

# Solutions Non-QM Program Guidelines Correspondent

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Summary	Plaza's Solutions Program offers Non-Qualified Mortgages on fully amortizing 15 & 30-Year Fixed Rate and 5/1 & 7/1 ARM products and interest-only 40-year Fixed Rate and 5/1 & 7/1 ARM products.				
	Loan amounts from \$100,000 to \$2,500,000 are eligible.	•			
Products	Product Name	Product Code			
	Solutions 15 Year Fixed	NQF15			
	Solutions 30 Year Fixed	NQF30			
	Solutions 5/1 LIBOR ARM	NQA51			
	Solutions 7/1 LIBOR ARM	NQA71			
	Solutions 40 Year Fixed Interest Only	NQF40IO			
	Solutions 5/1 LIBOR ARM Interest Only 40 YR	NQA5140IO			
	Solutions 7/1 LIBOR ARM Interest Only 40 YR	NQA7140IO			
Eligibility Matrix	Full Doc - 24 Month and 12 M	l- of h			

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	Primary Residence Purchase and Rate/Term Refinance									
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Property Type	Loan Amount	Credit Score <sup>5</sup>	LTV/CLTV	Max DTI	Months Reserves					
		720	95% <sup>1,2,3,4</sup>	43%	6					
1-Unit	\$1,500,000	660	90% <sup>2,3,4</sup>	50%	6					
PUD		660	85%²	50%	6					
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	\$2,500,000	660	80%	50%	12					
Condo	\$1,500,000	660	85%²	50%	6					
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Non-Warrantable Condo	\$1,500,000	660	80%	50%	6					

- 12 month documentation: Maximum 90% LTV/CLTV
- <sup>2.</sup> Asset Utilization, Interest-Only or Rural Property: Maximum 80% LTV/CLTV
- 3. NY properties: Maximum 85% LTV/CLTV
- LTV > 90%: Loan amount must exceed FHFA limit for the property location, 24 month full documentation & purchase only.
- 5. Asset Utilization: Minimum 680 Credit Score

	Full Doc - 24 Month and 12 Month Primary Residence Cash-Out Refinance								
Property Type	Loan Amount	Credit Score <sup>2</sup>	LTV/CLTV	Max DTI	Months Reserves	Max Cash-Out			
1-Unit	\$1,500,000	680	85%¹	50%	6				
PUD	\$1,500,000	660	80%	50%	6				
Condo	\$2,500,000	720	80%	50%	12	\$1,000,000 <sup>3</sup>			
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- Asset Utilization, Interest-Only or Rural Property: Maximum 80% LTV/CLTV
- <sup>2.</sup> Asset Utilization: Minimum 680 Credit Score
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	Full Doc - 24 Month and 12 Month Second Home Purchase and Rate/Term Refinance								
Property Type	Loan Amount	Credit Score <sup>2</sup>	LTV/CLTV	Max DTI	Months Reserves				
1-Unit	\$1,500,000	660	85% <sup>1</sup>	50%	6				
PUD	\$2,500,000	680	85% <sup>1</sup>	50%	12				
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	Full Doc - 24 Month and 12 Month Investment Property Purchase and Rate/Term Refinance									
Property Type	Loan Amount	Credit Score <sup>1</sup>	LTV <sup>2</sup>	Max DTI	Months Reserves					
1-Unit	\$1,500,000	660	80%	50%	6					
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# 4506-T / Tax Transcripts

#### **Full Doc loans:**

- A signed 4506-T and tax transcripts are required for all years in which income was used in the underwriting decision.
- Transcripts must be received from the IRS prior to closing.
- Regardless of the type of income used to qualify, complete tax return transcripts are required for all transactions. W-2 only transcripts are not sufficient.
- Transcripts are not required for business returns.

### **Bank Statement Income Documentation:**

- 4506-T is not required for Bank Statement documentation loans except when there is co-mingled income. Refer to the Bank Statement income section for more information.
- Tax returns and Transcripts must not be provided for Bank Statement documentation loans. If Tax returns and/or Transcript are provided the loan will be ineligible for bank statement documentation.

# **Appraisal**

Appraisals will be reviewed by Plaza and will also be subject to a 3<sup>rd</sup> party review prior to purchase.

Loan amounts > \$1,500,000 require two full appraisals.

