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|                          | Credit Qualifying   | Non-Credit Qualifying   |
|--------------------------|---|---|
| AUS Required             | No  | No  |
| Credit Report            | Full  | Mortgage only   |
| Minimum Credit Score     | 600   | 600   |
| Income Documentation     | Yes   | No  |
| Funds to Close           | Verification is only required if the funds to close are > the | Verification is only required if the funds to close are > the   |
| runds to Close           | 1   | total PITIAS payment on the new loan; 2 months bank   |
|                          | total PITIAS payment on the new loan; 2 months bank           |   |
|                          | statements required. Large deposits must be sourced           | statements required. Large deposits must be sourced   |
|                          | (deposit > 1% of the original property value on the           | (deposit >1% of the original property value on the  |
|                          | Refinance Authorization)                                      | Refinance Authorization)  |
| Reserves                 | Not required  | Not required  |
| Employment Verification  | 2 years history required                                      | Not required  |
| County Loan Limits Apply | No  | No  |
| New Loan Amount          | Cannot exceed the lesser of:                                  | Cannot exceed the lesser of:  |
| Refer to guidelines for  | <ul> <li>Outstanding principal balance, or</li> </ul>         | <ul> <li>Outstanding principal balance, or</li> </ul>   |
| specific details on what | Original loan amount  | Original loan amount  |
| can/cannot be included   | Specific calculations apply based on occupancy type;          | Specific calculations apply based on occupancy type; refer  |
|                          | refer to guidelines   | to guidelines   |
| Occupancy                | Owner-Occupied    Investment                                  | Owner-Occupied: requires a utility bill (one month) to<br>document borrower currently occupying the property. |
|                          |   | The hazard insurance policy billing/mailing address   |
|                          |   | must match the subject property address.  |
|                          |   | Investment  |
| Units                    | 1-4 Units   | 1-4 Units   |
| Investment Property      | AVM required if > 100% LTV                                    | AVM required if > 100% LTV  |
|                          | Minimum credit score 640 if LTV >100%                         | Minimum credit score 640 if LTV > 100%  |
|                          | Fixed rate only   | Fixed rate only   |
| Deleting a Borrower      | Yes if one borrower on existing loan remains on new loan      | No except in case of death, divorce, or legal separation.   |
| HPML Eligible            | Yes   | Yes   |
| Closing Costs/Discount   | No  | No  |
| Points/Prepaids Allowed  | Owner-Occupied: If payoff demand reflects an escrow           | Owner-Occupied: If payoff demand reflects an escrow   |
| in New Loan              | credit the MIP cannot be included in the new loan             | credit the MIP cannot be included in the new loan   |
|                          | Investment: Interest and MIP also ineligible                  | Investment: Interest and MIP also ineligible  |
| Delinquent               | Owner-Occupied: Late charges and escrow                       | Owner-Occupied: Late charges and escrow   |
| Payments/Interest/Late   | shortages may be included                                     | shortages may be included   |
| Charges/Escrow Shortage  | Investment: No  | Investment: No  |
| Allowed in New Loan      |   |   |
| Maximum Cash Back        | \$500   | \$500   |
| DTI Considered           | Yes   | ·   |
| <del></del>              | Cannot exceed 31%/43% unless eligible HUD                     | No  |
|                          | compensating Factors are met                                  | ·   |
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#### **Maximum Loan Amount Calculation:**

For owner-occupied Principal Residences and HUD-approved Secondary Residences (see definition in Occupancy Section below), the maximum Base Loan Amount for Streamline Refinances is:

- the lesser of:
- -the outstanding principal balance of the existing mortgage as of the month prior to mortgage disbursement; plus:
- interest due on the existing mortgage and MIP due on existing Mortgage;
- · late charges;
- escrow shortages and
- MIP due on existing Mortgage; or
- the original principal balance of the existing mortgage (including financed UFMIP);
- less any refund of UFMIP (if financed in original mortgage).

For Investment Properties, the maximum Base Loan Amount for Streamline Refinances is:

- the lesser of:
- -the outstanding principal balance of the existing mortgage as of the month prior to mortgage Disbursement; or -the original principal balance of the existing mortgage (including financed UFMIP);
- less any refund of UFMIP (if financed in original mortgage).

#### **Seasoning Requirements:**

On the date of the FHA case number assignment:

- the Borrower must have made at least six payments on the Mortgage that is being refinanced; and
- at least six full months must have passed since the first payment due date of the Mortgage that is being refinanced; and
- at least 210 Days must have passed from the closing date of the Mortgage that is being refinanced; and
- If the Borrower assumed the Mortgage that is being refinanced, they must have made six payments since the time of assumption.

#### **Additional Loan Parameter Considerations:**

- -All mortgage payments must have been made on time for the most recent 6 months prior to case assignment. Borrower may not be more than 1x30 for months 7-12 prior to case assignment.
- -Adding a borrower does not require credit qualifying
- -Employment verification: VVOE for W2 or third party VOE for self-employed required prior to close. Retired borrowers over 60 do not require proof of income. Retired borrowers under 60 require a bank statement confirming benefit receipt.
- -Current TX A(6) loans are ineligible

### **Manufactured Homes:**

- -One unit, doublewide, primary residence only
- -2055 required with a max LTV of 100% based on current value
- -Foundation certificate or inspection required
- -Ineligible: Leaseholds, ARM transactions

## All Streamline transactions must have a net tangible benefit to the borrower.

- HUD defines a net tangible benefit as any one of the following:
- A reduced combined interest rate\*, and/or
- A change from an ARM to a fixed rate mortgage, and/or
- A reduced loan term

Refer to the Borrower Benefit topics immediately below for detailed requirements to meet eligibility

- \*NOTE: HUD defines the combined rate as the interest rate on the loan plus the monthly MIP rate (Refer to the Case Query on the previous case number). This requirement does not apply when the net tangible benefit is a reduced loan term
- Any net tangible benefit must result in a financial benefit to the borrower
- Principle Lending requires a copy of the existing Note and a statement from the current servicer confirming the existing loan type

#### Borrower Benefit - Reduced Combined Interest Rate and Conversion from ARM to Fixed Eligibility

The chart below identifies the reduced combined rate and converting from an ARM to a fixed rate eligibility requirements.

| From  | То         | Requirement for New Combined Rate                             |
|---|------------|---|
| Fixed Rate  | Fixed Rate | New rate must be a minimum 0.5% below the prior combined rate |
| Any ARM with < 15 months to next payment change date  | Fixed Rate | New rate cannot be > 2% above the prior combined rate         |
| Any ARM with >= 15 months to next payment change date | Fixed Rate | New rate cannot be > 2% above the prior combined rate         |

# **Borrower Benefit - Reduction in Term Eligibility**

A reduction in term, measured from the remaining term, of  $\geq 3$  years also qualifies as a net tangible benefit if all of the additional following requirements are met:

- The loan must be going to a fixed rate product (fixed to fixed, ARM to fixed), and
- \*NOTE: Term reduction is not eligible for a loan going to an ARM product (ARM to ARM, fixed to ARM)
- The remaining amortization period of the existing mortgage is reduced, and
- Fixed to Fixed: The new interest rate is below the combined rate interest rate, or
- ARM to Fixed: New rate cannot be > 2% above the prior combined rate, and
- The combined principal, interest, and MIP payment of the new loan does not exceed the combined principal, interest and MIP payment of the refinanced loan by more than \$50

NOTE: A term reduction of < 3 years is not eligible to satisfy NTB requirements