



Super Conforming Fixed Program Guidelines

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Section 1 Program Summary

The Program Guidelines supplement Plaza’s Credit Guidelines. Refer to Freddie Mac’s Selling Guide for any information not specified in the Program Guidelines and Credit Guidelines.

The Freddie Mac Super Conforming program is designed for loan amounts exceeding the conforming agency but eligible under the “high cost” loan limits established by FHFA as published on the [FHFA website](#).

Section 2 Product Codes

Product Name	Product Code	Available Term in Months
Super Conforming 15 Year Fixed	CF150SC	120-180
Super Conforming 20 Year Fixed	CF200SC	181-240
Super Conforming 30 Year Fixed	CF300SC	241-360
Super Conforming 30 Year Fixed w/2-1 Buydown	CF300SCBD21	360
Super Conforming 30 Year Fixed w/1-0 Buydown	CF300SCBD10	360

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Section 3 Program Matrix

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Primary Residence Purchase and Rate & Term Refinance				
Property Type	LTV	CLTV	Min Credit Score	Max DTI
1-Unit	95%	95%	Per LPA & MI	Per LPA & MI
Co-op	95%	N/A ¹	Per LPA & MI	Per LPA & MI
2-Units	85%	85%	Per LPA & MI	Per LPA & MI
3-4 Units	80%	80%	Per LPA	Per LPA
Primary Residence Cash-Out Refinance				
Property Type	LTV	CLTV	Min Credit Score	Max DTI
1-Unit	80%	80%	Per LPA	Per LPA
Co-op	80%	N/A ¹	Per LPA	Per LPA
2-4 Units	75%	75%	Per LPA	Per LPA
Second Home Purchase and Rate/Term Refinance				
1-Unit	90%	90%	Per LPA & MI	Per LPA & MI
Co-op	85%	N/A ¹	Per LPA & MI	Per LPA & MI
Second Home Cash-Out Refinance				
1-Unit	75%	75%	Per LPA	Per LPA
Co-op	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Investment Property Purchase and Rate/Term Refinance				
1-Unit	85%	85%	Per LPA & MI	Per LPA & MI
Co-op	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2-4 Units	75%	75%	Per LPA	Per LPA
Investment Property Cash-Out Refinance				
1-Unit	75%	75%	Per LPA	Per LPA
Co-op	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2-4 Units	70%	70%	Per LPA	Per LPA

¹ Co-op subordinate financing may be allowed by exception. Plaza's exception process must be followed.

Section 4 Occupancy

- Owner-occupied primary residences
- Second homes
- Investment properties

Section 5 Transactions

- Purchase
- Rate/Term Refinance
- Cash-Out Refinance

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Cash-Out:

- When proceeds of a cash-out refinance are used to pay off a first lien mortgage, the mortgage being refinanced must be seasoned at least 12 months (the Note date of the mortgage being refinanced and the Note date of the cash-out refinance), as documented in the loan file (e.g., on the credit report or title commitment). The seasoning requirement does not apply when:
 - The cash-out refinance is a special purpose cash-out refinance (see below), or
 - The first lien being refinanced is a Home Equity Line of Credit (HELOC), or
 - Delayed financing is utilized (because there is no lien being paid off)
- At least one Borrower must have been on the title to the subject property for at least six months prior to the Note Date. For borrowers who purchased within the last 6 months with no mortgage financing refer to the Delayed Financing section in Freddie Mac's Selling Guide. The 6-month time period for Delayed Financing is measured from the date on which the property was purchased (documented by a HUD-1 Settlement Statement or, if there was no HUD-1, a recorded deed confirming the amount paid by the borrower) and the note date of the new mortgage loan.
- Special purpose cash-out refinance: A cash-out refinance where the owner of a property uses the proceeds of the refinance transaction to buy out the equity of a co-owner is a special purpose cash-out refinance. A special purpose cash-out refinance must meet cash-out requirements including LTV/TLTV and credit score.
 - The loan amount of a special purpose cash-out refinance Mortgage is limited to amounts used to buy out the equity of the co-owner, which may include:
 - Paying off the first Mortgage, regardless of age
 - Paying off junior liens secured by the Mortgaged Premises
 - Paying related Closing Costs
 - In addition, the following conditions must be met:
 - The Borrower and the co-owner receiving the buy-out proceeds must have jointly owned the property for a minimum of 12 months prior to the initial loan application (parties who inherited an interest in the property are exempt from this requirement)
 - The Borrower and the co-owner receiving the buy-out proceeds must provide evidence that they occupied the subject property as their Primary Residence (parties who inherited an interest in the property are exempt from this requirement)
 - The Borrower and the co-owner receiving the buy-out proceeds must provide a written agreement, signed by all parties, stating the terms of the property transfer and the disposition of the proceeds from the refinancing transaction
 - The Borrower who retains sole ownership of the property may not receive any of the proceeds from the refinance transaction
 - The loan-level price adjustment that applies to cash-out refinances will be waived for special purpose cash-out refinances. All loans utilizing this feature must be approved through Plaza's underwriting exception process. **Note:** The loan will be locked with standard cash-out adjustments. Once the underwriting exception is approved the lock will be updated to remove the cash-out price adjustment. The underwriter must select Special Feature Code (SFC) 203 in BREEZE.

