

Mortgage Guidelines Solution

The Platform Sales & Operations Will Use & Love!

Are you spending too much time researching guidelines? Do questions from sales overload your Scenario Desk and Operations Staff?

Mortgage Currentcy simplifies finding an answer to an underwriting or loan structuring question by providing the content you need in an easy-to-use format. We also offer educational resources to help you market your services to your referral community.

"For anyone who is NOT subscribing to Mortgage Currentcy I highly recommend you do so. The site is SO HELPFUL! The ask the experts function is priceless. Do yourself a favor and sign up." ~ Anna Smith – Movement Mortgage

Our site gives you Quick Access to your questions, offering you a substantial competitive advantage in your Marketplace and Positions **YOU** as a <u>Subject Matter Expert!</u> Users report increased production, fewer QC mistakes & greater efficiencies.

Who Subscribes?

- Underwriters
- Compliance Professionals
- Loan Originators & Branch Managers/Wholesale Representatives



Subscriptions Include

- All Agency Comparison Charts
 & Checklist by Subject
- Ask the Experts Scenario Desk
- Income Analyzers & Calculators
- Mortgage Talking Points
- Two Monthly Issues
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 - ∘ Q&A Issue
- Marketing Materials
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 - o Social Media Content
- Online Training
- Agency Bulletins & Forms

Charts & Checklists

The Technical Experts at Mortgage Currentcy create quick reference guides incorporating all of the agency guidelines, & an interpretation of those guidelines, on one chart for a particular subject. Charts make it **quick** and **easy** for you to <u>find an</u> answer fast. Our staff has created hundreds of charts to cover just about any scenario.

We take frequently researched topics like *Student Loan Debt, Derogatory Credit, Divorced Borrowers*, and hundreds of other topics and do the research for you.

As the rules change, we **UPDATE** the charts **so you have the most current information!**



Gift Funds & Gift of Equity

All Agency Comparison Chart

Topic	Notable Agency Gift Policy Differences		
Eligible Gift Funds Donors Who Are Also Interested Parties	 Freddie Mac allows. Will apply interested party contribution limits to the gift amount. FHA only allows when the real estate agent, who is also an eligible donor, gifts commission from the transaction to the borrower. FHA will not apply interested party contribution limits to the gift. 		
Wedding Gift Funds	Freddie Mac specifically allows wedding gift funds and does not limit eligible donors to family members.		
Gift Letter Requirements	For All Agencies Except Fannie Mae, the oift letter must contain the donor's name, address, and telephone number; relationship to the borrower; the dollar amount of the gift; a statement that no repsyment is required. Fannie Mae will require the above, and also require the date when the funds were transferred.		

Agency	Eligible Donors	Personal Gift Funds and Gift of Equity Guidelines
Fannie Mae B3-4.3-05 & B3-4.3-04	Gifts May be Provided by: A relative, defined as the borrower's spouse, child, or other dependent, or any individual who is related to the borrower by blood, marriage, adoption, or legal guardianship; A non-relative that shares a familial relationship with the borrower is defined as a domestic partner (or relative of the domestic partner), an individual engaged to marry the borrower, former relative, or Godparent. Interested Party: The donor of personal gift funds may not be or have any affiliation with any interested party to the transaction. Gift of Equity: The donor of a gift of equity is not considered an interested party to the transaction if they meet the eligible donor requirements.	Guidelines – Personal Gift Funds • 1 to 4-unit primary residence and second home purchase <80 LTV no minimum borrower contribution required. • 1-unit primary residence >80 no minimum borrower contribution required. • 2 to 4-unit primary residence and second home purchase >80 LTV minimum borrower contribution of 5% is required. • If the gift is from an eligible donor, the gift is considered the borrower's own funds and may be used to satisfy the minimum borrower contribution requirement as long as both individuals will use the home being purchased as their principal residence. • If the gift is from an eligible donor, the gift is considered the borrower's own funds and may be used to satisfy the minimum borrower contribution requirement as long as both individuals will use the home being purchased as their principal residence. • HomeReady® 2 to 4-unit primary residence >80 LTV requires a 3% minimum borrower contribution. • Gift sen not allowed on investment properties. Documentation – Personal Gift Funds • Gift letter – The donor's name, address, telephone number; relationship to the borrower; the dollar amount of the gift; a statement that no repayment is required, and the date when the funds were transferred. • To verify availability and transfer of funds the following are acceptable: • A copy of the donor's check and the borrower's deposit slip, • A copy of the donor's check and the borrower's deposit slip, • A copy of the donor's check to the closing agent, or • A settlement statement showing receipt of the donor's check. • Evidence of electronic transfer of funds from a denor's account to the borrower's account or to the closing agent. • When funds are not transferred prior to settlement, obtain a copy of a certified check, a cashier's check, or other official check given to the closing agent. • When funds are not transferred prior to settlement, obtain a copy of a certified check, a cashier's check, or other official check given to the closing agent. • When funds are not transferred prior

