



**Pennymac Correspondent**

**FHA 203(k) Product Profile Overlays to FHA are underlined**

**Lenders must be approved by Pennymac prior to delivering 203(k) loans. 03.18.24**

**Maximum LTV/FICO Requirements**

Purchase		No Cash-out Refinance	
Min FICO	LTV <sup>1</sup>	Min FICO	LTV <sup>1</sup>
<u>580</u> 620 for Manual U/W	106.15%	<u>580</u> 620 for Manual U/W	107.52% <sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup>See Down Payment Assistance and Secondary Financing section for CLTV limitations

<sup>2</sup>Max LTV as indicated on DU. LTV based on 110% of the after improved value calculation.

Other factors may impact LTV maximum available for the transaction. See the LTV Calculation section for details.  
May not exceed maximum LTV allowed by FHA.

**COVID-19**

- Please refer to the following for all updates related to COVID-19:
  - FHA website for mortgagee letters and additional information  
[https://www.hud.gov/program\\_offices/administration/hudclips/letters/mortgagee](https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/administration/hudclips/letters/mortgagee)
- All COVID specific requirements and flexibilities have ended. Follow standard FHA underwriting guidelines.

**Construction Overlays**

- Self Help is not allowed.
- Homes that have been demolished, or will be razed as part of the rehabilitation work are ineligible.
- Homes located on another site, that will be moved onto a new foundation are ineligible.
- Refinances: The appraiser must provide the as-is value in the body of the report. If the appraiser refuses to provide the as-is value within the as-repaired report, Pennymac will require both an as-is appraisal and as-repaired appraisal. The existing debt plus fees may not be used to determine the Adjusted As-Is Value.

**Ability To Repay and Qualified Mortgage Rule**

- For loans subject to the ATR/QM rule, Pennymac will only purchase loans that comply with the ATR/QM requirements.
  - Note: Investment properties which are for business purposes (borrower does not intend to occupy for greater than 14 days in the year) are exempt from ATR/QM; however, such loans must meet agency eligibility requirements and are subject to the applicable points and fees threshold.
- Correspondents are responsible for providing evidence of compliance with the ATR/QM rules.
- Clear itemization of fees and application of all credits that indicate paid by/to will be required on all loans.
- See Seller Guide section "Ability to Repay and Qualified Mortgage Rule" under "Delivery Procedures" for more details.

### Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU)

- An ADU refers to a single habitable living unit with separate ingress and egress from the primary housing unit.
  - One-unit properties, with a single ADU unit only
  - The ADU must be subordinate in size to the primary residence
  - The ADU must meet FHA minimum requirements for a living unit
  - The ADU along with the one-unit primary residence dwelling, together, constitute a single interest in real estate
- Eligible Improvements
  - Converting a single-family residence to a single-family with an ADU
    - Adding an ADU that will be attached to an existing structure
  - Renovating an existing ADU that is attached or unattached to the existing primary residence
- Rental income received from the subject property ADU is eligible
  - Rental income from the ADU unit may not exceed 30% of the total monthly income used for qualification
  - If the borrower does not have a history of receiving rental income from the subject property ADU since the last tax filing, only 50% of the lesser of fair market rent (from form 1007) or the amount on the rental lease agreement may be used as effective income for qualification purposes.
  - Rental income from the ADU must be added to the borrower's gross monthly income
  - Two months PITIA reserves required
  - Full appraisal is required. Appraisal requirements include
    - Must represent highest and best use
    - Provide a description of the ADU characteristics
    - Report the GLA of the ADU separate from the primary residence
    - State whether the ADU can be legally rented without restrictions; and
    - Report the current occupancy of the ADU unit, and provide the details of an existing lease agreement if applicable
    - A Single-Family Comparable Rent Schedule (Form 1007/1000) may be required depending on the length of time the ADU rental income has been received by the borrower
  - Refer to the FHA Handbook for complete ADU rental history and documentation requirements
- Rental income received from other REO or departing residence with an ADU is eligible
  - A Single-Family Comparable Rent Schedule (Form 1007/1000) may be required depending on the length the rental income has been received by the borrower
  - Refer to the FHA Handbook for complete ADU rental history and documentation requirements
- Refer to the FHA Handbook for complete ADU, appraisal, and rental income from an ADU requirements.

### Age of Documents

- Credit documents must be no more than 120 days old on the disbursement date, including credit reports and employment, income and asset documents.
- Preliminary Title Policies must be no more than 180 days old on the date the note is signed.