Refinances of Properties Listed for Sale: Rate/Term and Cash-out Refinance: Listing agreement must be cancelled at least 1 day prior to the loan application.

Construction-to-Permanent Financing: Allowed. Refer to the Construction-to-Permanent Financing section in Freddie Mac's Selling Guide.

Texas: Texas Section 50(a)(6) loans are NOT eligible.

Refer to the Loan Purpose sections in Freddie Mac's Selling Guide for additional details.

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Section 6 Property Flips

Generally, purchases of properties that have been acquired within the last 12 months are eligible when an increase in value can be supported.

Section 7 Identity of Interest

Plaza uses the term Identity of Interest and Non-ARMs length to describe certain transactions that pose increased risk and warrant additional precautions when evaluating that risk.

Primary residences, second homes and investment properties are eligible.

Section 8 Loan Limits

Super Conforming Loan Limits		
Units	Contiguous U.S.	Alaska and Hawaii ¹
1	\$1,149,825	N/A
2	\$1,472,250	N/A
3	\$1,779,525	N/A
4	\$2,211,600	N/A

¹ There are no properties in Alaska and Hawaii with loan limits higher than the applicable base conforming limits for 2024. As a result, there are no super conforming limits specific for these states.

The above table provides the maximum loan limits by property type. For county specific loan amounts, refer to the [FHFA website](#).

Section 9 Subordinate Financing

Subordinate financing is allowed per the LTV/CLTV and Credit Score Tables.

Co-ops: Subordinate financing may be allowed by exception. Plaza's exception process must be followed.

Refer to the Subordinate/Secondary Financing sections in Freddie Mac's Selling Guide for additional details.



Section 10 Borrower Eligibility

Eligible Borrowers:

- U.S. citizens
- Permanent resident aliens
- Non-permanent resident aliens
- Non-occupant co-borrowers
- Inter Vivos Revocable Trusts – Refer to [Plaza's Living Trust Policy](#)

Ineligible Borrowers:

- Partnerships
- Corporations
- Non-Revocable Inter Vivos Trusts
- Foreign nationals
- Borrowers with diplomatic immunity
- First time homebuyer if second home or investment property

Refer to the Borrower Eligibility sections in Freddie Mac's Selling Guide for additional details.

Section 11 Underwriting Method

Automated Underwriting:

Loans must be underwritten by Loan Product Advisor (LPA) and receive a risk classification of Accept. Classifications of A-Minus or Caution are not eligible.

Loans may follow the LPA Findings Report unless otherwise stated in Plaza's Program Guidelines with the exception of LPA's Streamlined Accept findings. Additional information may be requested at the discretion of the underwriter.

Loan with LTV's > 80% require Mortgage Insurance. Additional guidelines and restrictions may apply. Refer to MI company specific guidelines.

Refer to the Automated Underwriting section in Plaza's [Credit Guidelines](#) for additional details.

