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# Multifamily Selling and Servicing Guide

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## **216.03A** Bond Redemption Premiums Payable to Bondholders

All relevant rules regarding bond redemption premiums will be contained in the related Bond Indenture. The Borrower is obligated to pay any bond redemption premium. Fannie Mae does not provide credit enhancement for the bond redemption premium.

Not all types of bond redemptions are subject to redemption premiums and the Servicer must consult the related Bond Indenture documentation to determine whether a redemption premium is due. As a general rule, only bond redemptions initiated voluntarily or optionally by the Borrower will potentially have a redemption premium. Mandatory redemptions almost never have a redemption premium. Mandatory redemptions include redemptions paid from condemnation proceeds and insurance proceeds from casualty losses.

### **1. Variable Rate Bond Redemption**

Weekly variable rate bonds may typically be redeemed at any time, or at least on any bond interest payment date, without restriction or redemption premium to the bondholders subject to the terms of the related Bond Indenture.

### **2. Fixed Rate Bond Redemption**

Fixed rate bonds are typically restricted from optional or voluntary redemption by the Borrower for a specific period following the original bond issuance date, known as a lockout period. A lockout period may approximate 10 years from the initial bond issuance. Following the expiration of the lockout period, any voluntary redemption during the subsequent 3 to 5 year period typically requires the payment of a redemption premium to bondholders.

**NOTE:** Most transactions require the Borrower to pay the bond redemption premium with money that is not subject to being treated as a voidable preference under applicable bankruptcy and insolvency laws. This usually means the redemption premium cannot come from regular resources of the Borrower. The Bond Indenture must be consulted for requirements applicable to sources of payment of the Bond Redemption Premium and legal counsel should be consulted.



# Glossary

## B

**Borrower** Person who is the obligor per the Note.

**Synonyms**

- Borrowers
- Borrower's

## I

**Indenture** Bond issuer trust indenture or resolution listing Bond terms.

## S

**Servicer** Primary Person servicing the Mortgage Loan, including

- the originator,
- seller, or
- a third party.

**Synonyms**

- Servicers
- Servicer's