<p><b>Appraisals</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Appraisals are valid for 180 days.</li> <li>• An appraisal update must be performed before the initial appraisal. Where the initial appraisal is subsequently updated, the updated appraisal is valid for a period of one year after the effective date of the initial appraisal report that is being updated.</li> <li>• Appraisers may perform an update of a previously completed appraisal using the Fannie Mae Form 1004D/Freddie Mac Form 442/March 2005 when requested by the Mortgagee.</li> <li>• For Purchase Transactions: The appraiser must provide the proposed value after rehabilitation. The as-is value to be used in the maximum mortgage calculation is the lesser of the purchase price less any inducements to purchase or the as-is property value.</li> <li>• For Refinances Transactions: The appraiser must provide the proposed value after rehabilitation. <u>In addition, the appraiser must provide the as-is value in the body of the report. If the appraiser refuses to provide the as-is value within the as-repaired report, Pennymac will require both an as-is appraisal and as-repaired appraisal. The existing debt plus fees may not be used to determine the Adjusted As-Is Value.</u></li> <li>• Properties with evidence of commercial production of marijuana, including but not limited to grow rooms, hydroponic equipment are ineligible</li> </ul>
<p><b>Architectural Exhibits</b></p>	<p>The improvements must comply with HUD's Minimum Property Standards (24 CFR 200.926d and/or HUD Handbook 4000.1 II.B) and all local codes and ordinances. The following list of exhibits are recommended, but may be modified by the jurisdictional HUD office as required:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Plot Plan of the Site is required only if a new addition is being made to the existing structure. Show the location of the structure(s), walks, drives, streets, and other relevant details. Include finished grade elevations at the property corners and building corners. Show the required flood elevation.</li> <li>• Proposed Interior Plan of the Dwelling. Show where structural or planning changes are contemplated, including an addition to the dwelling. (An existing plan is no longer required.)</li> <li>• Work Write-up and Cost Estimate. The Mortgagee must obtain the Consultant's Work Write-Up and Cost Estimate for all Standard 203(k) Mortgages. The Mortgagee must ensure the Work Write-Up/Cost Estimate specifies the type of repair and cost of each Work Item. The Mortgagee must review the Work Write-Up and ensure that all health and safety issues identified were addressed before, including additional Work Items. The Work Write-Up refers to the report prepared by a 203(k) Consultant that identifies each Work Item to be performed and the specifications for completion of the repair. Cost Estimate refers to a breakdown of the cost for each proposed Work Item, prepared by a 203(k) Consultant. Work Item refers to a specific repair or improvement that will be performed.</li> </ul>
<p><b>ARM Initial Interest Rate Adjustment Dates</b></p>	<p>Please click <a href="#">HERE</a> for the Adjustable-Rate Mortgage Initial Interest Rate Adjustment Dates Document. Can also be found on <a href="http://www.goPennymac.com">www.goPennymac.com</a>, click on Tools &amp; Resources, then, Guides, then choose Government ARM Initial Interest Rate Adjustment Dates.</p>
<p><b>Assets/Gift Funds/Large Deposits</b></p>	<p><b>Virtual Currency</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Cryptocurrency/virtual currency may only be used as funds for closing and reserves if it has been exchanged into U.S. dollars and is held in a U.S. or state regulated financial institution. There must be sufficient documentation to verify that the funds originated from the borrower's cryptocurrency/virtual currency account. <u>Acceptable documentation to use those funds includes the following:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <u>Documentation from a cryptocurrency exchange account verifying the borrower as the legal owner and not the nickname of the account. AND</u></li> <li>○ <u>Previous borrower bank statement showing funds going into the same cryptocurrency exchange account that the large deposit came from. OR</u></li> <li>○ <u>1099-B/MISC from the same cryptocurrency exchange account that the large deposit came from, plus the borrower's tax returns reflecting the 1099 gain/loss</u></li> </ul> </li> </ul>

<b>Assignment of Mortgages</b>	All loans must be registered with MERS at time of delivery to Pennymac and a MERS transfer of beneficial rights and transfer of servicing rights must be initiated by the Seller, to Pennymac Corp, LLC (#1009313), within 24-hours of purchase.
<b>AUS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>All loans must be submitted through FHA TOTAL Mortgage Scorecard utilizing DU or LPA. Loans receiving a Refer recommendation or loans that require a downgrade may be manually underwritten in accordance with Pennymac overlays and FHA manual underwriting requirements.</u></li> <li>• See FHA handbook 4000.1 II.A.4.a.v for scenarios that require downgrades to manual underwriting.</li> </ul>
<b>Borrower Eligibility</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• U.S. citizens</li> <li>• Permanent resident aliens with proof of lawful permanent residence</li> <li>• Nonpermanent resident aliens with proof of lawful residence</li> <li>• DACA recipients are eligible with proof of legal status, including but not limited to a valid Employment Authorization Document card. See Non-U.S. Citizen Documentation Requirements.</li> <li>• Pennymac allows Mortgage Credit Certificates (MCCs) in accordance with FHA policy (can be considered as acceptable income or used to offset the mortgage payment, before calculating the qualifying ratios). Include a copy of the MCC and lender's documented calculation in the file.</li> <li>• Housing Choice Voucher Homeownership Program income (commonly known as Section 8 for homeowners) paid via Housing Assistance Payments (HAPs) are an acceptable source of income.</li> </ul>
<b>Change Orders</b>	<p>If there are any change orders or contingency changes, they must be addressed in the following documentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Limited 203k: The appraisal and/or inspection report</li> <li>• Standard 203k: The draw request</li> </ul>
<b>CEMA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Refinance Only</li> <li>• 1-4-unit properties</li> <li>• eMortgages are ineligible</li> <li>• Lost Note Affidavits (LNAs) are not allowed for prior or current notes</li> </ul>
<b>Condominiums</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must be located in an FHA approved Condominium Project</li> <li>• HUD REOs do not require FHA Condominium Project approval.</li> <li>• Condominiums involved in minor litigation subject to DE approval and in accordance with FHA requirements.</li> <li>• Additional FHA Condo Requirements on 203k: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The maximum mortgage amount cannot exceed 100% of after-improved value</li> <li>○ Rehabilitate only the interior space of an eligible condominium unit excluding any areas that are the responsibility of the condominium association. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ For 203(k) Rehabilitation Mortgage eligibility, a one-family dwelling unit in a multi-unit condominium project may be considered a single-unit structure and a townhouse in a townhouse-style condominium may be considered a single-unit structure provided each townhouse-style unit is separated by a one and one-half hour firewall from foundation to roof.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>

