Product Snapshot



Conventional High Balance & Super Conforming

Cardinal Financial offers the Fannie Mae Conventional High Balance and the Freddie Mac Super Conforming Fixed Ioan products. This comparison sheet is designed to assist in determining the differences between the two Ioan products and program parameters. Refer to the underwriting guidelines for further information.

	Fannie Mae High Balance Fixed						
Occupancy	Туре	Prop Type	Credit Score	LTV	CLTV	DTI ¹	
		1-Unit		95%	95%	Per DU® & MI	
	Purchase & Rare and Term	2-Units		85%	85%	Per DU & MI	
		3–4 Units		75%	75%	Per DU	
Primary		1-Unit	580	80%	80%		
	Cash-Out	2–4 Units		75%	75%	Per DU	
		Manufactured Home ²		65%	65%		
Second Home	Purchase & Rate and Term	1-Unit	580	90%	90%	Per DU & MI	
	Cash-Out	1-Unit		75%	75%	Per DU	
	Purchase	1-Unit		85%	85%	Per DU & MI	
		2–4 Units		75%	75%	Per DU	
Investment	Rate and Term	1–4 Units	580 LTV<=80% 620 LTV>80%	75%	75%	Per DU	
	Cash-Out	1-Unit			75%	75%	Per DU
	Cash-Out	2–4 Units		70%	70%	Pel DO	

¹Maximum 50% DTI for properties located in West Virginia regardless of AUS approval

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²Single-width not eligible for cash-out refinance transaction

Freddie Mac® Super Conforming Fixed						
Occupancy	Туре	Prop Type	Credit Score	LTV	CLTV	DTI ¹
		1-Unit		95%	95%	Per LPA & MI
	Purchase & Rate and Term	2-Unit		85%	85%	
Primary		3–4 Units	580	80%	80%	Per LPA
	Cash-Out	1-Unit		80%	80%	Per LPA
		2–4 Units		75%	75%	
Second Home	Purchase & Rate and Term	1-Unit	580	85%	85%	Per LPA & MI
	Cash-Out	1-Unit		75%	75%	Per LPA
	Purchase &	1-Unit		85%	85%	Per LPA & MI
Investment	Rate and Term	2–4 Units	580 LTV<=80%	75%	75%	Per LPA & MI
	Cash-Out —	1-Unit	620 LTV>80%	75%	75%	Dow L DA
		2–4 Units		70%	70%	Per LPA

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	Program Parameters				
	Fannie Mae High Balance	Freddie Mac Super Conforming			
	ARM 5/6 SOFR ARM - FNMA - High Balance 7/6 SOFR ARM - FNMA - High Balance 10/6 SOFR ARM - FNMA - High Balance	ARM 5/6 SOFR ARM - FHLMC - SC* 7/6 SOFR ARM - FHLMC - SC 10/6 SOFR ARM - FHLMC - SC			
Acceptable Transaction Terms	 Fixed FNMA Conforming 10-Year Fixed Rate High Balance FNMA Conforming 15-Year Fixed Rate High Balance FNMA Conforming 20-Year Fixed Rate High Balance 	 Fixed FHLMC Conforming 10-Year Fixed Rate Super Conforming FHLMC Conforming 15-Year Fixed Rate Super Conforming FHLMC Conforming 20-Year Fixed Rate Super Conforming 			

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	 FNMA Conforming 25-Year Fixed Rate High Balance FNMA Conforming 30-Year Fixed Rate High Balance Temporary Buydown FNMA High Balance Temporary 3-2-1 Buydown FNMA High Balance Temporary 2-1 Buydown FNMA High Balance Temporary 1-1 Buydown FNMA High Balance Temporary 1-0 Buydown 	 FHLMC Conforming 25-Year Fixed Rate Super Conforming FHLMC Conforming 30-Year Fixed Rate Super Conforming Temporary Buydown FHLMC Super Conforming Temporary 3-2-1 Buydown FHLMC Super Conforming Temporary 2-1 Buydown FHLMC Super Conforming Temporary 1-1 Buydown FHLMC Super Conforming Temporary 1-0 Buydown *Investment Property transactions where the borrower owns more than one financed Investment Property are only permitted on a 7/6 or 10/6 SOFR ARM; 5/6 SOFR ARM's are ineligible
Eligible Transactions	 Purchase Limited Rate and Term Refinance Cash-Out Refinance (minimum length of ownership is 6 months) When proceeds of a cash-out refinance Mortgage are used to pay off a First Lien Mortgage, the First Lien Mortgage being refinanced must be seasoned for at least 12 months Manufactured Housing:: the borrower must have owned both the manufactured home and land together as real property for at least 12 months preceding the date of the loan application. The LTV, CLTV, and HCLTV ratios will be based on the current appraised value of the manufactured home and land 	 Purchase No Cash-Out Rate and Term Refinance Cash-Out Refinance (minimum length of ownership is 6 months) When proceeds of a cash-out refinance Mortgage are used to pay off a First Lien Mortgage, the First Lien Mortgage being refinanced must be seasoned for at least 12 months

