock Policy	 Per refer to <u>Orion Lending's website</u> for complete lock policy Loan amount variance > (10%) ten percent from the locked loan amount will result in worst case pricing 		
15.20 Maximum Loans to One Borrower	Orion's exposure to a single borrower and/or household shall not exceed \$5,000,000 in current unpaid principal balance (UPB) or ten (10) loans		
15.21 Personal Income	If personal income is provided, loan will be cancelled, and resubmission will be required		
15.22 State Licensing Requirements	The following states DO NOT require a license to broker loans AK FL KY MT OK WA AL GA LA NC PA WI AR HI MA NE RI WV CO IA MD NH SC WY CT IL ME NM TN DC IN MO NJ TX DE KS MS OH VA		



15.23 Geographic Restrictions	 CT, FL, IL, NJ, NY 1-4 Units Maximum LTV/CLTV limited to 75% for purchase and 70% for rate/term and cash-out transactions and the maximum loan amount is limited to \$2MM 2-4 Units Mixed-Use	
15.24 Property Taxes	 Calculating Real Estate Tax Payment For purchase and construction-related transactions, Orion Lending will use a reasonable estimate of the real estate taxes based on the value of the land and the total of all new and existing improvements. This policy also applies to properties in jurisdictions where a transfer of ownership typically results in a reassessment or revaluation of the property and a corresponding increase in the amount of taxes For properties located in the state of California 1.25% of the purchase price should be used to determine real estate taxes For refinance transactions Orion Lending will base the determination of real estate taxes on no less than the current assessed value 	



Section 16 - Guideline Updates - Effective 6/6/2025			
	Previous Guideline	Current Guideline	
3.6 Prepayment Penalty		Added OH as a no-prepay State	
Section 16 - Guideline Updates - Effective 6/16/2025			
	Previous Guideline	Current Guideline	
6.9 Non-permanent Resident Aliens		Temporary Status or stay borrowers whose country of origin has been vacated or shortened are ineligible. • Status must be verified at the US Citizenship and Immigration Services website below: • https://www.uscis.gov/humanitarian/temporary-protected-status	
7.3 Ineligible Transactions	Non-Arm's Length Transactions – See section 7.10 for eligible transactions		
7.10 Eligible Non- Arm's Length Transactions	Non-Arm's length transactions are generally not eligible	Non-Arm's length transaction restrictions: Borrower's EMD must be verified Purchase between family members requires a 12-month mortgage history on the existing mortgage securing the subject property, confirming the family sale is not a foreclosure bailout	
Section 16 - Guideline Updates - Effective 6/18/2025			
	Previous Guideline	Current Guideline	
7.11 Properties Listed for Sale	 For cash out refinances: A listing expiration of less than six (6) months is permitted with a 3-year prepayment penalty. If a property is listed for sale, the listing must be cancelled prior to the note date The value will be based on the lesser of the lowest list price or appraised value 	 For cash out and rate term refinances: Value will be based on the lesser of lowest list price in prior 12 months or appraised value For cash out refinances: A listing expiration of less than six (6) months is permitted with a 3-year prepayment penalty. If a property is listed for sale, the listing must be cancelled prior to the note date 	



Section 16 - Guideline Updates - Effective 6/25/2025		
	Previous Guideline	Current Guideline
15.23 Geographic Restrictions	 CT, FL, IL, NJ, NY 1-4 Units Maximum LTV/CLTV limited to 75% for purchase and 70% for rate/term and cash-out transactions and the maximum loan amount is limited to \$2MM 2-4 Units Mixed-Use Maximum LTV/CLTV limited to 75% for purchase and 70% for rate/term and cash-out transactions Ineligible locations: Puerto Rico, Guam, & the US Virgin Islands 	 CT, FL, IL, NJ, NY 1-4 Units Maximum LTV/CLTV limited to 75% for purchase and 70% for rate/term and cash-out transactions and the maximum loan amount is limited to \$2MM 2-4 Units Mixed-Use Maximum LTV/CLTV limited to 75% for purchase and 70% for rate/term and cash-out transactions Baltimore City, Maryland Investor Occupancy Loans are ineligible Ineligible locations: Puerto Rico, Guam, & the US Virgin Islands
Section 13 - Guideline Updates - Effective 07/21/2025		
	Previous Guideline	Current Guideline
3.6 Prepayment Penalty	IL, NJ Prepay penalties are only allowed on loans to Corporations, LLCs, or Partnerships	 IL Not allowed on loans vested to individuals NJ Prepayment penalties are not allowed (temporarily)