<p><b>Contingency Reserve</b></p>	<p><b>For Standard 203(k) transactions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For structures with an actual age of less than 30 years: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Required when evidence of termite damage: Minimum 10%, Maximum 20%</li> <li>○ Discretionary: No minimum, maximum 20%</li> </ul> </li> <li>• For structures with an actual age of 30 years or more: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Required: Minimum 10%, Maximum 20%</li> <li>○ Required when utilities are not operable as referenced in the Work Write-Up: Minimum 15%, Maximum 20%</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>Cost of Rehabilitation</b></p>	<p>The following repair and improvement costs and fees may be financed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• costs of construction, repairs and rehabilitation;</li> <li>• architectural/engineering professional fees;</li> <li>• the 203(k) Consultant fee subject to the limits in the 203(k) Consultant Fee Schedule section;</li> <li>• inspection fees performed during the construction period, provided the fees are reasonable and customary for the area; • title update fees; • permits;</li> <li>• a Feasibility Study, when necessary to determine if the rehabilitation is feasible;</li> <li>• Any costs for Energy Efficient Mortgages and Solar Energy Systems must not be included in financeable repair and improvement costs;</li> <li>• Contingency reserves as required above;</li> <li>• Up to 6 months mortgage payments;</li> <li>• Origination fee, discount points, see 4000.1 II.A.8.a.vi (F) for additional information.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Credit</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Each borrower must have at least one credit score to be eligible.</u></li> <li>• Non-borrowing spouse (NBS): If the subject property is located in a community property state, or the NBS currently resides (rents or owns) in a community property state their debt must be included in qualifying ratios (regardless if the new primary residence is located in a non-community property state.</li> <li>• Frozen Credit: No credit bureaus may be frozen. Borrowers must unfreeze all bureaus, and the AUS rerun with the updated credit.</li> <li>• Installment debt must be paid in full to be excluded. Closed-end debts can be excluded if they will be paid off within 10 months from the date of closing and the cumulative payments of all such debts are less than or equal to 5% of the borrower's gross monthly income. Borrowers may not pay down installment debts to less than 10 months to exclude the debt for qualifying</li> </ul>

## Derogatory Credit

- 2 years elapsed since completion or discharge of Ch. 7 or Ch. 13 Bankruptcy, to case number assignment date.
- 3 years elapsed since completion of Foreclosure, Deed in Lieu or Short Sale, to case number assignment date.

### Collections

- If the total outstanding balance for all borrowers is less than \$2,000, a capacity analysis is not required to be performed.
- If the total outstanding balance for all borrowers is equal to or greater than \$2,000 at time of underwrite, lender must perform a capacity analysis. Capacity analysis includes:
  - Payment in full of collection accounts, prior to or at closing, along with documentation of acceptable source of funds,
  - Borrower makes payment arrangements, and provides proof of arrangement with payment included in DTI, or
  - 5% of the outstanding balance of each collection account is included as monthly payment in DTI.
- Non-borrowing spouse collection accounts ARE included in cumulative balance in community property states.
- Medical collections and charge offs are excluded.

### Judgments

- Judgments must be paid prior to or at closing. An exception to the payoff of a court ordered judgment may be made if the borrower has an agreement with the creditor to make regular and timely payments. Provide a copy of the agreement and proof of 3 months payments made prior to credit approval. Borrowers may not prepay the scheduled payments to qualify.