"Thanks for the wonderful updates, charts/checklists, etc. I'm a student of mortgages and your stuff is by far the best resources I've come across in 15 years in the biz."

~ Joe Buxton – Nations Lending



Student Loan Payments
All Agency Comparison

Agency	Guidelines				
	For all student loans, regardless of whether the loan(s) are in deferment, in forbearance, or in active repayment (not deferred). The lender must include a monthly payment when qualifying borrower, there may be times that the amount you use to qualify borrower is \$0. In all cases, the lender MUST use one of the options that are listed below.				
	If Payment is Aiready Established OR Payment is to Begin Within 12 Months • If a monthly student loan payment is provided on the credit report, use that amount for qualifying purposes.				
	If the credit report does not reflect the correct monthly payment, use the monthly payment that is on the student loan documentation (the most recent student loan statement).				
	If the credit report does not provide a monthly payment, or if the credit report shows \$0, the lender must determine the qualifying monthly payment using the option below:				
Fannie Mae B3-6-05	o If the borrower is on an income-driven payment plan, the lender may obtain student loan documentation to verify the actual monthly payment is \$0. The lender may then qualify the borrower with a \$0 payment. OR o You may exclude payment from ratios if you have 12 months cancelled checks from party paying 100% of debt, as long as no delinquencies.				
	Cannot be interested party to transaction.				
	If Payment has been Deferred OR If Payment has been Reduced Follow guidance in first two columns to the left OR: For deferred loans or loans in forbearance, the lender may calculate based on one of the following two options:				
	A payment equal to 1% of the outstanding student loan balance (even if this amount is lower than the actual fully amortizing payment), OR				
	A fully amortizing payment using the documented loan repayment terms. OR				
	You may exclude payment from ratios if you have 12 months cancelled checks from party paying 100% of debt, as long as no delinquencies. Cannot be interested party to transaction.				
	The student loan payment may be excluded from the monthly DTI ratio provided the file includes documentation and circumstances as indicated in Forgiveness, Cancelation, Discharge & Employment Repayment in section below.				
	Student Loans in Repayment, Deferment or Forbearance If the monthly payment amount is greater than zero, use the monthly payment amount reported on the credit report or other file documentation. OR				
	If the monthly payment amount reported on the credit report is zero, use 0.5% of the outstanding balance, as reported on the credit report.				
Freddie Mac Section 5401.2	Forgiveness, Cancelation, Discharge & Employment-Contingent Repayment The student loan has ten or less monthly payments remaining until the full balance. OR				
	The monthly payment on a student loan is deferred or is in forbearance and the full balance of the student loan will be forgiven, canceled, discharged. AND				
	 The Borrower currently meets the requirements for the student loan forgiveness, cancelation, discharge or employment-contingent repayment program, and the Seller is not avorage of any circumstances that will make the Borrower ineligible in the future. Evidence of eligibility or approval must come from the student loas program or the employer, as applicable. 				

