

We remain aligned with the GSEs' policies related to COVID-19

We continue to align with the GSEs' temporary COVID-19 underwriting policies, including the effective date extension and other clarifications announced May 5, 2020. These temporary policies now apply to loans with loan application dates through June 30, 2020. We will not be updating our Underwriting Guide to reflect these temporary changes.

We align with the changes announced in the following releases:

- [Fannie Mae Lender Letter \(LL-2020-03\) – Updated May 5, 2020](#) | *Impact of COVID-19 on Originations*
- [Fannie Mae Lender Letter \(LL-2020-04\) – Updated May 5, 2020](#) | *Impact of COVID-19 on Appraisals*
- [Freddie Mac Bulletin 2020-14](#) | *Selling Requirements and Guidance Related to COVID-19*

These changes also apply to non-GSE loans we insure with loan application dates through June 30, 2020.

Highlights of the underwriting policies addressed include:

- Reminding lenders that unemployment benefits can be used as qualifying income only if associated with seasonal employment
- Clarifying that the income of a furloughed borrower is not eligible under the temporary income policy
- Indicating that the temporary policies extended include those pertaining to:
 - Age of most income and asset documentation
 - Verification of self-employment
 - Market-based assets used for down payment, closing costs and reserves
 - Powers of attorney
 - Remote online notarization
 - Verbal verification of employment
 - Appraisals and completion reports

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- Review all MGIC COVID-19 updates, mgic.com/coronavirus