### Disputed accounts

- If the credit report utilized by TOTAL Mortgage Scorecard indicates that the Borrower has \$1,000 or more collectively in Disputed Derogatory Credit Accounts, the Mortgage must be downgraded to a Refer and manually underwritten.
- Cumulative outstanding balance of disputed derogatory accounts less than \$1,000: Manual downgrade NOT required.
- Disputed medical accounts, disputed derogatory accounts resulting from identity theft may be excluded from the \$1,000 limit. Identity theft documentation must be provided. Disputed Derogatory Accounts defined as:
  - Disputed charge-off accounts,
  - Disputed collection accounts, and
  - Disputed accounts with late payments in the last 24 months
  - The following disputed non-derogatory accounts are not included in the \$1,000 limit:
    - Disputed accounts with \$0 balance,
    - Disputed accounts with late payments 24 months or older, or
    - Disputed accounts that are current and paid as agreed.

### Tax liens

- Tax liens may remain unpaid if the Borrower has entered into a valid repayment agreement with the federal agency owed to make regular payments on the debt and the Borrower has made timely payments for at least three months of scheduled payments. The Borrower cannot prepay scheduled payments in order to meet the required minimum of three months of payments.
- Lender must provide proof of satisfactory payment agreement, and minimum of three months timely payments.
- Lender must include the payment amount in the agreement in the calculation of the Borrower's Debt-to-Income (DTI) ratio

<b>Documentation Type</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Follow TOTAL Scorecard and FHA requirements.</li> <li>• The Lender must obtain a year-to-date Profit and Loss (P&amp;L) statement and balance sheet if more than a calendar quarter has elapsed since date of most recent calendar or fiscal year-end tax return was filed by the Borrower. A balance sheet is not required for self-employed Borrowers filing Schedule C income. If income used to qualify the Borrower exceeds the two-year average of tax returns, an audited P&amp;L or signed quarterly tax return must be obtained from the IRS.</li> <li>• Additionally, if income used to qualify the borrower exceeds the two-year average of tax returns, an audited P&amp;L or signed quarterly tax returns obtained from IRS are required.</li> <li>• Income or assets derived from the following sources are ineligible for qualifying: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The production or sale of marijuana</li> <li>○ Restricted stock or Restricted stock units (RSU)</li> <li>○ Cryptocurrency income</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><i>Note: Regardless of AUS documentation requirements, all documentation submitted with the loan file is subject to review and may be used for qualification purposes.</i></p>
<b>Down Payment</b>	<p>Minimum 3.5% required down payment on purchase transactions.</p>
<b>Down Payment Assistance and Secondary Financing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Down Payment Assistance (DPA) programs are permitted in accordance with FHA's guidelines. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ No maximum CLTV when the second is provided by a government entity.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• No maximum CLTV when the second is provided by a family member.</li> <li>• The maximum CLTV when the second provided by private individuals and other organizations is 110% of the After Improved Value. Secondary financing provided by private individuals and other organizations may not be used to meet the Borrower's minimum down payment requirement.</li> <li>• Please refer to the FHA Handbook for complete FHA secondary financing requirements.</li> </ul>
<b>Draws: General Information</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Draw documents are required for any funds released prior to delivery to Pennymac.</li> <li>• Maximum of five draws for standard, 2 for limited</li> <li>• Holdback required, see Holdback section for details.</li> <li>• W-9 required for each contractor</li> <li>• For each draw request, the Consultant may charge an Inspection Fee that is reasonable and customary for work performed in the area where the property is located, provided the fee does not exceed a maximum of \$350</li> <li>• The Mortgagee must obtain an executed form HUD-9746-A, Draw Request Section 203(k), from the 203(k) Consultant, or from the Borrower when there is no 203(k) Consultant, requesting the release of escrow funds for completed Work Items.</li> </ul>

## Initial Draw at Close

For Standard 203(k) transactions, mortgagees may disburse the following at closing:

- permit fees (the permit must be obtained before work commences);
- prepaid architectural or engineering fees;
- prepaid Consultant fees;
- origination fees;
- discount points;
- materials costs for items, prepaid by the borrower in cash or by the contractor, where a contract is established with the supplier and order is placed with the manufacturer for delivery at a later date; and
- Up to 50 percent of materials costs for items, not yet paid for by the borrower or contractor, where a contract is established with the supplier and an order is placed with the manufacturer for delivery at a later date.
- For any disbursements paid to the contractor, the mortgagee must hold back 10 percent of the draw request in the Contingency Reserve.