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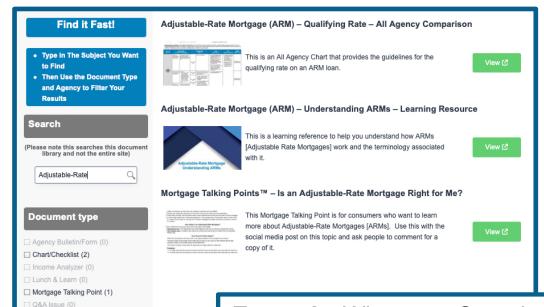
Derogatory Credit All Agency Comparison Chart

Agency	Fannie Mae	Freddie Mac	FHA	VA	USDA
		5202.5202.5 (a) (i)	4000.1 II.A.5.a. iii. & 4000.1 II.A. 4. b.iii	Handbook, Chapter 4	HB-1-3555 Chapter 10 Attachment 10-
Wait Period Measurement	The wait period is measured from the completion date of the derogatory event to the disbursement date of the new loan.	From the event date to the application date*.	From the event date to the case number assignment date.	From the event finalized date to the date of closing on the new loan. Note that the AUS may measure the wait period using the new credit report date, not the closing date of the new loan.	Not defined. USDA Single Family personnel verbally indicate that the underwriter could use any reasonable measurement, such as event date to underwriting approval date or to Conditional Commitment date, the GUS system will utilize a credit report date.
	B3-5.3-03	5202.5	4000.1 II.A.4.b.(K)	Chap 4, 8-c	HB-1-3555 Chapter 10
Late Mortgage Payments	The lender must review the borrower's credit history to determine previous mortgage definitions, and the second continuence of the definition of the definit	Bornovers with no credit scores: 12 months with on mortgage lates. Borrovers with credit scores: 12 months with no more than the sources: 12 months with no more than 50 drug with consider ACM to 50 day or more than one 60 day late housing payments.	Purchase and No-Cash Refit (TOTA). What be downgraded if during the last 12 months. of P han 30 Days; of P	12 months with no more than 13 30-day mortgage late.	12 months with no more than 1 30-day late mortgage payment unless documented extensions of the control of the c
	B3-5.3-07	5202.5 (a) (i) & (ii)	4000.1 II.A.5.a. iii.(E) & 4000.1 II.A. 4. b.iii.(A)	Chap 4, 7-b	HB-1-3555 Chapter 10 Attachment 10-A
Charge Off- Mortgage Account	4 Years 2 Years with ext. circumstances ³	4 Years 2 Years with ext. circumstances³	None required	None required. Underwriter may use 'adverse data' guidance which requires 12 months of satisfactory credit after event.	The underwriter must review and determine if the borrower is an accepta credit risk, regardless of GUS recommendation. A GUS Accept does need a credit exception.

Charts are broken down into agency categories for an organized way to search through the content. We also add all *new* or *updated* charts and guidelines to the <u>Latest Updates</u> Tab. This is a good way to stay up to date with additions to the database.

Or, you can <u>directly search the database</u> using the <u>Search</u> <u>Bar</u> at the top of the page.

Our Search Library is a great tool to find what we have available for that subject from <u>all</u> of the pages on our site.



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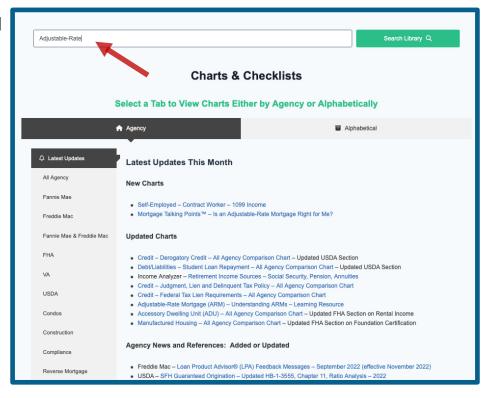
Agency

☐ All Agency (3)
☐ Fannie Mae (3)

Freddie Mac (3)

☐ FHA (3)

☐ Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac (3)



"The Search function on your website is <u>AMAZING</u>.

It always finds what I want. I don't Know how you did it, but you did, and I love it. Thank you!"

~ Ryan - Tuffs Mortgage

Example: When you Search Adjustable-Rate

The database finds you an **All Agency Comparison**, A **Learning Resource** to further your understanding on the topic, as well as a **Mortgage Talking Point**TM

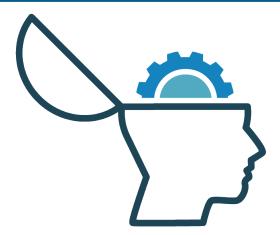
You can also use the *Document Type* and *Agency* categories to narrow your search further.