# Transferred Appraisals: Transferred appraisals are allowed.

### **ARM Adjustments**

Characteristic	LIBOR ARM					
Index	LIBOR – The average of interbank offered rates for 1-year U.S. dollar-denominated deposits in the London market (LIBOR) as published in <i>The Wall Street Journal</i> .					
Margin	3.75%					
Life Floor	The floor is	The floor is the margin.				
Interest Rate	Product	First Adjustment Subsequent Adjustments Lifetime				
Caps	5/1	2% 2% 5%				
	7/1	5%	2%	5%		
Change Date	5/1	The first Change Date is the 60th payment due date. Subsequent Change Dates are every 12 months thereafter.				
	7/1	The first Change Date is the 84th payment due date. Subsequent Change Dates are every 12 months thereafter.				
Assumability	Assumable.					
Conversion Ontion	Not Available					

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# Assets / Down Payment / Gifts

**Assets:** Assets to be used for down payment, closing costs, debt payoff, and reserves must be seasoned for 60 days or sourced. Documentation must be provided to evidence seasoning and sourcing.

	Assets
Type	Documentation
	Checking, savings, and money market funds may be used for down payment, closing
	costs, and reserves.
Depository	The 2 most recent, consecutive month's statements for each account or a VOD from a
Accounts	financial institution are required.
	Large deposits (> 50% of the borrower's gross monthly income) inconsistent with
	monthly income or other deposits must be verified.
	Gift funds are allowed on primary residence and second home purchase transactions
	after the borrower contributes at least 5% from their own funds.
	Gift funds are not allowed on investment properties.
	Gift funds are allowed for down payment and closing costs but may not be used to med
	reserve requirements.
	Donor must be an immediate family member, future spouse, or domestic partner living
	with borrower.
	An executed gift letter with the gift amount, donor's name, address, and telephone
Oiff Fronds	number and relationship is required.
Gift Funds	Proof of donor's ability to give must be documented with a bank statement or fully
	executed letter from the depository confirming account balance.
	Proof of transfer and receipt of funds. Acceptable documentation includes the following
	A copy of the donor's check and the borrower's deposit slip, or
	A copy of the donor's withdrawal slip and the borrower's deposit slip, or     A copy of the donor's check to the closing agent or
	<ul> <li>A copy of the donor's check to the closing agent, or</li> <li>A settlement statement showing receipt of the donor's check. When the funds are not</li> </ul>
	transferred prior to settlement, the lender must document that the donor gave the closi
	agent the gift funds in the form of a certified check, cashier's check, or other official
	check.
	<ul> <li>100% of the vested assets in the form of stocks, bonds and mutual funds may be used</li> </ul>
	for down payment, closing costs, and reserves.
	<ul> <li>Borrower ownership of the account and vesting must be documented.</li> </ul>
Marketable	<ul> <li>Most recent retirement account statement covering a minimum 2-month period.</li> </ul>
Securities	Evidence of liquidation is required when funds are used for down payment or closing
	Costs.
	<ul> <li>Non-vested or restricted stock accounts are not eligible for use as down payment,</li> </ul>
	closing costs or reserves.
	60% of the vested value of funds from a retirement account may be used for down
	payment, closing costs, and reserves.
Retirement	Borrower ownership of the account and vesting must be documented.
Accounts	The account must allow withdrawal regardless of employment status.
	Most recent retirement account statement covering a minimum 2-month period.
	Evidence of liquidation is required when funds are used for down payment or closing
	costs.
	Business funds may be used for down payment, closing costs, and reserves.
	• The borrower must be the sole proprietor or at least 50% owner of the business and
	must be the owner of the account.
	Ownership percentage must be documented via CPA letter, Operating Agreement, or
Rusinasa	equivalent.
Business Funds	The balance of the business assets must be multiplied by the ownership percentage to
runus	determine the borrower's portion allowed for the transaction.
	A letter from a CPA must be obtained to verify the withdrawal of the funds will not have
	negative impact on the business, or
	A Fannie Mae cash flow analysis must be provided using the most recent 3 months
	business bank statements to determine no negative impact to business based on
	withdrawal of funds.

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### Loans Secured by an Asset

- Borrowed funds that are secured by an asset may be used for down payment, closing costs, and reserves.
- The creditor cannot be a party to the transaction.
- The terms of the loan must be documented.
- The loan amount cannot exceed the documented value of the asset.
- The transfer of funds to the borrower must be documented.