For Limited 203(k) transactions, mortgagees may disburse the following at closing:

- permit fees (the permit must be obtained before work commences);
- origination fees;
- discount points; and
- up to 50 percent of the estimated materials and labor costs before beginning construction only when the contractor is not willing or able "to defer receipt of payment until completion of the work, or the payment represents the cost of materials incurred prior to construction. A statement from the contractor is sufficient to document



**Draws: Required Documentation**

- Standard Intermediate Draw Requirements:
  - HUD 9746-A
  - Title update (optional) and Lien Waiver and Release
  - Accounting summary
  - Contingency Release Letter (if applicable)
  - Change order (if applicable)
  - Invoices for requested funds
  - Permits and required inspections (if applicable)
  - Pictures of completed work
- Standard Final Draw Requirements
  - HUD 9746-A
  - Title update and Lien Waiver and Release
  - Accounting summary
  - Mortgagor's letter of completion
  - Final release notice
  - Contingency release letter (if applicable)
  - Invoices for requested funds
  - Permits and required inspections (if applicable)
  - Pictures of completed work
- Limited Final Draw
  - HUD 9746-A
  - Title update and Lien Waiver and Release
  - Accounting summary
  - Retainage Release Letter/Summary (optional)
  - Letter of Satisfaction (optional)
  - Mortgagor's letter of completion
  - Final release notice
  - Compliance Inspection Report/1004D
  - Contingency Release Letter (if applicable)
  - Change order (if applicable)
  - Invoices for requested funds
  - Permits and required inspections (if applicable)
  - Pictures of completed work

**eMortgages and eNotarization**

- eMortgages and eNotarization are eligible for Delegated correspondents only
- Lenders must be approved by Pennymac prior to delivering eMortgages, transactions closed using eNotarization or Remote Online Notarization (RON)
- Lenders are responsible for ensuring eMortgage loans are delivered in accordance with all requirements in the Pennymac Correspondent Group eMortgage Guide, including but not limited to the following:
  - State eligibility; and
  - Product eligibility; and
  - Transaction eligibility; and
  - eNotarization eligibility; and
  - RON eligibility

<b>Extension Requests</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If the work is not completed within the rehabilitation period specified in the Rehabilitation Loan Agreement, the Borrower may request an extension of time and must submit adequate documentation to justify the extension. The Mortgagee may grant an extension at its discretion only if the Mortgage Payments are current or the borrower is complying with the terms of the forbearance.</li> <li>• The Mortgagee must obtain: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ evidence that the Mortgage is current or the borrower is complying with the terms of the forbearance;</li> <li>○ an explanation for the delay from the Borrower, contractor, or Consultant; and</li> <li>○ A new estimated completion date.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Financing Concessions</b>	Financing concessions cannot exceed 6% of the sales price.
<b>High Cost / High Priced</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pennymac will not purchase High-Cost Loans</li> <li>• Higher Priced Mortgage Loans (HPML) transactions are eligible for purchase. HPML guidelines require: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Establishment of an escrow account for taxes and insurance premiums on any transaction secured by a principal residence.</li> <li>○ Must meet all applicable state and/or federal compliance requirements.</li> <li>○ A prohibition on ARM loans with an initial fixed rate period of less than seven years</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Homeowner Contractor Agreements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contractor acceptance is required for each contractor by the borrower.</li> <li>• The lender is required to approve all contractors.</li> </ul>
<b>Holdback</b>	A ten percent holdback is required on each release from the Rehabilitation Escrow Account. Before final release of rehabilitation escrow funds, the Mortgagee must approve the final inspection and draw request signed by the Consultant, contractor, and Borrower.
<b>Identity of Interest Transaction</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sales transactions between Family Members and tenants/landlords that meet the requirements for the exception in Exceptions to the Maximum LTV are permitted.</li> <li>• The Mortgagee must ensure there are no other instances of Identity of Interest or conflict of interest between parties in the 203(k) transaction. The Borrower and the 203(k) Consultant must each sign an Identity-of-Interest certification that is placed in the case binder.</li> <li>• Identity of Interest refers to a transaction between Family Members, business partners or other business affiliates.</li> <li>• Conflict of interest refers to any party to the transaction who has a direct or indirect personal, business, or financial relationship sufficient to appear that may cause partiality and influence the transaction.</li> <li>• Business Relationship refers to an association between individuals or companies entered into for commercial purposes.</li> <li>• Family Member is defined as follows, regardless of actual or perceived sexual orientation, gender identity, or legal marital status: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Child, parent, or grandparent; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ a child is defined as a son, stepson, daughter, or stepdaughter;</li> <li>○ a parent or grandparent includes a step-parent/grandparent or foster parent/grandparent;</li> <li>○ spouse or domestic partner;</li> <li>○ legally adopted son or daughter, including a child who is placed with the Borrower by an authorized agency for legal adoption;</li> <li>○ foster child;</li> <li>○ brother, stepbrother; sister, stepsister;</li> <li>○ uncle; aunt; or</li> <li>○ son-in-law, daughter-in-law, father-in-law, mother-in-law, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law of the Borrower.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>

## Inspections (Fee Consultants)

- An onsite property inspection must be performed by HUD-approved consultants/inspectors or HUD-accepted staff of the DE lender. The consultant is to use the architectural exhibits in order to make a determination of compliance or non-compliance. When the inspection is scheduled with a payment, the inspector is to indicate whether or not the work has been completed. Also, the inspector is to use the Draw Request form (Form HUD-9746-A).
- The first draw must not be scheduled until the lender has determined that the applicable building permits related to the specific draw items have been issued
- Fee for each inspection ordered by Pennymac is \$185.

