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| Appraisal | All | Appraisal condition Ratings of C5 and C6 are ineligible. |
| Borrower Type Restrictions | All | Borrowers must be able to prove legal residency in the United States per Agency Guidelines. Borrowers in DACA status are ineligible. Social Security numbers are required. ITIN will not be accepted Life Estates |
| CAIVRS | FHA, VA, USDA, HUD184 | CAIVRS must be clear (not applicable on FHA Streamline). |
| Construction/Perm | All | Construction/Perm single or one-time close loans which utilize a modification agreement or a construction loan rider are ineligible. |
| Credit Reject | FHA | Loans with a Credit Reject on FHA Connection not allowed. |
| Credit Score Requirement | Conventional | ≥620 with AUS Approval. No score, Non-traditional credit is allowed subject to Agency guidelines with an AUS Approval. Gateway Overlay Exception Request Form completed and approved is also required, so appropriate pricing adjustment is calculated. Each borrower must have a minimum of one credit score with LP Accept/Accept or DU Approve/Eligible when closing with a Gateway Second Lien. |
| | FHA & VA | ≥600 with AUS Approval ≥620 for Manual Underwrite No score, Non-traditional credit is allowed subject to Agency guidelines. For borrowers with no credit scores, please use a value of 100 in the Representative Credit Score field when pricing loans in the GEMS System, so appropriate pricing adjustment is calculated. |
| | USDA | ≥620 with GUS Approval ≥640 for Manual Underwrite No score, Non-traditional credit is allowed subject to Agency guidelines. For borrowers with no credit scores, please use a value of 100 in the Representative Credit Score field when pricing loans in the GEMS System, so appropriate pricing adjustment is calculated. |
| | HUD 184 | ≥620 for Manual Underwrite No score, Non-traditional credit is allowed subject to Agency guidelines. For borrowers with no credit scores, please use a value of 100 in the Representative Credit Score field when pricing loans in the GEMS System, so appropriate pricing adjustment is calculated. |
| Down Payment & Mortgage Payment Assistance | FHA, VA, HUD 184 Conventional | All assistance programs must be prior approved by Gateway to meet specific agency guidelines. Only Government entity (Federal, State, County, Tribal, etc.) approved programs considered. The originating Correspondent Lender is responsible for compliance with all assistance program guidelines, including any current or future reporting to the borrower, government or assistance agency Seller funded, Bond and Section 8 programs are not allowed. |
| | USDA | Down Payment and Mortgage Payment Assistance Programs not allowed. |





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| DTI | Conventional | LP Accept/Accept or DU Approve/Eligible Up to 43% DTI with LP Accept/Accept or DU Approve/Eligible when closing with a Gateway Second Lien |
| | FHA &VA | LP Accept/Accept or DU Approve/Eligible Manual Underwrite allowed, up to 50% DTI for FHA and 43% DTI for VA, must include DU/LP Finding and meet applicable Agency guidelines including compensating factors. |
| | HUD 184 | 41% DTI and up to 43% DTI with compensating factors |
| | USDA | GUS Accept Manual Underwrite allowed up to 41% DTI and 44% DTI maximum with compensating factors |
| Eligible States | Gateway First and Second Liens | Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming |
| Escrow Holdback | All | Escrow Holdbacks must be completed prior to loan purchase, as evidenced by satisfactory final inspection. |
| Escrow Waiver | Conventional | All states allowed on LTV 80% or less if all items listed are met: Flood Insurance is not required Loan is not HPML All states, except California, allowed on LTV >80% to <90% LTV if all items listed above are met, including these items as well: Maximum DTI 40% Minimum Credit Score 720 Mortgage Insurance must be single premium (Lender or Borrower paid) No bankruptcy,foreclosure,short sale or short payoff dismissed, discharged or completed in last 3 year |
| | Government | Ineligible for Escrow Waivers |
| Ineligible Loan Types and | All | Temporary Interest Rate Buydowns Section 32, "high cost" loans (as defined by the Agencies or applicable federal or state regulation) |
| Features | Conventional | Freddie Mac Relief Refinance Mortgage. |
| Ineligible Properties | All | Condos in litigation, Leasehold, Tribal Land, Cooperatives, Mobile Homes, Manufactured Homes, Condotel, Timeshares, Group Homes, Unimproved Land, Working Farms and Ranches, Property currently in litigation, Properties with encroachments, Properties located in a Lava Zone, Properties held in a business name, Properties with resale deed restrictions (55+ Acceptable), Zoning violations (including residential properties zoned commercial), Commercial Enterprises (i.e. Bed and Breakfast, Boarding House, Hotel), Illinois Land Trusts. Any unique properties must be supported by like comps. |
| | USDA | 2-4 Units not allowed |
| Investment Property / Second Home | All | TRID rules apply requiring Loan Estimate and Closing Disclosure for all Second Homes and cash-out refinance investment. When the borrower does not own a primary residence, any investment property loan must qualify with full PITI payment. No Rental Income considered for any lease executed with a family member or interested party to the transaction. See also Non-Arm's Length and Primary Residence Conversion |