Ask the Experts

If you cannot find an answer on our Charts & Checklist or through the Search feature, you can ask one of our experts directly! Guidelines change constantly, and it's hard for anyone to keep up. Our experts save many deals every month for even our most seasoned originators. The average experience of our experts is over 30+ years of underwriting experience. Our *Ask the Experts* is a fan favorite for originators and underwriters.

Sample Question answered by one of our Experts!

I have a borrower who is a contract employee who receives a 1099. She has been in her current position since June 2021. She filed as schedule C on her tax return, but her business expenses were less than 5%, her 1099 matched her Gross Receipts and there was no cost of goods sold. Prior to her employment, she was in graduate school and completing her clinicals for her job as a Speech Therapist. If we go through Freddie Mac, can she be considered an employee instead of self-employed??



"I really appreciate how thorough the answers are from the "Ask the Experts" feature. I love the content layout in Mortgage Currentcy because it makes finding information that I need, very easy" ~ Geoff Rooker – PRMI She won't be considered an employee, but based on new guidelines for Freddie Mac she won't need to be treated as self-employed either. Here are the resources on this: https://quide.freddiemac.com/app/quide/bulletin/2022-18 - this bulletin from Freddie is when this change was announced. https://guide.freddiemac.com/app/guide/section/5303.2/01-07-2023 - selling guide section (lenders may implement immediately as per Bulletin above, but the guideline becomes mandatory to use on https://my.sf.freddiemac.com/faq/income-reported-on-irs-form-1099-faq Let me provide a quick example: I am a 1099 contractor for Mortgage Currentcy and do not have any ownership in the business, but I am paid via a 1099 and then I report on Schedule C and would fall into the highlighted section below, because my gross receipts match the amount on the 1099(s) and total expenses are nominal < =5% and no cost of goods sold, so I would have to provide to the lender, twoyears of 1099s, Tax returns (pages 1 & 2 and then Schedule C) and my YTD earnings as paid to me from Mortgage Currentcy. I would not be treated as self-employed, and would follow the requirements outlined below, but I am also not an employee, but a contract worker. You will see below that Freddie provides for lender discretion if received for less than two years. https://my.sf.freddiemac.com/fag/income-reported-on-irs-form-1099-fag See screen shots below (Freddie actually added a pretty neat Calculation Example) At times, Borrowers receive IRS Form 1099(s) for services performed; this pay structure is often referred to in terms such as · All 1099s for the most recent two-year Revenue Service contractor or contingent worker. period, and · YTD paystubs and/or other equivalent and income received on IRS Form 1099 for services performed may be for services reasonably reliable third-party eported on Schedule C and may represent a sole proprietorship. The documentation (e.g., YTD earnings Seller must treat this income either as: statements or evidence of payments for · Self-employed income in accordance with the services performed) documenting YTD requirements and guidance in Chapter 5304, · Pages 1 and 2 of the Borrower's federal individual income tax returns, and the applicable schedules (i.e., Schedule C, Schedule 1), covering the most recent on

of stability (e.g., a prior history of employme

returns be less than 12 months

of receipt for this pay structure documented on the tax

sales, after deducting non-cash expenses

If the above expense factor is not met but expenses are within a

Income Analyzers™ & Calculators

There are over 50 different types of Income! Our *Mortgage Income Analyzers™* focuses on one income type per chart and presents the rules for each agency program on one chart. It's a great way to help you calculate your client's income to avoid issues in underwriting.

Below is a sample of one of our popular <u>Income Analyzer</u>TM



Mortgage Income Analyzer™

Hourly Income

Hourly income is generally evaluated by three factors:

- 1. Are the hours consistent or do the vary?
- 2. Are the hours worked increasing or decreasing?
- 3. Is it likely that the income is stable and consistent?

Always Check Your Lender Guidelines as They May Have Overlays or Different Interpretations!

