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# Multifamily Selling and Servicing Guide

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## Chapter 2 Mortgage Loan

### Section 201 Registration and Multifamily Affordability Estimator

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#### Requirements

You must:

- register each Mortgage Loan in DUS Gateway; and
- submit the Multifamily Affordability Estimator (MAE), and all other required affordability data, in DUS Gateway at the earlier of when you:
  - request a pricing quote, if it will incorporate the Property's affordability; and
  - place the transaction under application.

#### Operating Procedures

You must submit:

- the MAE;
- all required data fields, including the following based on the completed MAE:
  - “% Mission Driven” in the “Deal Overview” section;
  - percent of AMI in the “Property Detail” section:
    - “% of Units <= 80% of AMI”;
    - “% of Units <= 60% of AMI”; and
    - “% of Units <= 50% of AMI”; and
  - loan options based on the proposed transaction structure.

### Section 202 Delegated Mortgage Loans

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#### Requirements

If your Lender Contract provides you with the delegated authority, you may underwrite, commit, and Deliver any fully-delegated Mortgage Loan (see [Part I, Chapter 1: Overview, Section 102: Delegation and Underwriting](#)).



## Section 203

### Pre-Review Mortgage Loans

#### Requirements

You must obtain Fannie Mae's Pre-Review approval before obtaining a Rate Lock for any

- Pre-Review Mortgage Loan, and
- Mortgage Loan not fully delegated to you.

You must ensure that your Chief Underwriter, or a delegated employee directly supervised by your Chief Underwriter, reviews and approves all material supporting the Pre-Review approval request before submitting it.

#### Operating Procedures

The Pre-Review approval process must follow these steps:

**Step 1:** You submit a Pre-Review request via DUS Gateway, including at a minimum:

- a preliminary loan-sizing spreadsheet with
  - the preliminary Underwritten NCF, and
  - a refinance risk analysis;
- a narrative describing the overall transaction, including risks and mitigating factors for each Pre-Review reason;
- any additional information requested by Fannie Mae; and
- the following items.

Pre-Review Category	Required Submission
Credit Facility	Include an aggregate <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• summary of the overall transaction, and</li><li>• loan-sizing spreadsheet roll-up of all Properties.</li></ul>
Crowdfunding Equity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Borrower's organizational documents.</li><li>• Your review per <a href="#">Part I, Chapter 3: Borrower, Guarantor, Key Principals, and Principals, Section 302: Borrower Organizational Structure</a>.</li></ul>



Pre-Review Category	Required Submission
Delaware Statutory Trust (DST)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Borrower's organizational documents.</li> <li>• Your review per <a href="#">Part I, Chapter 3: Borrower, Guarantor, Key Principals, and Principals, Section 302: Borrower Organizational Structure</a>.</li> </ul>
Forward Commitment	Your preliminary analysis of the construction and/or rehabilitation and feasibility review per <a href="#">Part III, Chapter 19: Forward Commitments</a> .
Near Stabilized Property	<p>Your analysis of the Property's monthly historical and projected lease-up schedule, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• unit move-ins and move-outs since leasing inception;</li> <li>• projected move-ins and move-outs through the stabilized period and beyond;</li> <li>• physical occupancy;</li> <li>• bad debt; and</li> <li>• concessions, incentives, discounts, and allowances for all               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- new move-ins, and</li> <li>- lease renewals.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Preferred Equity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preferred Equity Checklist (<a href="#">Form 6441</a>).</li> <li>• Borrower's organizational documents.</li> <li>• Your review per <a href="#">Part I, Chapter 3: Borrower, Guarantor, Key Principals, and Principals</a>.</li> </ul>