Program Requirements				
	Fannie Mae High Balance	Freddie Mac Super Conforming		
Appraisal Requirements	 Full interior/exterior appraisal may be required Property Inspection Waiver/ Value Acceptance may be allowed if eligibility requirements are met 	 Full interior/exterior appraisal may be required Appraisal Waiver/ ACE may be allowed if eligibility requirements are met ACE plus PDR may be allowed if eligibility 		

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	Value Acceptance plus PDR may be allowed if eligibility requirements are met	requirements are met
	I-unit properties, including condominiums Limited cash-out refinance transactions: Principal residences and second homes up to 90% LTV/CLTV Investment properties up to 75% LTV/CLTV Cash-out refinance transactions: Principal residences up to 70% LTV/CLTV Second homes and investment properties up to 60% LTV/CLTV Purchase transactions: Principal residences and second homes up to 80% LTV/CLTV Loan casefiles that receive an Approve/Eligible recommendation	Single-family 1-unit property (effective July 16, 2018, includes mortgages secured by a condominium unit submitted or resubmitted to Loan Product Advisor) Primary residence or second home Purchase or no cash-out refinance with LTV/TLTV < 80%
Appraisal Waiver	Ineligible Transactions: Properties located in a disaster impacted area Leasehold properties, community land trust homes, or other properties with resale restrictions Construction and construction-to-permanent loans Cooperative units and manufactured homes Loans with ineligible recommendations HomeStyle® mortgage products (Renovation and Energy) 2-4 unit properties Texas Section 50(a)(6) mortgages Investment properties when the borrower is using subject rental income to qualify. Gifts of Equity Loans for which the mortgage insurance provider requires an appraisal	Ineligible Transactions: Properties located in a disaster impacted area Leasehold properties, community land trust homes, or other properties with resale restrictions Construction and construction-to-permanent loans Cooperative units and manufactured homes Loans with ineligible recommendations 2-4 unit properties Texas Section 50(a)(6) mortgages Investment properties when the borrower is using subject rental income to qualify. Gifts of Equity Loans for which the mortgage insurance provider requires an appraisal
Assets and Reserves	As outlined in AUS.	As outlined in AUS.
AUS	DU Approve/Eligible findings. Manual Underwriting not allowed.	LPA Accept findings. Manual Underwriting not allowed.
Borrower Eligibility	Eligible Borrowers U.S. citizens Permanent resident aliens Eligible Borrowers U.S. citizens Permanent resident aliens	

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	 Non-permanent residents (see guide for restrictions) Non-occupant co-borrowers Inter Vivos (Living) Trusts 	 Non-permanent resident aliens (see guide for restrictions) Non-occupant co-borrowers Inter Vivos (Living) Trusts
Credit	 Bankruptcy As outlined in AUS Collections, Charge-Offs, and Judgments As outlined in AUS Foreclosure, Deed-in-Lieu of Foreclosure, Short Sale As outlined in AUS 	 Bankruptcy As outlined in AUS Collections, Charge-Offs, and Judgments As outlined in AUS Foreclosure, Deed-in-Lieu of Foreclosure, Short Sale As outlined in AUS
Credit Score	 DU Approve/Eligible required 580 Owner Occupied Second Home Investment <=80% LTV 620 Investment >80% LTV All borrower(s) must have a credit score 	 LPA Accept required 580 Owner Occupied Second Home Investment <=80% LTV 620 Investment >80% LTV All borrower(s) must have a credit score
Escrow Waivers	Refer to the <u>Company Third-Party Origin</u> Waivers	nation Lock Policy for guidance on Escrow/Impound
Income	Regardless of DU findings, the following documentation is required at a minimum: Salaried Borrowers: Most recent W-2 and paystubs that cover the most recent 30-day period. Self-Employed Borrowers: The most recent year federal income tax return. Minimum history of 2 years of being self-employed with the same company. Other Income, including rental income: See Program Guidelines.	Regardless of LPA findings, the following documentation is required at a minimum: Salaried Borrowers: • Most recent W-2 and paystubs that cover the most recent 30-day period. Self-Employed Borrowers: • The most recent year federal income tax return. • Minimum history of 2 years of being self-employed with the same company. Other Income, including rental income: See Program Guidelines.

