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Section 301 Generally

☑ Requirements

You must:

- perform a risk assessment of the Borrower, Guarantor, Key Principals, and Principals based solely on objective credit standards;
- for any Sponsor, Key Principal, Guarantor, or Person who owns a Controlling Interest in the Borrower, Key Principal, or Guarantor, search the internet for
  - any negative press,
  - current or prior lawsuits, and/or
  - fair housing violations or other sanctions;
- ensure all:
  - Potential Red Flags for Mortgage Fraud and Other Suspicious Activity were evaluated; and
  - unresolved red flags were reported per Part I, Chapter 3: Borrower, Guarantor, Key Principals, and Principals, Section 310: Compliance; and
- document all due diligence findings in the Transaction Approval Memo.

Prohibited practices include:

- basing the risk assessment on any characteristic protected by any fair housing or fair lending law, including
  - race,
  - color,
  - religion,
  - sex,
  - handicap,
  - familial status, or
  - national origin of the prospective
    - Borrowers,
    - Guarantors,



- Key Principals,
- Principals,
- Property occupants, or
- residents of the Property's neighborhood; or

- using
  - unsupported assumptions,
  - personal opinions, or
  - unsupported perceptions.

You must:

- complete a credit review by analyzing information about the Borrower's, Key Principals', and Guarantors'
  - organizational structure,
  - multifamily business experience and qualifications,
  - general credit history, and
  - current and prospective financial condition; and
- ensure the financial strength, experience, qualifications, and credit history of the Borrower, Key Principals, and Guarantors support the transaction's
  - size,
  - complexity,
  - structure, and
  - risk.

Glossary

B

Borrower	Person who is the obligor per the Note. **Synonyms** • Borrowers • Borrower's

C

Control	Possessing, directly or indirectly, the power to direct or cause the management and operations of an entity (e.g., through the ownership of voting securities or other ownership interests, or by contract). **Synonyms** • Controlling • Controlled • Controls
Controlling Interest	For any entity, ownership or control of 50% or more of the ownership interests in the entity or the power or right to control or modify, directly or indirectly, the management and operations of the entity.

G

Guarantor	Key Principal or other Person executing a • Payment Guaranty, • Non-Recourse Guaranty, or • any other Mortgage Loan guaranty. **Synonyms** • Guarantors

Guide	Multifamily Selling and Servicing Guide controlling all Lender and Servicer requirements unless a Lender Contract specifies otherwise. **Synonyms** • DUS Guide

K

Key Principal	Person who • controls and/or manages the Borrower or the Property, • is critical to the successful operation and management of the Borrower and the Property, and/or • may be required to provide a Guaranty. **Synonyms** • Key Principals • Key Principal's

P

Person	Legal person, including an • individual, • estate, • trust, • corporation, • partnership, • limited liability company, • financial institution, • joint venture, • association, or • other organization or entity (whether governmental or private). **Synonyms** • Persons • Person's

Principal	Person who owns or controls, in the aggregate, directly or indirectly (together with that Person's Immediate Family Members, if an individual), specified interests in the Borrower per Part I, Chapter 3: Borrower, Guarantor, Key Principals, and Principals, Section 303: Key Principals, Principals, and Guarantors. **Synonyms** • Principals
Property	Multifamily residential real estate securing the Mortgage Loan, including the • fee simple or Leasehold interest, • Improvements, and • personal property (per the Uniform Commercial Code). **Synonyms** • Properties • Property's

S

Sponsor	Principal equity owner and/or primary decision maker of the Borrower (often the Key Principal or the Person Controlling the Key Principal). **Synonyms** • Sponsors • Sponsor's