

# Freddie Mac Refi Possible Conforming Loan Amounts Only

**Fixed Rate** 

Primary Residence Limited Cash-Out (Rate/Term) Refinance			
Property Type	LTV/CLTV	Loan Amount	Credit Score
1-unit SFR/PUD/Condo	97% <sup>1,2</sup>	Conforming	No minimum
Manufactured Home	95% <sup>1,2</sup>	Conforming	No minimum

#### Footnotes:

- 1. Transactions with a non-occupant co-borrower are limited to maximum 95% LTV/CLTV
- 2. CLTV up to 105% allowed when a Community Second is being resubordinated
- 3. Minimum credit score not required, however each borrower must have a credit score

#### Overview

- Freddie Mac's Refi Possible is a refinance option designed for low-income borrowers by offering expanded eligibility to benefit borrowers at or below 100% of the area median income (AMI) limit
- LPA will determine income eligibility for the mortgage. The AMI for a specific area may be looked up by using Freddie Mac's Refi Possible Income and Property Eligibility Tool and entering the property address.

NOTE: It is imperative to use Freddie Mac's AMI information; the AMI estimates posted on HUDs website should not be used

If an appraisal is required, Freddie Mac will provide a \$500 credit which must be passed on to the borrower

#### **General Requirements**

- · The loan being refinanced must currently be owned by Freddie Mac
- The borrower's **qualifying** income (income from all borrowers who will sign the Note) must be ≤ 80% of the current year AMI limit for the area where the property is located. If the borrower has other income that is **not** used for qualifying, that other income is **not** included when determining if AMI requirement has been met
- The refinanced loan must provide the following borrower benefits:
  - A reduction in the interest rate of at least 50 basis points, AND
  - A reduction in the borrower's monthly principal, interest, and mortgage payment (if applicable)
- All borrowers on the loan being refinanced must be on the new loan (see the <u>Borrower Eligibility</u> topic for exception); borrowers cannot be added to the new loan

To determine if Freddie Mac owns a loan click the link below and enter the requested information:

Freddie Mac Loan Look-Up Tool





Topic	Guideline	
4506-C	<ul> <li>Signed 4506-C required prior to log</li> <li>Tax transcripts are <b>not</b> required NOTE: At underwriter discretion to paystubs, borrower employers</li> </ul>	ranscripts may be required in certain circumstances (e.g. handwritten byed by family member, etc.) at random for quality control purposes
Appraisal  Appraisal	<ul> <li>LPA determines the appraisal requirement. If an automated collateral evaluation (ACE) is offered by LPA, it must be on the final LPA finding</li> <li>A minimum of 3 closed comparable sales are required. The source of the closed comparable sales used in the appraisal must be from one of the following or a desk review will be required:         <ul> <li>A Multiple Listing Service (MLS.com), or</li> <li>MRIS (www.mris.com), or</li> <li>Midwest Real Estate Dated (MRED) (www.mredllc.com), or</li> <li>North Texas Real Estate Information Systems, Inc. (NTREIS) at (www.ntreis.net), or</li> <li>San Antonio Board of Realtors (www.sabor.com), or</li> <li>GeoData at www.geodataplus.com, or</li> <li>Comps Inc. at www.compsny.com.</li> </ul> </li> <li>NOTE: Comparables from a public independent source are only eligible in the states of Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont</li> <li>If an appraisal is required, Freddie Mac will provide a \$500 credit which must be passed on to the borrower</li> </ul>	
Management Companies (AMC)	property is located. The chart below i	dentifies the applicable AMC by property location.  Subject Property Location
	Class Valuation	Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Montana, New Mexico, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming
	Fastapp Appraisal Management	Connecticut, Delaware, Kansas, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Missouri, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia, Washington D.C.
	Golden State	Arizona, California, Nevada (see Important Note below for exception)  Important Note: Golden State does not support the following appraisal type:  • FHLMC ACE + PDR  If a FHLMC ACE + PDR has been offered and accepted on the transaction and the property is located in AZ, CA, or NV, the appraisal must be ordered from Class Valuation
	Nationwide Appraisal Network	Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina
	To view the state on the Homebridge	website, click here: Broker Resources



