

We are aligning with the GSEs' underwriting policies related to COVID-19

We are dedicated to providing you clarity as we work together to address the uncertainty impacting loan origination activities as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. To this end, we are aligning with the temporary flexibilities and underwriting policy changes implemented by the GSEs to help lenders manage these uncertain times.

We align with the changes the GSEs announced March 31, 2020 in the following releases:

- [Fannie Mae Lender Letter \(LL-2020-03\) - Updated](#) | *Impact of COVID-19 on Originations*
- [Fannie Mae Lender Letter \(LL-2020-04\) - Updated](#) | *Impact of COVID-19 on Appraisals*
- [Freddie Mac Bulletin 2020-8](#) | *Selling Guidance Related to COVID-19*

Unless noted below, these policy changes are effective for all loans with loan application dates on or after April 14, 2020 through May 17, 2020, including non-GSE loans we insure. We will not be updating our Underwriting Guide to reflect these temporary changes.

This wave of COVID-19-related GSE policy changes includes:

- Immediately providing flexibilities for appraisals and completion certifications, including the use of new forms, on new construction and renovation loans;
- Reducing the allowable age of documentation for certain documents to address the uncertainty of borrower income, assets and employment given current economic conditions;
- Eliminating documentation requirements for IRS Forms 4506-T and 4868 for certain loans when the mortgage has an application or disbursement date between April 15, 2020 and July 15, 2020;
- Requiring additional steps to verify the existence of a self-employed borrower's business within 10 calendar days prior to the note date;
- Changes to requirements for market-based assets, such as stocks and stock options, used for down payment or closing costs, or as reserves;
- Clarifying flexibilities relating to powers of attorney for loans with loan application dates on or before May 17, 2020; and
- Implementing permanent policies for remote online notarization for both eMortgage and ink-signed transactions.

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