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1205.01 Generally

▼ Requirements

Description		
Interest Rate Cap	• purchase a third-party Interest Rate Cap; and • keep an Interest Rate Cap Agreement in place continually until the earlier of the - effective date of any permitted conversion to a fixed rate Mortgage Loan, or - SARM Loan Maturity Date.	
Interest Rate Cap Provider	Borrower must only obtain bids from Fannie Mae- approved providers listed on https://multifamily.fanniemae.com.	
Interest Rate Cap Documentation	Must be on forms acceptable to Fannie Mae.	
Minimum Interest Rate Cap Term	5 years.	
Replacement Interest Rate Cap	You must ensure the Borrower purchases a replacement Interest Rate Cap if the Interest Rate Cap term expires before the SARM Loan conversion or Maturity Date.	
Interest Rate Cap Reserves	Borrower must fund a cash reserve equal to at least 110% of the current replacement cap cost if the Interest Rate Cap term expires before the SARM Loan Maturity Date.	
Interest Rate Cap Contract Process and Documentation	You must deliver all Interest Rate Cap-related documentation, including the • Interest Rate Cap Agreement, and • Interest Rate Cap Reserve and Security Agreement (Form 6442 series).	
	Fannie Mae will engage outside counsel at your expense to review all cap-related documentation.	

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Description		
	Must equal the original principal amount of the SARM Loan throughout the Interest Rate Cap's term.	

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Guidance

You may require the Borrower to:

- pay Fannie Mae's costs, including legal fees; and
- fund a reserve to pay these expenses.



Glossary

B

Borrower

Person who is the obligor per the Note.

Synonyms

- Borrowers
- Borrower's

I

Interest Rate Cap

Interest rate agreement between the Borrower and a provider for which the Borrower receives payments at the end of each period when the interest rate exceeds the Cap Strike Rate. The Interest Rate Cap provides a ceiling (or cap) on the Borrower's Mortgage Loan interest payments.

Synonyms

- Interest Rate Caps
- Interest Rate Hedge
- Interest Rate Hedges
- Interest Rate Swap
- Interest Rate Cap's

Interest Rate Cap Agreement

Contract setting forth the terms and conditions of an Interest Rate Cap, Hedge, or Swap.

Synonyms

- Interest Rate Hedge Agreement
- Interest Rate Swap Agreement

M

Maturity Date

Date all Mortgage Loan amounts become fully due and payable per the Loan Documents.

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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.

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Synonyms

- Mortgage Loans
- Mortgage Loan's

S

Security

MBS, PFP MBS, or REMIC.

Synonyms

Securities