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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: • Standard and Poors long-term issuer rating of "A" or better; or • Moodys long-term issuer rating of A2 or better.	Both a: • Standard and Poors long-term issuer rating of "A" or better; and • Moodys long-term issuer rating of A2 or better.

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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

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

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