## Limited 203K

- Repair Amount:
  - No minimum repair amount
  - Maximum of \$35,000 repair amount.
- Consultant permitted, but not required
  - The Lender is responsible for ensuring the contractor meets all jurisdictional licensing and bonding requirements. Lender is responsible for examining the contractor's bids and determining they fall within the usual and customary range for similar work.
- As-Repaired Appraisal is only required.
- Contingency Reserve is not mandated; however, it may be established. If established, may not exceed 20% of the financeable repair and improvement costs.
- Draw Disbursements:
  - The mortgagee may disburse up to 50% of the estimated materials and labor costs before beginning construction only when the contractor is not willing or able to defer receipt of payment until completion of the work, or the payment represents the cost of materials incurred prior to construction. A statement from the contractor is sufficient to document.
  - No more than two draws per contractor - Holdback not required
  - See Draw section for additional information.
- Self Help is not allowed
- The Limited (k) program is intended to facilitate uncomplicated rehabilitation and/or improvements to a home for which plans, consultants, engineers and/or architects are not required. Eligible improvement types include, but are not limited to:
  - eliminating health and safety hazards that would violate HUD's MPR;
  - repairing or replacing wells and/or septic systems;
  - connecting to public water and sewage systems;
  - repairing/replacing plumbing, heating, AC and electrical systems;
  - making changes for improved functions and modernization, and eliminating obsolescence;
  - repairing or installing new roofing, provided the structural integrity of the Structure will not be impacted by the work being performed; siding; gutters; and downspouts;
  - making energy conservation improvements;
  - creating accessibility for persons with disabilities;
  - installing or repairing fences, walkways, and driveways;
  - installing a new refrigerator, cooktop, oven, dishwasher, built-in microwave oven and washer/dryer;
  - repairing or removing an in-ground swimming pool;
  - installing smoke detectors;
  - installing, replacing or repairing exterior decks, patios, and porches; and
  - covering lead-based paint stabilization costs (above and beyond what is paid for by HUD when it sells REO properties) if the Structure was built before 1978, in accordance with the single-family mortgage insurance lead-based paint rule and EPA's Renovation, Repair, and Painting Rule.
- Ineligible uses for the Limited (k) program, include but are not limited to:
  - Major rehabilitation of major remodeling, such as the relocation of a load-bearing wall
  - New construction including room additions
  - Repairs of structural damage
  - Repairs requiring detailed drawings or architectural exhibits
  - Landscaping or similar site amenity improvements
  - See 4000.1 II.A.8.a.vii (A)(1) for complete details on Limited 203(k) transactions.

## Loan Limits

FHA mortgage limits for all areas: <https://entp.hud.gov/idapp/html/hicostlook.cfm>. Refer to Rate Sheet for High Balance price adjustments.

<p><b>Loan Purpose</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Purchase</li> <li>• Limited cash-out/rate &amp; term refinance (credit qualifying) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Proceeds can be used to Pay off a first mortgage regardless of age</li> <li>○ Proceeds can be used to pay off any junior liens related to the purchase of the subject property, or that are seasoned at least 12 months</li> <li>○ Pay related Closing Costs and Prepaid items</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Cash-out transactions are not permitted</li> <li>• <u>Energy Efficient Mortgages (EEM) are not permitted</u></li> <li>• <u>Weatherization, solar, wind technologies costs are not permitted</u></li> <li>• \$100 Down program is acceptable</li> <li>• Good Neighbor Next Door program is acceptable.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Loan Purpose: Ineligible Transactions</b></p>	<p>Intra-family purchases as a means to obtain cash-out for the seller while avoiding cash-out qualifications and pricing are not eligible transactions. These types of transactions may seem to meet Agency guidelines, they are not bonafide purchase transactions and therefore not eligible for purchase by Pennymac. Unacceptable transactions of this type may have some or all of the following characteristics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gift of equity from the seller</li> <li>• Large amount of seller credits</li> <li>• Family member remaining in the home and on title after the “purchase”</li> <li>• Seller unable to qualify for a cash-out transaction of their own</li> </ul>
<p><b>LTV Calculation</b></p>	<p>Purchase: The maximum mortgage amount that FHA will insure on a 203(k) purchase is the lesser of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the appropriate Loan-to-Value (LTV) ratio from the Purchase Loan-to-Value Limits, multiplied by the lesser of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ the Adjusted As-Is Value, plus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Financeable Repair and Improvement Costs, for Standard 203(k) or Limited 203(k);</li> <li>▪ Financeable Mortgage Fees, for Standard 203(k) or Limited 203(k);</li> <li>▪ Financeable Contingency Reserves, for or Limited 203(k); and</li> <li>▪ Financeable Mortgage Payment Reserves, for Standard 203(k) only; or</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ 110 percent of the After Improved Value (100 percent for condominiums); or</li> </ul> </li> <li>• the Nationwide Mortgage Limits.</li> <li>• For a HUD REO 203(k) purchase utilizing the Good Neighbor Next Door (GNND) or \$100 Down sales incentive, the mortgagee must calculate the maximum mortgage amount that FHA will insure in accordance with HUD REO Purchasing.</li> <li>• See section 4000.1 II.A.8.a.ir for definition of Financeable Repairs and Improvement costs, Mortgage Fees, Contingency Reserves and Mortgage Payment Reserves.</li> <li>• Note: AUS maximum at 106.15%.</li> </ul> <p>Refinance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• See 4000.1 II.A.8.a.x for Maximum Mortgage Amounts for Refinance</li> </ul>
<p><b>Maximum Mortgage Worksheet</b></p>	<p>Either provide the HUD-92700 Maximum Mortgage Worksheet, or the applicable FHA Maximum Mortgage Calculation Worksheet located on the HUD website.</p>