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| LTV / CLTV Overlay | Conventional –DU High LTV | Original LTV > 80% and MI still in force – Current MI certificate must be transferred from one of the Gateway-approved MI companies. Copy of transferred MI certificate required prior to loan purchase. MI coverage from any other provider unacceptable. DU may offer a property Fieldwork Waiver. If offered, DU must be rerun with the estimated value provided by DU. All Texas Equity properties require full Fannie Form 1004 regardless of AUS finding. Occupancy Units LTV/CLTV Primary 1-4 150%, 2nd Home 1 150% Investment 1-4 150% |
| | Conventional - LIBOR ARM and High Balance LIBOR ARM | Maximum 90% |
| Mortgage Insurance | Conventional | Approved MI companies: Arch, Essent Guaranty, Genworth, MGIC, National MI, and Radian. Unacceptable MI types: Lender Paid Monthly, Split or Annual Premium MI Minimum or Reduced MI requiring a loan level price adjustment regardless of AUS findings. See Product Descriptions forthose products eligible for LPMI. |
| Natural Disasters | All | Refer to Client Guide Chapter 2 Eligible Mortgage Loans and follow Agency Guidelines |
| Non-Arm's Length and Conflict of Interest | All | Non-arms-length and Conflict of Interest transactions are transactions in which there is a relationship or business affiliation between the borrower, seller, and/or lender. Non-arms-length transactions require full documentation including 2 years federal tax returns and Fannie 1004. Not allowed if new construction and the borrower is the builder or affiliated with or related to the builder/developer. No Rental Income considered for any lease executed with family member or interested party to the purchase or loan transaction. |
| Principal Curtailments at Closing | All | For all loans other than "No Cash-out" or "Limited Cash-out" refinances (excluding Texas Home Equity Refinances), a curtailment to refund the overpayment of fees or charges paid by the borrower may not exceed lesser of 2% of the loan amount or \$500 (\$250max on "DU HLTV (High LTV)), in accordance with applicable regulatory guidelines, and must be clearly reflected as a Principal Curtailment on the Closing Disclosure. |
| Tax Returns | All | Amended Tax returns – Tax returns that are amended after loan application for the purpose of increasing qualifying income will not be considered by underwriting. Addition of rental income or other schedules as well as the deletion of 2106 expenses will not be taken into account. Original filings, prior to amendment will be used to calculate income. |
| Third Party Originations | All | TPO Client approval is granted on a case-by-case basis. This overlay matrix does not contain all of the overlays for TPO products. Approved TPO clients must also refer to their Third-Party Origination Addendum Correspondent Loan Purchase and Sale Agreement for applicable product overlays. |





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| Underwriting | All | Clients are required to use the AUS System that corresponds with the selected Agency Loan Program (AUS Pure). If AUS Findings delivered do not match the Agency Locked Loan Program, pricing will be adjusted based on the delivered AUS Findings for purchase at the date/time of initial Locked Loan. The Agency locked loan program name needs to match supporting AUS Findings. Income calculation worksheet must be in the file, or explanation of how the income was calculated must be on transmittal form for delegated submissions. |
| | Conventional | Fannie Mae DU with Approve/Eligible or Freddie Mac LP with Accept/Accept Manual Underwrite not allowed |
| | USDA | Must be underwritten by an Underwriter employed by Correspondent with delegated USDA approval from Gateway, plus: GUS Accept required. Gateway may purchase, at Gateway's sole discretion and subject to the terms set forth below USDA loans that have been manually underwritten by a Client. To be eligible for purchase, each such loan must meet all manual underwriting guidelines as prescribed by USDA and are subject to further restrictions as described in Gateway's Overlay Matrix. All other terms and conditions applicable to the sale or repurchase of the loan remain in full force and effect. Gateway reserves the right to pass on the purchase of any such loan at Gateway's sole and complete discretion. Once underwritten, file must be submitted to RD office in the state in which the property is located to obtain a Conditional Commitment Prior to closing. Manual Underwrite: Must include GUS Finding that shows Refer/Ineligible |
| | HUD 184 | Manual Underwrite if Direct Guarantee correspondent or ONAP prior approval required. Gateway may purchase, at Gateway's sole discretion and subject to the terms set forth below HUD 184 loans that have been manually underwritten by a Client. To be eligible for purchase, each such loan must meet all manual underwriting guidelines as prescribed by ONAP and are subject to further restrictions as described in Gateway's Overlay Matrix. All other terms and conditions applicable to the sale or repurchase of the loan remain in full force and effect. Gateway reserves the right to pass on the purchase of any such loan at Gateway's sole and complete discretion. |
| | FHA | Gateway may purchase, at Gateway's sole discretion and subject to the terms set forth below, FHA loans that have been manually underwritten by a Client. To be eligible for purchase, each such loan must meet all manual underwriting guidelines as prescribed by FHA and are subject to further restrictions as described in Gateway's Overlay Matrix. All other terms and conditions applicable to the sale or repurchase of the loan remain in full force and effect. Gateway reserves the right to pass on the purchase of any such loan at Gateway's sole and complete discretion. Manual Underwrite: Must include DU/LP Finding that shows Caution/ Refer/Ineligible. |
| | VA | Gateway may purchase, at Gateway's sole discretion and subject to the terms set forth below, VA loans that have been manually underwritten by a Client. To be eligible for purchase, each such loan must meet all manual underwriting guidelines as prescribed by VA and are subject to further restrictions as described in Gateway's Overlay Matrix. All other terms and conditions applicable to the sale or repurchase of the loan remain in full force and effect. Gateway reserves the right to pass on the purchase of any such loan at Gateway's sole and complete discretion. Manual Underwrite Overlays: Must include DU/LP Finding that shows Caution/ Refer/Ineligible. |



