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703.02 Underwriting

703.02A Appraised Value and Underwriting Value

☑ Requirements

In addition to the Appraisal requirements in Part II, Chapter 2: Valuation and Income, Section 202: Appraisal and Valuation, you must:

- Include 2 separate opinions of the Appraised Value based on:
  - Restricted Value from the Affordable Regulatory Agreement, the Sponsor-Initiated Affordability Agreement (Form 6490), or any Private Affordability Agreement, using
    - comparable multifamily rental properties,
    - the Property's submarket,
    - properties with similar rent or income restrictions, and
    - any Tax Abatements or programs that reduce the Property's assessed value; and
  - Unrestricted Value from the Property's income and expenses without the Affordable Regulatory Agreement, the Sponsor-Initiated Affordability Agreement (Form 6490), or any Private Affordability Agreement (e.g., market rents, occupancy, and operating expenses), using
    - comparable multifamily market rate rental properties,
    - the Property's submarket, and
    - full taxes if rental income restrictions are required by a Tax Abatement or programs that reduce the Property's assessed value.
- Ensure each Appraised Value is based on a market cap rate without any upward or downward adjustment for:
  - special financing (other than adjusted cap rates for Credit Enhancement Mortgage Loans); or
  - tax credit benefits.
- Determine the appropriate Appraised Value for the Underwriting Value per Part II, Chapter 2: Valuation and Income, Section 202: Appraisal and Valuation.

703.02B Market Study

☑ Requirements

If a Tier 2 or Tier 3 Mortgage Loan is secured by a Property with a HAP Contract expiring before the Mortgage Loan Maturity Date, you must include a market study (which can be part of the Appraisal) that:

- is prepared by a qualified real estate professional; and
- for comparable market rate rental properties in the submarket, identifies the
  - absorption rate,
  - lease-up period, and
  - rent level.

703.02C 35-Year Amortization

☑ Requirements

If you use a 35-year amortization term, the:

- Property must have:
  - LIHTCs with at least 8 years remaining in the initial 15-year compliance period; and/or
  - a new HAP Contract covering at least 95% of the units under the:
    - Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) program; or
    - Capital Repairs Program per the Section 8 Renewal Policy Guidebook available on HUD's website; and
- MAH Mortgage Loan must be a first Lien Mortgage Loan with a minimum term equal to the greater of
  - the remaining initial LIHTC compliance period, or
  - 10 years.

703.02D LIHTC Average Income

☑ Requirements

You must identify and mitigate any risks from the Borrower's electing LIHTC Average Income per the Internal Revenue Code.

Guidance

When a Borrower elects LIHTC Average Income per the Internal Revenue Code for a Property with new LIHTCs, you should consider:

- Will LIHTC Average Income impact other non-LIHTC regulatory agreements?
- Is LIHTC Average Income compatible with other funding and subsidy source requirements, including any HAP Contract?
- Has LIHTC Average Income been approved by the
  - state agency, and
  - LIHTC investor or syndicator?
- Will the on-site Property management staff have sufficient experience?
- Will the unit mix be impacted, including
  - unit parity,
  - multi-building election,
  - floating units, and
  - market rate units?
- What is the rent advantage, especially for units above 60% of AMI?
- For a Forward Commitment,
  - is the Property not a re-syndication of a Property previously developed or preserved using LIHTCs and subject to an existing extended use agreement, or
  - if the Property is a re-syndication, have you confirmed the Property has completed its extended use period?
- Does the market study include capture rates for each unit designation supporting LIHTC Average Income?

703.02E Initial LIHTC Equity

Requirements

For any Property with new LIHTCs, you must ensure at least 20% of the aggregate LIHTC equity that the LIHTC investor or syndicator must contribute into the limited partnership is received on or before the Mortgage Loan Origination Date.

703.02F Developer Fees

Guidance

You should analyze the development budget, including the

- developer fee due the Sponsor or any Affiliate, and
- any deferred developer fee (i.e., the portion of the developer fee shown as a source in the sources and uses statement).

If the deferred developer fee is greater than 50% of the total developer fee, you should confirm there are sufficient

- hard and soft contingency budgets, and
- projected surplus cash flows to repay the deferred developer fee within the initial compliance period.

703.02G Rent-Stabilized Units

Guidance

Refer to Part II, Chapter 2: Valuation and Income, Section 207: Rent-Stabilized Properties regarding rent-stabilized MAH Property units.