<b>Mortgage Payment Reserve</b>	Funds not to exceed the amount of six mortgage payments (including the mortgage insurance premium) can be included in the cost of rehabilitation to assist a mortgagor when the property is not habitable during rehabilitation. The number of mortgage payments cannot exceed the completion time frame required in the Rehabilitation Loan Agreement.
<b>Mortgage Products: Eligible</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fixed Rate: 10, 15, 20, 25 &amp; 30 year terms (FHA High Balance allowed on all terms)</li> <li>• CMT ARM: 5/1 (1/1/5 caps)</li> </ul>
<b>Occupancy</b>	Owner Occupied Residences only
<b>Permits</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consultant must indicate which work items require permits in the WWU (if applicable).</li> <li>• Permits must be obtained prior to work commencing.</li> <li>• The Consultant must ensure that all building permits are onsite for the work that was performed.</li> <li>• At each draw inspection, the Consultant must complete form HUD-9746-A, Draw Request Section 203(k), to indicate completion of the repairs in compliance with the Work Write-Up and architectural exhibits. The Consultant must ensure all repairs meet all local codes and ordinances, including any required permits and inspections. The Consultant must ensure that both the Borrower and the contractor sign the form to certify that the work has been completed in a workmanlike manner before authorizing payments.</li> <li>• The Mortgagee may release funds only when repairs and improvements per the draw request, whether made by the contractor or Borrower, meet all federal, state, and local laws, codes and ordinances, including any required permits and inspections.</li> </ul>
<b>Property: Eligible Improvements</b>	<p>Must begin within 30 days of execution of the Rehabilitation Loan Agreement. Must be completed within six months of closings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Can be used to convert a one-family dwelling to a two-, three-, or four-family dwelling. An existing multi-unit dwelling could be decreased to a one- to four-family unit.</li> <li>• Improvement Standards (reference: HUD Handbook 4000.1 II A.8.a. vi. (A) (2) (a) and (b)) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ All improvements to existing structures must comply with HUD's MPR and meet or exceed local building codes.</li> <li>○ For a newly constructed addition to the existing structure, the energy improvements must meet or exceed local codes and the requirements of the latest energy code standard that has been adopted by HUD through a Federal Register notice.</li> <li>○ Any addition of a structure unit must be attached to the existing structure.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• A minimum of \$5,000 must be used in part for renovation and/or repair of an existing property. Minor or cosmetic repairs or new fixtures alone, such as stoves and refrigerators, are not acceptable. The repair or renovations include, but are not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ making structural alterations such as repair or replacement of structural damage, additions to structure and finished attics and/or basements</li> <li>○ eliminating health and safety hazards that would violate HUD's Minimum Property Standards</li> <li>○ installing or repairing wells and/or septic systems - making changes for improved functions and modernization</li> <li>○ making changes for aesthetic appeal</li> <li>○ repairing or adding roofing, gutters and downspouts</li> <li>○ making energy conservation improvements</li> <li>○ landscaping, installing or repairing exterior decks, patios, and porches (must increase the As-Is Property Value equal to the dollar amount spent on the improvements or necessary to preserve the property from erosion),</li> <li>○ creating accessibility for persons with disabilities</li> <li>○ See 4000.1 II.A.8.a.vi (A)(1) for additional eligible repairs.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