Fannie Mae <i>B</i> 3-3.1-03	Freddie Mac 5303.2 - 5303.5, 5901.1 - 5901.3	FF 4000.1 II.		VA	USDA HB-1-3555 Attachment 9-A
Are the hours consistent or consistency of wages earne To Test Consistency: Compare YTD income to pa wage x average of hours wo for the monthly income. Is the income consistent v	d. st year by taking hourly rked x 52 then divide by 12 vith last year?	Hours Do Not Vary Use current hourly rate x hours worked per week. Then multiply by 52 Then divide by 12 to get the monthly gross income.	Hours Vary Average the income over the previous two years, Or If lender can document an increase in pay rate the lender may use the most recent 12-month average of hours at the current pay	VA Guidelines are silent on Hourly income. When an agency is "silent" on it's guidelines, it is common for lenders to create their own guidelines or follow another agency's guidance. Always check	USDA considers hourly income under "base wages". Required History: One Year The one year of required history may be met through a combination of employers, education, or military service. This history does not have to be with the same or current

Mortgage Talking Points™

Mortgage Talking Points™ takes complex mortgage rules and re-creates these topics in an easy-to-understand format for your referral community. These Talking Points are used as:

- ⇒ Social Media Content
- ⇒ Video Scripts for Social Media
- ⇒ Emails
- ⇒ Self-Training
- ⇒ Printed Materials to Hand out in Person
- ⇒ Referral Source Meeting

"This subscription is by far the best value for the money" ~ Brenda Phillips – Caliber Home Loans



How Does a Seller Buydown Work?

As Interest Rates Rise, Seller Buydowns are Making a Big Comeback.

Here Is What You Need to Know!

What is a Buydown?

A Buydown temporarily reduces the mortgage payment for the borrower. This happens because the seller offers a credit that pays the difference between the full P&I payment and the reduced P&I payment. The seller only needs to provide the credit and the lender handles supplementing the payment. So, it's a seller credit used in a different way!

Here Is an Example:

Interest Rate is 5% Loan Amount is \$250,000

P&I at \$250,000 with a rate of 5% is equal to \$1342/month

If a Seller credits the buyer with a subsidy, this amount can be applied to the buydown and reduce the 1st, 2nd or 3rd year payment, depending on the subsidy amount.

Monthly Issues

Two Issues are released monthly to keep you in the loop about the changes to the guidelines in our industry.

Rules Issue

On the 10th of every month, the **Rules Issue** includes updates from each of the Agencies. Our Experts comb through the guidelines and rule changes and then break it all down for you!

These include updates from:

- ⇒ Fannie Mae
- ⇒ Freddie Mac
- \Rightarrow FHA
- $\Rightarrow VA$
- \Rightarrow USDA
- ⇒ Compliance [CFPB, FDIC]

This issue is <u>NOT</u> just a copy and paste of the changes; we dig in and read the updates for you, giving you the bottom line and saving you valuable time. If you want to explore the topic further, we post the bulletins from the agencies in the article as further reference.

Q&A Issue

On the 25th of the month, the **Q&A issue** which post the most relevant questions and answers from the hundreds of questions submitted each month to our Ask the Experts.

This is a great opportunity to learn from answers to questions others have asked.



Seller Buydowns & Maximum Seller Concession Limits Question: If a seller is providing funds for an interest rate buydown, does that count toward the maximum seller concession of 3% for a 95%LTV loan? Answer: Yes, it does count toward the maximum. Let's say the seller buydown is 2.5%. This would mean that .5% is the maximum remaining as eligible funds from the seller for closing costs and prepaids since they are an Interested Party. Reference: B3-4.1-04 — Temporary Interest Rate Buydowns Buydown Funds Provided by Interested Parties to the Transaction When the source of the buydown funds is an interested party to the property sale or purchase transaction, Fannie Mae's Interested Party Contributions apply. Section B3-4.1-02.

Marketing Materials

In addition to the Mortgage Talking PointsTM we offer various other marketing materials such as Lunch & Learn PowerPoint presentations with scripts and sample **Social Media Posts and Images**.

