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203.01 Borrower Deposit

☑ Requirements

Before entering into a Rate Lock, you must collect a Good Faith Deposit from the Borrower in the form of either cash or a letter of credit.

The Good Faith Deposit equals:

- the Minimum Good Faith Deposit per Part IV, Chapter 2: Rate Lock and Committing, Section 203.02: Minimum Good Faith Deposit; plus
- any additional deposit required by a Third Party MBS Investor; plus
- any other deposit you require.

Glossary

B

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

G

Good Faith Deposit	Amount you collect from the Borrower when originating a Mortgage Loan per Part IV, Chapter 2: Rate Lock and Committing, Section 203: Good Faith Deposits. **Synonyms** • Good Faith Deposits
Guide	Multifamily Selling and Servicing Guide controlling all Lender and Servicer requirements unless a Lender Contract specifies otherwise. **Synonyms** • DUS Guide

I

Investor	MBS Investor for an MBS Mortgage Loan, or Fannie Mae for a Cash Mortgage Loan. **Synonyms** • Investors • Investor's

L

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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

MBS	Mortgage-Backed Security
MBS Investor	For MBS Mortgage Loans, either a Third Party MBS Investor for Lender-Arranged Sales, or the Multifamily Trading Desk.
Minimum Good Faith Deposit	Amount you are required to collect when originating a Mortgage Loan per Part IV, Chapter 2: Rate Lock and Committing, Section 203.02: Minimum Good Faith Deposit.

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

T

Third Party MBS Investor	MBS Investor for an MBS Mortgage Loan that is not the Multifamily Trading Desk. **Synonyms** • Third Party MBS Investor's