Assets	Funds to Close > \$500: Verification of funds to close required
	<ul> <li>Acceptable documentation includes one recent account statement showing asset balance (monthly, quarterly, or annual statement, as applicable)</li> </ul>
	• Funds to Close ≤ \$500: Verification of funds to close not required
AUS	LPA "Accept/Eligible" Finding required. Manual underwrite is <b>not</b> eligible
Available Markets	All 50 states     Guam, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands are ineligible
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Borrower Benefit	<ul> <li>The refinanced loan must provide the following benefits to the borrower:</li> <li>A reduction in the interest rate of at least 50 basis points, and</li> </ul>
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	<ul> <li>A reduction in the borrower's monthly principal, interest, and mortgage insurance (if applicable) payment</li> </ul>
<b>Borrower Eligibility</b>	All borrowers on the current loan must be on the new loan
	- Borrower(s) cannot be removed (see exception below), and
	- New borrower(s) <b>cannot</b> be added
	Exception: One or more borrowers may be removed only if one of the following applies:
	<ul> <li>The remaining borrower(s) must provide evidence that they have made the mortgage payments from their own funds for at least the previous 12 months, including any secondary financing, OR</li> </ul>
	The borrower being removed is deceased and evidence documenting the borrower's death is provided (e.g. death certificate) and it is documented in the loan file.
	In all cases, at least one borrower on the current loan must be on the new loan
	Borrowers previously convicted of mortgage fraud are ineligible.
	Non-occupant co-borrowers are acceptable provided they are on the current loan
Cash Back to Borrower	Maximum cash back to borrower is \$250.00. Any funds in excess of \$250 must be applied as a principal reduction
Credit Report	A tri-merged credit report is required for all borrowers
	The borrower(s) must address <b>all</b> credit inquiries indicated on the credit report within the previous 90 days, specifically <b>stating the name of the creditor(s)</b> and the result of the inquiry/inquiries (i.e. was new credit obtained or not). Examples of acceptable/unacceptable responses below:
	- Acceptable Response: "The inquiry/inquiries by Bank of America, Wells Fargo, etc. did not result in additional credit"
	<ul> <li>Unacceptable Response: "We did not obtain any additional credit as a result of the credit inquiry/inquiries listed on our credit report" (unacceptable since name of creditors not listed)</li> <li>The credit report must be dated within 120 days of the Note date</li> </ul>
Credit Scores	<ul> <li>Minimum credit score not required, however each borrower must have a credit score which must be documented</li> <li>An LPA "Accept" finding is required</li> </ul>
Derogatory Credit Events	Standard Freddie Mac derogatory credit requirements and waiting periods apply
DTI	Maximum 65%
Employment Verification	A verbal verification of employment (VVOE) is required within the 10 business days prior to the Note date for wage earner borrowers and within the 120 calendar days prior to the Note date for self-employed borrowers
	A military Leave and Earnings Statement dated within the 120 calendar days prior to the Note date is acceptable for active duty military in lieu of a VVOE
Escrow/Impound	> 80% LTV required unless prohibited by state law: CA loans ≥ 90% LTV
Account	<ul> <li>≤ 80% LTV not required; refer to HB rate sheet for pricing adjustment</li> </ul>
	Reminder: If flood insurance is required, escrow/impounds are required regardless of LTV; escrows cannot be waived



Existing Loan	The existing loan must:		
Requirements	Currently be owned by Freddie N	Лас	
	Be seasoned a minimum of 12 months (measured from the original Note date to the Note date of the		
	new loan		
	Not be a Freddie Mac Relief Refinance or Enhanced Relief Refinance Mortgage		
	Not be a Refi Possible Mortgage,		
		anding repurchase request, indemnification, or credit enhancement an is also subject to credit enhancement or it is no longer required)	
Income Limit	• The borrower's qualifying income (income from all borrowers who will sign the Note) must be ≤ 100% of the current year AMI limit for the area where the property is located.		
	If the borrower has other income when determining if AMI required	e that is <b>not</b> used for qualifying, that other income is <b>not</b> included ment has been met	
Income	Income documentation requirements:		
Documentation	Income Type	Minimum Documentation Requirements	
	Base Pay (non-fluctuating)	Borrower(s) most recent paystub, with YTD income	
	(primary borrower only)		
	Base Pay (fluctuating):	Borrower's most recent paystub with YTD income, and	
	Hourly, Tip, Bonus, OT,	W-2 covering the most recent one-year period	
	Commission (primary borrower only)		
	Military	Leave and Earnings Statement	
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	Self-Employment	<ul> <li>One-year personal and business tax returns, and</li> <li>Verification of business by third party source required</li> </ul>	
	Alimony, Child Support, Separate Maintenance	Copy of divorce decree, separation agreement, court order or equivalent documentation that includes the amount and duration of the payment, and	
		Documentation of one-month's receipt	
	All Other Eligible Income Types	Standard Freddie Mac requirements apply	
LDP/GSA and	LDP/GSA LDP/GSA		
Mortgage Fraud	All of the following parties to the transaction, as applicable, must be checked against HUD's Limited Denial of Participation list and the General Service Administration's Excluded Parties List System.  - Borrower(s) and Borrower(s) AKA name (if applicable)  - Seller(s),		
	- Seller(s), - Real Estate Listing and Selling Agent(s),		
	- Appraiser,		
	- Appraisal Company ( <b>not</b> the AMC)		
	- Broker		
	- Loan Officer, Loan Offic	cer Assistant	
	<ul><li>Loan Processor,</li><li>Underwriter,</li></ul>		
	- Closing/Settlement Age	ent.	
	- Title/Settlement Compa		
	- 203(k) Consultant		
		e interested parties to the transaction have been convicted of w and approval by Homebridge management.	
Mortgage Insurance	refer to the Mortgage Insurance topic	nnce. Standard Freddie Mac mortgage insurance policies apply; in the Freddie Mac Conforming and Super Conforming guidelines Products and Guidelines page for MI details	