# **Borrower Eligibility**

### **Eligible Borrowers:**

- U.S. citizens
- Permanent resident aliens with the following acceptable documentation:
  - o I-151 Permanent Resident Card (Green Card) that does not have an expiration date, or
  - o I-551 Permanent Resident Card (Green Card) issued for 10 years that has not expired, or
  - I-551 Conditional Permanent Resident Card (Green Card) issued for 2 years that has an expiration date accompanied by a copy of USCIS form I-751 requesting removal of the conditions, or
  - Un-expired Foreign Passport with an un-expired stamp reading as follows: "Processed for I-551 Temporary Evidence of Lawful Admission for Permanent Residence. Valid until mm-ddyy. Employment Authorized."
- Inter Vivos Revocable Trusts
- First-time homebuyer (no additional restrictions)

# **Ineligible Borrowers:**

- Non-occupant Co-borrower
- Partnerships
- · Limited Partnerships
- Corporations
- LLC's
- Non-Permanent Resident Aliens
- Foreign Nationals
- Non-Revocable Trusts
- · Borrowers with Diplomatic Immunity
- Land Trusts
- Borrowers without a Social Security number or with only an ITIN (Individual Taxpayer Identification Number)

#### Credit

### **Credit Standards:**

A tri-merged credit report is required. Unless otherwise addressed below, Fannie Mae underwriting guidelines must be followed for evaluating a borrower's credit history. Credit reports with bureaus identified as "frozen" are required to be unfrozen and a current credit report with all bureaus unfrozen is required.

**Credit Scores:** The lowest qualifying score of all applicants is used to qualify. The qualifying score is the lower of 2 or middle of 3 scores for each borrower.

### **Trade Lines:**

• 3 trade lines – Each trade line must be open for at least 12 months and must have activity in the last 12 months and may be open or closed.

### OR

- 2 trade lines Each trade line must be open for 24 months and have activity in the last 12 months and may be open or closed.
- Authorized User accounts and accounts in deferred status may not be used to satisfy the trade line requirements.
- Non-traditional credit and trades not appearing on the credit report (non-reporting mortgage or VOR) may not be used to satisfy the trade line requirements.

### **Credit Evaluation:**

All accounts, revolving and installment, reported by the borrower on the application must be verified directly by a credit reference or verified on the credit report. The balance, rating and terms of the account must be verified. If the account has not been updated on the credit report within 90 days of the date of the credit report, a supplement to the credit report or a separate written verification form

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must be obtained.

Any adverse credit, including disputed accounts, on the borrower's credit report must be sufficiently explained by the borrower in writing. Consumer credit lates in the last 24 months and any major credit events in the last 7 years must be addressed.

### **Housing Payment History:**

- 0 x 30 mortgage/rental delinquency in the past 12 months.
- This applies to all mortgages and all borrowers on the loan.
- Mortgage/rent must be rated up to and including the month of the new loan closing.
- The subject mortgage must be current at application and closing.

Mortgage history and/or rental history must be verified for the most recent 12 months if this information does not appear on the credit report. Acceptable sources include institutional VOM, institutional VOR or canceled checks. The underwriter must obtain the current balance, current status, monthly payment amount and a payment history for the last 12 months. Direct written verification of rent is acceptable in lieu of canceled checks when the landlord is a large professional management company.

# **Borrowers Without a Recent 12 Month Housing Payment History:**

Borrowers who have sold a primary residence within the past 6 months and are currently residing rent free, and who have a 12 month mortgage history up until that time, are not considered "without a recent housing payment history" and would qualify based on the prior mortgage history. All other borrowers without a housing payment history in the most recent 12 months are subject to the following:

- Primary residence only
- Maximum 43% DTI
- Minimum 10% contribution of borrower's own funds
- Any available history must be obtained and be paid as agreed
- Acceptable documentation to evidence borrowers have not had a housing obligation for the time period in question must be provided.

First Time Home Buyers: FTHB are eligible with no additional restrictions.

### Payment History on any other Property (Regardless of Occupancy):

All payment ratings on properties will be considered mortgage credit for grading purposes. Payments on a manufactured home, timeshare, or second mortgage are considered to be mortgage debt, even if reported as an installment loan. Any late payment in the last 12 months on a manufactured home, timeshare, second mortgage, will be considered ineligible for the program.

Bankruptcy / Foreclosure / NOD / Short Sale / Deed-in-Lieu / Restructured (Modified) Loan: Four years seasoning is required.

# Collections, Charge-offs, Judgments, Garnishments & Liens:

Delinquent credit including taxes, judgments, charged-off accounts, collection accounts, past-due accounts, tax liens, mechanics' liens, and any other liens that have the potential to affect the first lien position or diminish the borrower's equity, must be paid off at or prior to closing. Cash-out proceeds may be used to pay off these accounts at closing.

Collection Accounts that meet the following requirements may remain open.