**Step 2:** Fannie Mae's Pre-Review response will indicate:

- Pre-Review Approval. You have Pre-Review approval to underwrite the Mortgage Loan and request a Commitment on the proposed terms without further Fannie Mae approval before purchase.
- Pre-Review Resubmission Required. You are authorized to underwrite the Mortgage Loan on the proposed terms and pricing, but at least 10 Business Days before Rate Lock, you must resubmit the Mortgage Loan for final Fannie Mae Pre-Review approval, along with:
  - the applicable required resubmission documentation per the Multifamily Underwriting Standards ([Form 4660](#)); and



- any additional requested documentation.
- **Enhanced Pre-Review Resubmission Required.** You are authorized to underwrite the Mortgage Loan on the proposed terms and pricing, but at least 15 Business Days before Rate Lock, you must resubmit the Mortgage Loan for final Fannie Mae Pre-Review approval, along with:
  - the applicable required Enhanced Pre-Review resubmission documentation per the Multifamily Underwriting Standards (Form 4660); and
  - any additional requested documentation.
- **Decline Approval.** You do not have Fannie Mae Pre-Review approval and may not request a Commitment on the proposed terms. Fannie Mae will issue a notice of denial containing its rationale.

If you...	Within 30 days of Fannie Mae's notice of denial, you must...
Either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• deny the Borrower credit; or</li> <li>• offer the Borrower another quote, commitment, or credit option (from a source other than Fannie Mae) that the Borrower does not expressly accept</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• issue the Borrower an adverse action letter including Fannie Mae's denial reasons; and</li> <li>• upload into the Deal Documents section of DUS Gateway your:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- copy of final adverse action letter; and</li> <li>- issuance evidence (e.g., email, certified mail receipt, courier receipt, etc.).</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Offer the Borrower another quote, commitment, or credit option (from a source other than Fannie Mae) that the Borrower expressly accepts	upload into the Deal Documents section of DUS Gateway a statement confirming: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the Borrower expressly accepted the credit;and</li> <li>• you sent no adverse action letter.</li> </ul>

## Section 204 Letters of Credit



## 204.01 Generally

### Requirements

You must comply with this Section for all Letters of Credit posted as Collateral for a Mortgage Loan.

You must obtain Fannie Mae's approval for any new or renewal Letter of Credit, regardless of whether the Letter of Credit is required by you or Fannie Mae.

All Letters of Credit must:

- Name Fannie Mae as the sole beneficiary.
- Have a minimum term of 1 year.
- Be issued or confirmed by a financial institution that meets the eligibility criteria in [Part I, Chapter 2: Mortgage Loan, Section 204.02: Issuers and Ratings](#).

All Letters of Credit must meet the requirements in the Irrevocable Letter of Credit Instructions ([Form 4663](#)), including the form of sight draft on the Issuer.

### Operating Procedures

#### **How do you request approval to use a Letter of Credit?**

Step 1: Complete the Letter of Credit Authorization and Certification Form ([Form 4664.B](#)) that states

- whether the Letter of Credit is new or will renew or confirm an existing Letter of Credit, and
- that the Letter of Credit is posted as Collateral for a Mortgage Loan.

Step 2: Indicate whether the Letter of Credit is required by the Guide or is required by you as additional collateral. If you require the Letter of Credit, include the Loan Document imposing the requirement.

Step 3: Send the completed [Form 4664.B](#) to Lender Risk Management.

#### **What do you do after Fannie Mae has approved a Letter of Credit?**

Step 1: Send the original Letter of Credit:

- to be delivered the following business day; and
- addressed to Multifamily Certification and Custody, Attention: Manager, Multifamily Operations - Recourse and Collateral.

Step 2: Include [Form 4664.B](#) in the Mortgage Loan Delivery Package



Step 3: Retain a copy of [Form 4664.B](#) in your Servicing File.

## 204.02 Issuers and Ratings

### Operating Procedures

#### **Who is eligible to issue a Letter of Credit?**

A financial institution that satisfies the ratings criteria may issue or confirm a Letter of Credit.

You, one of your Affiliates, or an Affiliate of the Borrower, may issue a Letter of Credit, but only if it is confirmed by a financial institution that is not an Affiliate of you or the Borrower.