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	2025 High Cost Loan Limits			
	Units		ates, District of Imbia	Alaska, Guam, Hawaii, and the U.S. Virgin Islands
	One	\$1,20	9,750	
	Two	\$1,54	8,975	Not Applicable (refer to standard conforming
	Three	\$1,87	2,225	loan limits)
	Four	\$2,32	26,875	
Loan Limits		2024 High C	ost Loop Limits	
	Units	Contiguous St	ates, District of	Alaska, Guam, Hawaii, and the U.S. Virgin Islands
	One		9,825	O.S. Virgin Islands
	Two		2,250	Not Applicable
	Three	\$1,779,525		(refer to standard conforming loan limits)
	Four	\$2,211,600		
Maximum Loan Amount	Per County Loan Limit	Per County Loan Limit		Loan Limit
Maximum Number of Financed Properties	 Second Home (except Co (including primary) 	 Second Home (except Co-Ops): 10 (including primary) Investment Properties: 10 (including 		y Residence: No restrictions d Home (except Co-Ops): 6 ing primary) nent Properties: 6 (including y)
Mortgage Insurance	 Standard MI is required. Investment properties LTV >80% Mortgage Insurance must be obtained from one of the following providers: Genworth/Enact National Mortgage Insurance Essent ARCH Mortgage Insurance Note: MGIC and Enact are the the only eligible MI providers for single-wide manufactured homes 			ard MI is required. ment properties LTV >80% Mortgage Insurance must be obtained from one of the following providers: Genworth/Enact National Mortgage Insurance Essent ARCH Mortgage Insurance
Mortgage History	As outlined in AUS.		As outlined in A	US.

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Non-occupant Co-borrower	Permitted. Income and liabilities will be included in the combined debt-to-income (DTI) ratio.	Permitted. Income and liabilities will be included in the combined debt-to-income (DTI) ratio.
Occupancy	Primary Residence, Second Home, and Investment Property.	Primary Residence, Second Home, and Investment Property.
Overlays	Refer to the Wholesale Lending Product Overlay	Matrix for any applicable Cardinal Overlays
Properties Listed for Sale	Eligible if the listing agreement is canceled at least 1 day prior to the date of the initial application.	Eligible if the listing agreement is canceled at least 1 day prior to the date of the initial application.
Property Type	Eligible Properties Attached/detached SFRs, Attached/detached PUDs, Low-rise/high-rise condos, 2 – 4 Units, Manufactured Homes The manufactured home and the land on which it is situated must be titled as real property prior to closing PERS approval is required for all condo, co-op, or PUD projects that consist of single-width manufactured homes Single-wide manufactured homes are limited to principal residence purchase and limited cash-out refinance transactions only Single-wide manufactured homes are ineligible for cash-out refinance transactions Cooperatives; The following are not permitted with co-op share loans Subordinate financing Investment properties Cash-out refinances on second home properties New York City, defined as Boroughs of Bronx, Brooklyn, Staten Island, Manhattan, and Queens Counties of Nassau, Rockland, Suffolk, and Westchester New Jersey counties: Bergen Essex Hudson Middlesex Monmouth Morris Passaic Union	Eligible Properties • Attached/detached SFRs, • Attached/detached PUDs, • Low-rise/high-rise condos, • 2–4 Units See program guidelines for Ineligible Property Types