Mortgage History	Mortgage history for the loan being refinanced is subject to the following:		
	0x30 in most recent 6 months, and		
	No more than 1x30 in months 7 through12, and		
	0x60 in the most recent 12 months		
	The Homebridge underwriter is responsible to confirm the mortgage history requirement is met <b>NOTE:</b>		
	If the borrower has missed payments due to COVID-19 forbearance and those payments have been resolved per Freddie Mac policy those missed payments are not considered delinquencies when determining mortgage history eligibility. The mortgage must be current as of the Note date of the new loan and the delinquencies during the COVID-19 forbearance are not reported on the credit report		
	Refer to the Mortgage/Rental History topic in the Freddie Mac Conforming and Super Conforming guidelines posted on the Homebridge website Products and Guidelines page for forbearance plan requirements		
Occupancy	1-unit owner-occupied primary residence		
Products	Fixed rate with 30 year loan term		
Properties - Eligible	1-unit single family residence/PUD (attached/detached)		
	Condominium (attached/detached). Project review not required; Homebridge must verify project is not an ineligible project (e.g. condotel, timeshare, segmented ownership project, etc.) and confirm the appropriate property and flood insurance (if applicable) is obtained		
	Multi-wide manufactured home (double/triple)		
Properties – Eligible: Florida Condominium Projects	<ul> <li>Florida condominium projects that are 3 or more stories high requirements:</li> <li>If the condo building is 30 years or older, OR</li> <li>The condo building is 25 years or older AND the building is within 3 miles of the coastline, THEN: <ul> <li>Evidence the building has completed the inspections required under Florida Senate Bill 4D (SB-4D), AND</li> <li>Evidence the HOA has completed the required structural integrity reserve study, and the budget contains sufficient reserves. The HOA fee must be consistent with the budget</li> </ul> </li> <li>NOTES: <ul> <li>If the project has not had the required inspections, it is ineligible</li> </ul> </li> <li>If an inspection was completed but revealed substantial structural deterioration and/or unsafe/dangerous conditions exist, evidence the required repairs have been completed must be provided or the project is ineligible</li> <li>REMINDER: This requirement does not apply if the condo building is only 1 or 2 stories high</li> </ul>		
Properties – Ineligible	<ul><li>2-4 units</li><li>Condotels</li><li>Co-ops</li></ul>		
Subordinate Financing	Existing subordinate financing:		



Transactions – Eligible	Limited cash-out refinance (rate/term)  NOTE: Refi Possible is eligible for one time use
Transactions – Existing Loan Ineligibility	If any of the following apply to the existing loan the loan is ineligible for refinancing under the Refi Possible program.  • The loan is not owned by Freddie Mac  • The loan is not seasoned ≥12 months (the new loan cannot close until the existing loan is seasoned at least 12 months)  • The loan Is not a first lien conventional loan  • The existing loan was originated as a Freddie Mac Relief Refinance, Enhanced Relief Refinance Mortgage, or Refi Possible  • The loan is currently subject to recourse, outstanding repurchase request, indemnification, or credit enhancement other than MI (unless the new loan is also subject to credit enhancement or it is no longer required)
Transactions – New Loan Ineligibility	<ul> <li>The following features are ineligible for the new Refi Possible loan:</li> <li>High-balance loan amount,</li> <li>DTI exceeds 65%,</li> <li>Loan originated as a Texas Section 50(a)(6) aka Texas equity</li> </ul>