Manual Underwriting: Manual underwriting is not permitted. All loans must be approved through LPA.



Section 12 Credit

Credit Score: The minimum credit score is determined by LPA. When MI is required, MI credit score requirements must also be met.

Valid Credit Score: Each borrower must have at least two (2) valid credit scores.

Housing Payment History:

The mortgage payment history may be deemed satisfactory when the mortgage credit rating is disclosed on the credit report, is evaluated by LPA, and the loan receives an “Accept/Eligible” from LPA.

For mortgage ratings not evaluated by LPA, the mortgage history must be documented and there may be no history of any 30-day (or greater) late mortgage payments within the last 12 months. Any late payments in the last 24 months will be considered and evaluated by the underwriter.

Refer to the Credit chapter in Plaza’s **Credit Guidelines** for additional details.

Section 13 Income & Employment

Income must be documented per the LPA findings certificate and Plaza’s Credit Guidelines.

Regardless of income type, the following is required for all borrowers:

- **1003:** 1003 must be signed and complete, including a 2 year employment history.
- For each qualifying borrower who is not self-employed, at minimum:
 - A recent paystub reflecting year-to-date earnings is required. A written VOE may not replace a paystub
 - The most recent year’s W2 or 1040 tax returns.
- **4506-C/Tax Transcripts:** A signed 4506-C for all years in which income was used in the underwriting decision are required regardless of LPA results. Refer to Plaza’s **Credit Guidelines** to determine if transcripts are required.
- **Verbal Verification of Employment**

Employment and Income Commencing After the Note Date:

Plaza allows income per Freddie Mac’s Employed Income, Additional Requirements Option 1. If the borrower has not started work prior to Plaza funding, all requirements in Option 1 must be met. Refer to Freddie Mac Seller Guide Section 5303.2(e) and the **Loan Product Advisor Documentation Matrix** for complete details.

Self Employed Borrowers: Regardless of LPA feedback, self-employed borrowers must be self-employed for a minimum of 2 years.

Refer to the Employment and Income chapter in Plaza’s **Credit Guidelines** for additional details.

Section 14 Qualifying Ratios

The maximum debt-to-income (DTI) ratio will be determined by LPA, and if applicable, the MI company.



Section 15 Down Payment / Gifts

Follow Freddie Mac requirements for down payment and gift funds.

Section 16 Reserves

Primary Residence:

- Subject Property: Per LPA
- Other Financed Properties: Per LPA

Second Home or Investment Property:

- 1 – 6 Other Financed Properties: 2 months of the monthly payment on each other financed property
- 7 – 10 Other Financed properties: 8 months of the monthly payment on each other financed property

Section 17 Interested Party Contributions

Interested party contributions are limited to the following:

Occupancy	LTV/CLTV	Maximum Seller Contributions
Primary Residence and Second Homes	> 90%	3%
	> 75% and ≤ 90%	6%
	≤ 75%	9%
Investment Properties	All LTVs	2%

Section 18 Property Eligibility

Eligible Properties:

- Attached/detached SFRs
- Attached/detached PUDs
- Low-rise/high-rise condos
- Co-ops
- 2-4 units

Condos in Florida: Florida condos have additional restrictions. Refer to the Geographic-Specific Condo Project Considerations section in Plaza's **Project Standards** for additional details.

Co-ops:

- The co-op project must be reviewed and approved by Plaza.
- Located in the states of California, Connecticut, Florida, Illinois, Maryland, New Jersey, New York or Washington D.C.
- Refer to Plaza's **Project Standards** for Plaza's complete co-op requirements.

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Ineligible Properties:

- Commercial properties
- Condotels
- Geothermal homes
- Log homes
- Manufactured housing
- Mobile homes
- Non-warrantable condos
- Timeshares
- Working farms, ranches, orchards
- Community Land Trusts

Section 19 Appraisal

One full appraisal is required.

When the subject property is an attached condo or co-op, the appraiser must provide at least two comparable sales from outside the subject project and outside the influence of the developer, builder or property seller.