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	See program guidelines for Ineligible Property Types
Temporary Buydown - General Requirements	A temporary buydown allows borrowers to reduce their effective monthly payment for a limited period of time through a temporary buydown of the interest rate. The effective interest rate that a borrower pays during the early years of the mortgage is reduced as a result of the deposit of a lump sum of money (sometimes called a "subsidy") into a buydown account. A portion of the subsidy is released each month to reduce the borrower's payments. The buydown funds may be provided by various parties, including the borrower, the lender, the property seller, or other interested parties to the transaction. General Requirements for Temporary Interest Rate Buydown Plans Buydown program is "3-2-1" o Interest rate for the first year is 3% lower than the Note rate interest rate for the first year is 2% lower than the Note rate interest rate for the riding years is the Note rate o Interest rate for the first year is 2% lower than the Note rate o Interest rate for the first year is 2% lower than the Note rate buydown program is "2-1" o Interest rate for the remaining years is the Note rate Buydown program is "1-1" o Interest rate for the first year is 1% lower than the Note rate buydown program is "1-1" o Interest rate for the first year is 1% lower than the Note rate Buydown program is "1-1" o Interest rate for the first year is 1% lower than the Note rate buydown program is "1-1" o Interest rate for the first year is 1% lower than the Note rate buydown program is "1-1" o Interest rate for the first year is 1% lower than the Note rate linterest rate for the first year is 1% lower than the Note rate o Interest rate for the first year is 1% lower than the Note rate o Interest rate for the first year is 1% lower than the Note rate o Interest rate for the first year is 1% lower than the Note rate o Interest rate for the first year is 1% lower than the Note rate o Interest rate for the first year is 1% lower than the Note rate o Interest rate for the first year is 1% lower than the Note rate o Interest

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Terms of the Buydown

	 The buydown plan provides for increases of not more than 1% in the interest rate paid in each 12-month interval Buydown Funds Funds for buydown accounts must be deposited into custodial bank accounts The buydown funds are applied toward payments as they come due under the Note Buydown funds are not refundable unless the mortgage is paid off before all funds have been applied Buydown funds cannot be used to pay past-due payments 		
Temporary Buydown	Lender-Funded Buydowns If the buydown is funded by the lender as part of the pricing on the loan, the buydown agreement must require that the funds in the buydown account be transferred to the new servicer if the mortgage is subsequently transferred Lender-Funded Buydowns If the buydown is funded by the lender as part of the pricing on the loan, the buydown agreement must require that the funds in the buydown account be transferred to the new servicer if the mortgage is subsequently transferred Not eligible on rate and term refinance transactions		
Texas Section 50(a)(6) Mortgages	All Texas section 50(a)(6) mortgage requirements apply including: • Maximum 80% LTV and CLTV • Minimum 12 months seasoning on refinances • 1-Unit principal residence only • Full appraisal required, property inspection waiver is not valid • Title insurance requirements for a Texas Section 50(a)(6) must be met • Only mortgage products approved for Texas Section 50(a)(6) are eligible All Texas section 50(a)(6) mortgage requirements apply including: • Maximum 80% LTV and CLTV • Minimum 12 months seasoning on refinances • 1-Unit principal residence only • Full appraisal required, property inspection waiver is not valid • Title insurance requirements for a Texas Section 50(a)(6) must be met • Only mortgage products approved for Texas Section 50(a)(6) are eligible		
	ARM Terms		
ARM Index	30-Day Average of SOFR		
ARM Caps	 5yr/6m SOFR ARM: 2/1/5 % 7yr/6m and 10yr/6m SOFR ARMs: 5/1/5% 		
ARM Margin	2.75%The floor is the margin		
ARM Change Look Back Period	45 days		
Conversion Option	None		
Qualifying Rate	 5yr/6m SOFR ARM Qualify at the higher of Note rate plus 2% or fully indexed rate 7yr/6m and 10yr/6m SOFR ARMs Qualify at the Note rate The greater of the Note rate or the fully indexed rate must be used to qualify if loans are higher priced mortgage loans or higher priced covered transactions under Reg Z (and must be manually underwritten)		

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Rate Adjustment	 The interest rate can be adjusted up or down at each rate change date, based on the movements in the index The interest rate will be adjusted to equal the sum of the index plus the required margin, rounded to the nearest .125% subject to the interest rate caps The monthly payment will be adjusted in accordance with the change in the interest rate
Rate Change Dates	 The interest rate at lock-in will remain constant until the first rate change date. Subsequent rate change dates will occur on the 1st day of every 6th calendar month thereafter The first change date is the month prior to the first payment date plus the number of years (5, 7 or 10) based on the ARM program type. For Example: 5yr/6m ARM with a First Payment date of 4/01/2020 would have an Interest Rate change date of 3/01/2025

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