Fannie Mae, in its sole discretion, may prohibit you from obtaining a Letter of Credit (or confirming a Letter of Credit) from a specific financial institution.

#### **What ratings do Issuers need to satisfy?**

A financial institution is eligible to issue or confirm a Letter of Credit if it satisfies the following rating criteria:

Letter of Credit Rating Criteria	
If rated by only 1 of the following rating agencies, the financial institution must have...	If rated by both of the following rating agencies, the financial institution must have...
Either a: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Standard and Poor's long-term issuer rating of "A" or better; or</li> <li>• Moody's long-term issuer rating of "A2" or better.</li> </ul>	Both a: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Standard and Poor's long-term issuer rating of "A" or better; and</li> <li>• Moody's long-term issuer rating of "A2" or better.</li> </ul>

## 204.03 Verifying Issuer Ratings

### Requirements

You must monitor and verify the rating of any financial institution issuing or confirming a Letter of Credit

- throughout the term of the Letter of Credit,
- on each anniversary of the date of issuance, and
- on the date of any renewal, replacement, or amendment.



If the ratings of the financial institution issuing or confirming the Letter of Credit fall below the ratings criteria you must

- contact Multifamily Business Operations promptly, and
- use a financial institution that satisfies the ratings criteria to replace or confirm the Letter of Credit.

A change from “stable” or “positive outlook” to “negative outlook” or “on watch for downgrade” would represent a fall below the ratings criteria.

#### **204.04** Restrictions on Issuer Collateral

##### Requirements

You must ensure that the Issuer does not collateralize the Letter of Credit with a lien on

- the Property, or
- any personal property that secures the Mortgage Loan.

#### **204.05** Drawing on Letter of Credit

##### Operating Procedures

You may, with Fannie Mae’s written approval, instruct the issuing bank to honor a draw on the Letter of Credit by depositing the proceeds into an account designated by Fannie Mae.



## Glossary

### A

#### Affiliate

When referring to an affiliate of a Lender, any other Person or entity that Controls, is Controlled by, or is under common Control with, the Lender.

When referring to an affiliate of a Borrower or Key Principal:

- any Person that owns any direct ownership interest in Borrower or Key Principal;
- any Person that indirectly owns, with the power to vote, 20% or more of the ownership interests in Borrower or Key Principal;
- any Person Controlled by, under common Control with, or which Controls, Borrower or Key Principal;
- any entity in which Borrower or Key Principal directly or indirectly owns, with the power to vote, 20% or more of the ownership interests in such entity; or
- any other individual that is related (to the third degree of consanguinity) by blood or marriage to Borrower or Key Principal.

#### **Synonyms**

- Affiliates
- Affiliate's

### B

#### Borrower

Person who is the obligor per the Note.

#### **Synonyms**

- Borrowers
- Borrower's

### C

#### Collateral

Property, Personal Property, or other property securing a Mortgage Loan.



**Commitment** Contractual agreement between you and Fannie Mae where Fannie Mae agrees to buy a Mortgage Loan at a future date in exchange for an MBS, or at a specific price for a Cash Mortgage Loan, and you agree to Deliver that Mortgage Loan.

**Synonyms**

- Committed
- Commitments

**Credit Facility** Structured Transaction governed by a Master Credit Facility Agreement requiring Mortgage Loans and Properties to be

- cross-defaulted, and
- cross-collateralized.

**Synonyms**

- Credit Facilities
- Credit Facility's

## **D**

**DUS Gateway** Multifamily pre-acquisition system, or any successor systems, recording deal registration, Pre-Review and/or waiver tracking, Mortgage Loan Commitments, and decision records.

## **F**

**Form 4660** Multifamily Underwriting Standards identifying Pre-Review Mortgage Loans and containing the underwriting requirements (e.g., debt service coverage ratio, loan to value ratio, interest only, underwriting floors, etc.) for all Mortgage Loans.