Lunch & Learn Presentations & Scripts

A Lunch & Learn is a powerful way to position you as the expert within your referral community. Our subscribers have access to a **Professionally designed PowerPoint and Script**, ready for you to use. Download the presentation, script, and recommended supporting charts, and you will be well on your way to a great presentation. **Additionally, subscribers can customize** the Lunch & Learn with their name, contact information, company logo, and any compliance disclaimers.



Guideline References

◆ 1031 Exchange - All Agency Comparison Chart

Forms

- () IRS Form 8824 Like-Kind Exchanges Tax Return Form
- (4) IRS Publication 544 Sales & Other Dispositions of Assets

Just wanted to say, your Lunch & Learn presentations and content ROCKS!.. As far as I'm concerned, I think Mortgage Currentcy is a loan Officers underwriting secret weapon and I'm so thrilled to have you as my education, and reference resource!"

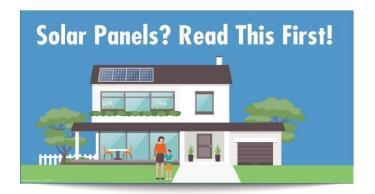
~ Jose-Vladimir Lopez - VP of Lending - Guaranteed Rate

Social Media Content

Staying Relevant in Social Media demands an enormous amount of content. Originators struggle to post frequently enough throughout the day to catch the eyes of potential clients, even when they have a posting program in place. We develop content that demonstrates the subscriber's knowledge of the industry to attract the clients to you. *Just Copy & Paste* into your social media feeds. Social Media posts are educationally oriented to help prevent RESPA Issues and Trigger Terms.

Sample of a copy past post – We publish over 20 of these each month on varying topics!

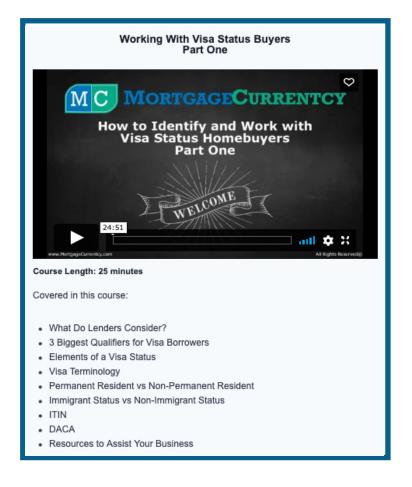
["If you are refinancing a home or purchasing a home that has a Solar Panel Obligation, let's chat first! There are some things you need to know before you sign that contract to prevent any issues. Or comment below and I'll send you "What Every Homeowner Needs to Know About Solar Panel Obligations".1

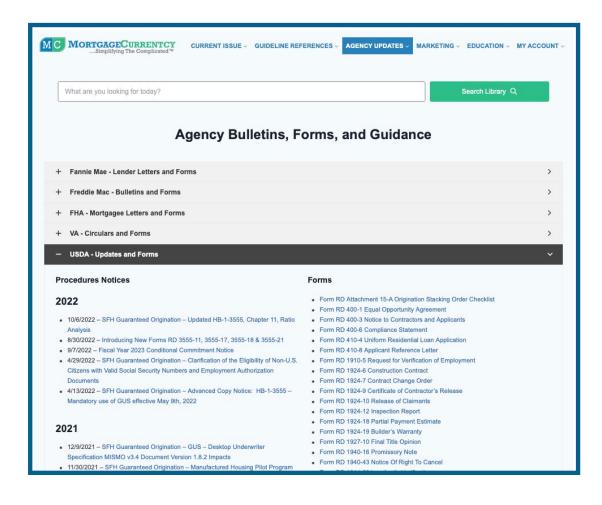


Online Training

Our video classes educate subscribers in the *niches* of our industry that they may want to explore further.

This training assists subscribers by expanding their knowledge so that they can broaden their business offerings.





Agency Bulletins and Forms

They Agency Bulletins and forms page make it easy to find all of the most recent notices and forms for each agency.

When any of the agencies issue a Bulletin or Notice, we post it immediately to our site.

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\$125/Quarter

\$440/Year

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Groups [More Than 4 people] - \$33/month per user. – If paid for one year in advance, a 20% discount is applied.

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