

Announcement

Announcement # 21-92

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Topic: Fannie Mae LL-2021-10 Expanding Refinance Eligibility with RefiNow

Penny Mac is aligning with the Fannie Mae updates announced in Lender Letter 2021-10 dated 10/20/21. Updates to the RefiNow option include but are not limited to those outlined in the below table with corresponding effective dates:

Fannie Mae RefiNow Eligibility Updates		
Effective Date	Current Requirements	NEW Requirements
Immediately	allows proceeds to pay financed closing costs, prepaid items and points that do not exceed \$5,000	allows proceeds to pay financed closing costs, prepaid items and points. Note: <i>no dollar limit is now specified</i>
	A <i>minimum \$50 reduction</i> in the borrower's monthly payment that includes principal, interest, and the mortgage insurance (if applicable) is required.	The requirement for a reduction in the monthly mortgage payment of at least \$50 is removed, though the borrower must still see some reduction in the monthly mortgage payment. Note: a reduction in interest rate of at least 50 basis points (0.5%) is still required.
casefiles submitted or resubmitted on or after the weekend of	The borrower's income must be less than or equal to 80% of the applicable Area Median Income (AMI) for the subject property's location.	The borrower's income must be less than or equal to 100% of the applicable AMI for the subject property's location.
	The existing loan being refinanced must be no more than 120 months old from the original Note date to new Note date.	The maximum loan seasoning requirement of 120 months is removed. Note: the requirement for the existing loan to be seasoned at least 12 months is still required.

Please contact your Sales Representative with any questions.