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
Affordable Regulatory Agreement	Recorded or unrecorded regulatory, land use, extended use, restrictive covenant, or similar agreement or restriction that is imposed by a Public Entity, placing rent, income, or other affordability restrictions on the use or occupancy of the Property, but which does not include a HAP Contract. **Synonyms** • Affordable Regulatory Agreements

Appraisal	Written statement independently and impartially prepared by a qualified Appraiser stating an opinion of the Property's market value • as of a specific date, and • supported by the presentation and analysis of relevant market information. **Synonyms** • Appraisals • Appraisal's
Appraised Value	Appraiser's opinion of the Property's market value documented in the Appraisal, on an "as is" basis, unless use of an "as completed" basis is specifically permitted per the Guide. **Synonyms** • Appraised Values

B

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

C

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 Enhancement Mortgage Loan	Mortgage Loan financed by a Bond issuance where Fannie Mae provides credit enhancement by • a Credit Enhancement Instrument, or • an MBS for Bonds. **Synonyms** • Credit Enhancement Mortgage Loans

F

Forward Commitment	Commitment to purchase a permanent Mortgage Loan for a to-be constructed or rehabilitated Property. **Synonyms** • Forward Commitment's • Forward Commitments

G

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

H

HAP Contract	An agreement providing a HUD Section 8 rental subsidy for the Property in the form of a: • project-based voucher contract (PBV), or • project-based rental assistance contract (PBRA). **Synonyms** • Housing Assistance Payment • HAP • HAP Contracts

HUD	U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development **Synonyms** • HUD's

I

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

L

Lease	Written agreement between an owner and the tenant of a Property stipulating the conditions for possession and use of real estate for a specified period of time and rent. **Synonyms** • Leases
Lender Contract	Program Documents per the Multifamily Selling and Servicing Agreement. **Synonyms** • Lender’s Contract • Lender Contracts • Contract • Multifamily Selling and Servicing Agreement • MSSA
Lien	Lien, mortgage, bond interest, pledge, security interest, charge, or encumbrance of any kind. **Synonyms** • Liens

LIHTC Average Income	Internal Revenue Code Section 42 election allowing LIHTC property owners to rent units to households earning up to 80% of AMI, provided: • a minimum of 40% of the residential units are both rent-restricted and occupied by households with a maximum income up to an average of 60% of AMI; and • the unit's rents are limited to 30% of the qualifying income level. For example, for a 30% AMI unit, the maximum rent that may be charged to a household is 30% of AMI.
Low-Income Housing Tax Credit	Federal program offering tax credits to owners of eligible properties that contain low-income occupants and rent restrictions. **Synonyms** • Low-Income Housing Tax Credits • Low Income Housing Tax Credits • LIHTC • LIHTCs

M

Maturity Date	Date all Mortgage Loan amounts become fully due and payable per the Loan Documents. **Synonyms** • Maturity Dates
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 Origination Date	Date you fund a Mortgage Loan to the Borrower. **Synonyms** • Mortgage Loan's Origination Date • Origination Date
Multifamily Affordable Housing Property	Property that: • complies with Part III, Chapter 7: Multifamily Affordable Housing Properties, Section 702: MAH Property Eligibility; and • is underwritten per Part III, Chapter 7: Multifamily Affordable Housing Properties. **Synonyms** • MAH • Multifamily Affordable Housing • MAH Property

P

Pricing and Underwriting Tier	Tier 1, Tier 2, Tier 3, or Tier 4 per the Multifamily Underwriting Standards (Form 4660). **Synonyms** • Tier
Private Affordability Agreement	Recorded or unrecorded regulatory, land use, extended use, restrictive covenant, agreement, or restriction that is imposed by any non-Public Entity, placing rent, income, or other affordability restrictions on the use or occupancy of the Property. **Synonyms** • Private Affordability Agreements



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

Rent-Stabilized Property	Property where rent increases on more than 50% of the residential units are limited by state or local statutory controls, not by an Affordable Regulatory Agreement. **Synonyms** • Rent-Stabilized Properties
Restricted Value	Appraised Value assuming an Affordable Regulatory Agreement or Private Affordability Agreement is in effect.

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
Sponsor-Initiated Affordability Agreement	Voluntary agreement signed by the Borrower and recorded in the land records against the Property, putting rent and income restrictions in place to preserve or create multifamily affordable housing.

T

Tax Abatement	Any abatement, reduction, lessening, exemption, or deferral of real estate or other taxes levied against a Property, including any PILOT. **Synonyms** • Tax Abatements

U

Underwriting Value	Value of the Property determined by the Lender to size the Mortgage Loan per Part II, Chapter 2: Valuation and Income, Section 202: Appraisal and Valuation.
Unrestricted Value	Appraised Value assuming an Affordable Regulatory Agreement or Private Affordability Agreement is not in effect.

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