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503.01 Seismic Hazard and Risk Factors

→ Guidance

Any seismic risk impacting the Property should be understood before the Commitment Date. Seismic risk is assessed by analyzing the PGA at the location of the Property.

After purchase of the Mortgage Loan, no additional seismic risk evaluation is required.

☑ Requirements

Each Property must have an acceptable level of seismic risk.

A Mortgage Loan is ineligible for purchase if the Property has

- a PGA equal to or greater than 0.15g, and
- 1 of these Structural Risk Factors:
 - an unreinforced masonry building that has not been seismically retrofitted; or
 - a building constructed on a slope with an angle exceeding 30 degrees (a 50% slope).

If the Property is located in a High Seismic Risk area, you must complete [Form 4099.C](#). If a Structural Risk Factor is present, you must also obtain a Seismic Risk Assessment (SRA).



Glossary

C

Commitment Date Date a Commitment is confirmed by Fannie Mae per Part IV, Chapter 2: Rate Lock and Committing, Section 204: Commitments.

H

High Seismic Risk Area or a specific site identified by the most recent USGS data (see United States Geological Survey (USGS) Peak Ground Acceleration (PGA) Calculator Tutorial) as having a PGA equal to or greater than 0.15g (i.e., 15% of the acceleration of gravity (g) using a 10% probability of exceedance in a 50 year period).

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

P

PGA Peak Ground Acceleration as determined by the United States Geological Survey.



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