Automated Collateral Valuation (ACE): If a loan is approved with an ACE, Plaza will accept the ACE subject to Freddie Mac guidelines and the limitations below:

ACE assessments are not eligible:

- An ACE may not be exercised if an appraisal has been obtained for the subject transaction.
- Leaseholds
- Properties subject to resale restrictions
- Co-ops
- Manufactured Housing
- Non-arm's length transactions
- Purchases of REO properties
- Texas Section 50(a)(6) and Section 50(f)(2) transactions
- When the underwriter has reason to believe fieldwork is warranted based on additional information obtained about the property.

Transferred Appraisals: Plaza will accept transferred/assigned appraisals from the original transferring lender when all of the requirements outlined in the Appraisal Requirements chapter in Plaza's **Credit Guidelines** are met.

Refer to the Appraisal Policy in Plaza's **Credit Guidelines** for additional details.

Section 20 Geographic Restrictions

Program specific geographic restrictions are identified below. Refer to Plaza's **Geographic State Restrictions** for general guidelines and restrictions.

Loans with Mortgage Insurance (MI) may have additional state specific restrictions, including reduced LTVs. Refer to the specific MI Company guidelines for restrictions.

Hawaii: Properties in Lava Flow Zones 1 or 2 are not allowed.

Texas: Texas Section 50(a)(6) loans are NOT eligible.

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Section 21 Max Financed Properties / Exposure

The maximum number of financed properties, including the subject property and including the borrower's primary residence, regardless of the lending source is limited as outlined below; regardless of the LPA results.

- Primary Residence: No restrictions
- Second Home or Investment Property (except co-ops):
 - 1 - 6 financed properties: no additional restrictions. See **Reserves Requirement**.
 - 7 - 10 financed properties: LPA Accept/Eligible required, minimum 720 Credit Score required, see Reserves Requirement.
 - > 10 financed properties is not allowed
- Second Home Co-op: Maximum of 4 financed properties allowed. See **Reserves Requirement**.

Plaza's Underwriter must complete the **Multiple Financed Properties Checklist** for borrowers with multiple financed properties.

Maximum Loans/Maximum Exposure: A maximum of four Plaza loans is permitted to one borrower.

Section 22 Mortgage Insurance

All loans with LTV's greater than 80% require Mortgage Insurance.

MI guidelines are subject to change; it is therefore the underwriter's responsibility to check the applicable MI Underwriting Guidelines online and order the MI cert at the time of underwriting and prior to sending out an approval.

Financed and Split Premium MI is not available on Freddie Mac Super Conforming mortgages.

Refer to Plaza's **Mortgage Insurance Policy** for specific information.

Section 23 Escrow Accounts

- Escrow waivers for LTV > 90% <= 95% require a minimum of 3 months verified reserves.
- Impounds should not be waived for borrowers with blemished credit histories or first-time homeowners; however, impounds may be waived if sufficient compensating factors exist and a 2nd level review by a Plaza Underwriting Team Manager is required.
- Escrow deposits for the payment of premiums for mortgage insurance may not be waived

Section 24 Repair Escrows

Both weather related and non-weather related holdbacks will be considered by Plaza's Underwriting Department as an Exception Only. Refer to Plaza's **Loan Closing Manual** for details on Repair Escrows. Escrow holdbacks for repairs are not eligible on condos.

Section 25 ARM Adjustments

Not applicable.



Section 26 Temporary Buydowns

Temporary Buydowns are eligible subject to the following:

- 2-1 and 1-0 buydowns are offered
- Purchase transactions only
- Primary Residence or Second Home
- Qualify at the note rate
- Funds may come from the seller or other eligible interested party
 - Interested Party Contribution (IPC) limits apply
 - Seller paid buydowns should be disclosed in the purchase contract and must be provided to the appraiser with all appropriate financing data and IPCs for the subject property
 - The amount and source of all IPCs must be submitted to LPA as applicable
- Buydown Agreement required and will print with Plaza loan docs
- **Plaza's Buydown Calculator** can be used to estimate the buydown payment and total contribution amount

Section 27 Insurance

For Insurance requirements refer to Plaza's **Hazard and Flood Insurance Policy**.

Section 28 Other Features

Not applicable.