**Synonyms**

- Multifamily Underwriting Standards



**Forward Commitment** Commitment to purchase a permanent Mortgage Loan for a to-be constructed or rehabilitated Property.

**Synonyms**

- Forward Commitment's
- Forward Commitments

## **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

## **I**

**Issuer** Entity that:

- issues Bonds for a Credit Enhancement Mortgage Loan;
- packages mortgages for sale as a Security for an MBS;

or

- issues a Letter of Credit.

**Synonyms**

- Issuers

## **L**



Lender Contract                      Program Documents per the Multifamily Selling and Servicing Agreement.

**Synonyms**

- Lender's Contract
- Lender Contracts
- Contract
- Multifamily Selling and Servicing Agreement
- MSSA

Lender Risk Management                      Team that can be contacted at [lender\\_risk\\_management@fanniemae.com](mailto:lender_risk_management@fanniemae.com).

Letter of Credit                      Letter of Credit approved by Fannie Mae per Part I, Chapter 2: Mortgage Loan, Section 204: Letters of Credit.

**Synonyms**

- Letters of Credit
- Letter of Credit's
- LOC
- LOCs

## M

Mortgage Loan                      Mortgage debt obligation evidenced, or when made will be evidenced, by

- the Loan Documents, or
- a mortgage debt obligation with a Fannie Mae credit enhancement.

**Synonyms**

- Mortgage Loans
- Mortgage Loan's

Mortgage Loan Delivery Package                      Loan Documents and underwriting material required in connection with the Delivery of a Mortgage Loan.



Multifamily Business Operations

Team that can be contacted at [multifamily\\_bizops@fanniemae.com](mailto:multifamily_bizops@fanniemae.com).

Multifamily Certification and Custody

Team responsible for taking custody of and certifying Mortgage Loans that can be contacted at

- [multifamcert\\_team@fanniemae.com](mailto:multifamcert_team@fanniemae.com),
- (800) 940-4646, or
- for submissions:

Fannie Mae (Multifamily)  
Certification and Custody  
21240 Ridgetop Circle  
Suite 125-130  
Sterling, VA 20166.

**Synonyms**

- DDF
- Document Delivery Facility
- Document Delivery System

**N**

Near Stabilized Property

Newly constructed or recently rehabilitated Property, with all construction or rehabilitation complete, which is expected to achieve Stabilized Residential Occupancy and the applicable required Underwritten Debt Service Coverage Ratio within 120 days after the Mortgage Loan Origination Date.

**P**

Pre-Review

Requirement that you obtain Fannie Mae's approval before you Rate Lock a Mortgage Loan.

Pre-Review Mortgage Loan

Mortgage Loan that is not delegated to you and requires Fannie Mae's approval before Rate Lock.



## Preferred Equity

A direct or indirect investment in the Borrower, for which the organizational documents provide that equity investor with:

- an asset management fee or other fee before dividends, distributions, payments, or returns are paid to the investors; or
- preferred or unequal rights to receive dividends, distributions, payments, or returns relative to other equity owners, but excluding:
  - an equity investment made solely for the allocation of LIHTCs; or
  - preferred dividends, distributions, payments, or returns paid to:
    - a REIT Equity Investor from Excess Net Cash Flow; or
    - an equity investor in the form of
      - payments or a promote return after pari passu payments are made to all equity investors based on a specified minimum internal rate of return or return threshold; or
      - repayment of a protective advance to pay debt service or other amounts due under the Loan Documents, or any other amounts reasonably required for the operation and maintenance of the Property.

## 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

## **R**



## Rate Lock

Agreement between you and the Investor containing the terms of the Lender-Arranged Sale or Multifamily Trading Desk trade of the Mortgage Loan and the MBS terms and conditions relating to the underlying MBS, if applicable, which may be documented via a recorded telephone conversation.

### **Synonyms**

- Rate Locks

## **S**

## Servicing File

Your file for each Mortgage Loan serviced.

### **Synonyms**

- Servicing Files