<p><b>Property: Ineligible Improvements</b></p>	<p>The 203(k) mortgage proceeds may not be used to finance costs associated with the purchase or repair of any luxury item, any improvement that does not become a permanent part of the subject Property, or improvements that solely benefit commercial functions within the Property, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• recreational or luxury improvements, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ swimming pools (existing swimming pools can be repaired)</li> <li>○ an exterior hot tub, spa, whirlpool bath, or sauna</li> <li>○ barbecue pits, outdoor fireplaces or hearths</li> <li>○ bath houses</li> <li>○ tennis courts</li> <li>○ satellite dishes</li> <li>○ tree surgery (except when eliminating an endangerment to existing improvements)</li> <li>○ photo murals</li> <li>○ gazebos; or</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Additions or alterations to support commercial use or to equip or refurbish space for commercial use.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Property: Eligible Types</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Single Family Residence</li> <li>• 2–4 Unit</li> <li>• PUDs</li> <li>• Condominiums (must be FHA eligible and scope is limited to interior rehabilitation)</li> <li>• Property must have been completed for at least one year as evidenced by a certificate of occupancy or other similar documentation from the local jurisdiction.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Property: Ineligible Types</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Manufactured homes (built on a permanent chassis and attached to permanent foundations). Also includes on-frame modular homes built on a permanent chassis.</u></li> <li>• Mobile homes</li> <li>• Cooperatives</li> <li>• Condotels</li> <li>• Hotel Condominiums</li> <li>• Timeshares</li> <li>• Geodesic Domes</li> <li>• Working Farms and Ranches</li> <li>• Unimproved Land and property currently in litigation</li> <li>• New(er) Construction, completed within the last year</li> <li>• <u>Mixed-use</u></li> <li>• <u>Homes that have been demolished, or will be razed as part of the rehabilitation work.</u></li> <li>• <u>Homes located on another site, that will be moved onto a new foundation</u></li> <li>• <u>Rehabilitation involving Self Help is not allowed.</u></li> <li>• <u>Historic Homes – homes designated by an official body as “historic” e.g., listed on the National Register of Historic Places</u></li> </ul>
<p><b>Property Flipping Policy</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Properties resold 90 days or fewer following the date of acquisition by the seller are not eligible for FHA financing unless the loan meets the exceptions set forth in 4000.1 II.A.1.iv (A)(3). The date of acquisition is defined as date of settlement on the seller’s purchase of the property. The resale date is defined as the date of execution of the sales contract by a buyer intending to finance the property with an FHA-insured loan.</li> <li>• Properties resold between 91 and 180 days after acquisition require a second appraisal by a different appraiser if the resale price is 100% or more over the price paid by the seller when the property was acquired.</li> </ul>

<b>Qualifying</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fixed rate: qualify at the note rate.</li> <li>• 5/1 ARMs qualify at the note rate Exception: ARMs in IL, MA and NM require qualifying at the greater of the note rate or the fully indexed rate (margin + index).</li> </ul>
<b>Ratios</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Per AUS or FHA Manual Underwriting requirements</li> </ul>
<b>Recently Listed Properties</b>	<u>For Refinances, subject must be off the market by the time of the application.</u>
<b>Rehabilitation Loan Agreement</b>	Must be included in the file. Executed by the borrower and lender in order to establish the conditions under which the lender will release funds from the Rehabilitation Escrow Account.
<b>Reserves</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All assets submitted to the AUS (FHA TOTAL Scorecard) must be verified and documented. This includes the assets that exceed the amount required for closing i.e. Reserves.</li> <li>• 3-4 Unit Properties: the equivalent of at least three months PITIA after closing must be verified and documented for 3-4 unit properties.</li> </ul>
<b>Seasoning</b>	Please refer to the Pennymac Seasoned Loan Policy located in the Pennymac Seller Guide for requirements and loan-level price adjustments.
<b>Self Help</b>	<u>Not allowed.</u>
<b>State Restrictions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Texas 50 (a) (6) Refinance Mortgages are not eligible</li> </ul>
<b>Temporary Interest Rate Buydowns</b>	<p>Allowed subject to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Max total interest rate reduction of 3%, max increase per year of 1% (only 1/0, 1/1, 2/1 and 3/2/1 buydowns allowed)</li> <li>• Maximum 3 years to reach standard note rate</li> <li>• Fixed rate only</li> <li>• <u>Minimum 660 FICO</u></li> <li>• Purchase only</li> <li>• Must qualify at the standard note rate without benefit of the buydown</li> <li>• Must meet all other applicable FHA requirements, including but not limited to qualification, documentation of buydown, and funding of buydown.</li> </ul>
<b>Title Requirements (Lien Waivers)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lien waivers are required for each draw. A final title update assuring first lien position through the completion date is required.</li> <li>• Fee for each title update ordered by Pennymac is \$75.</li> </ul>



## Transcripts

- Tax transcripts for the most recent one year are required for all self-employed borrowers whose income is used to qualify. If only non-self-employed income is used to qualify, transcripts are not required.
- When tax transcripts are provided, they must support the income used to qualify.
- A properly executed 4506-C is required for all transactions.
- If tax transcripts are not available (due to a recent filing for the current year) a copy of the IRS notice showing "No record of return filed" is required along with documented acknowledgement receipt (such as IRS officially stamped tax returns or evidence that the return was electronically received) from the IRS and transcripts from the previous year.

**Seller shall deliver loans that were originated in accordance with the Federal Housing Administration Handbook, unless otherwise noted in the Pennymac Seller's Guide.**

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