- Collections and charge-offs < 24 months old with a maximum cumulative balance of \$2,000 may remain open
- Collections and charge-offs ≥ 24 months old with a maximum of \$2,500 per occurrence may remain open
- Medical collection accounts do not have to be paid off.

**Inquiries:** A detailed explanation letter that specifically addresses both the purpose and outcome of each inquiry in the last 120 days is required. If additional credit was obtained, a verification of that debt must be obtained and the borrower re-qualified with the additional debt.

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	Lawsuit or Pending Litigation: If the application, title, or credit documents reveal that the borrower is presently involved in a lawsuit or pending litigation, a statement from the borrower's attorney is required. The statement must explain the circumstances of the lawsuit or litigation and discuss the borrower's liability and insurance coverage.  Peter to Plaza's Natural Disaster Policy for requirements			
Disaster Policy	Refer to Plaza's Natural Disaster Policy for requirements.			
Geographic Restrictions	Hawaii: Properties in Lava Flow Zones 1 or 2 are not allowed.  New York: Maximum 85% LTV/CLTV.			
	<b>Texas:</b> Texas Section 50(a)(6) restrictions apply. Refer to the Texas Home Equity section in these			
	guidelines.			
	West Virginia: Delegated deliveries only.			
Identity of Interest / Non-Arm's Length	Identity of Interest and Non-Arms Length Transactions describe certain transactions that pose increased risk. A non-arm's length transaction is any transaction where there is a relationship or business affiliation between the borrower(s) and/or any parties in the transaction. If a direct relationship exists between any of the parties to a transaction, including the borrower/buyer, proper seller, employer, lender, broker or appraiser, then the transaction will be considered non-arm's length.			
	Examples of non-arm's length transactions include, but are not limited to:  • Family sales or transfers.			
	Borrower(s) purchasing a property from a builder who, in turn, is purchasing the borrower's existing property.			
	Renters buying from landlord.			
	Property trades between buyer and seller.			
	<ul> <li>Property seller foreclosure bailouts.</li> <li>Employer to employee sales or transfers.</li> </ul>			
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	the construction, financing or sale (i.e. listing agent) of the subject property.			
	Non-Arms length transactions are subject to the following:  • Primary Residence only			
	<ul> <li>Relationship must be fully disclosed and the Borrower to provide a written explanation stating relationship to the seller and reason for purchase</li> </ul>			
	Borrower to provide a copy of the canceled earnest money check			
	LTV is based on the lesser of sales price or current appraised value			
	<ul> <li>Borrowers cannot provide services on transaction (closing agent, title agent, appraiser, etc.)</li> <li>Borrower may not be an owner of a business entity selling the subject property</li> </ul>			
	<ul> <li>The following additional requirements apply only to family sales:</li> <li>Payment history for the seller's mortgage on the subject property must be obtained and show no pattern of delinquency within the past 12 months (if applicable)</li> </ul>			
	<ul> <li>Verification that the borrower has not been in title to the property in the past 24 months</li> <li>Gift of equity is permitted</li> </ul>			
Income & Employment	Stability of Employment & Income:			
General	<ul> <li>Stable monthly income is the borrower's verified gross monthly income from all acceptable and verifiable sources that can reasonably be expected to continue for at least the next 3 years. A 2-year history of employment and income is required in order for the income to be considered stable and used for qualifying. While the sources of income may vary, the borrower should have a consistent level of income despite any changes in the sources of income.</li> <li>Income from self-employment is considered stable if the borrower has been self-employed for 2 or</li> </ul>			
	more years.			
	<ul> <li>Frequent job changes to advance within the same line of work may be considered favorable. Job changes without advancement or in different fields of work should be carefully reviewed to ensure consistent or increasing income levels and the likelihood of continued stable employment.</li> <li>Borrowers should provide a signed, written explanation for any employment gaps that exceed 30 days in the most recent 12-month period, or that exceed 60 days in months 13-24.</li> </ul>			
	<ul> <li>Recent graduates and borrowers re-entering the workforce after an extended period are allowed.         Documentation must support that the borrower was either attending school or in a training program immediately prior to their current employment history. School transcripts must be provided to document.     </li> </ul>			



# Income may not be used for qualification purposes if it comes from any source that cannot be verified, is not stable, or will not continue.

• All income sources must be legal in accordance with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules and regulations, without conflict.

# Income & Employment Full Documentation

24 Month Full Doc: Salary/wage, self-employed and other income sources.

12 Month Full Doc: Salary/wage, and self-employed.

 Supplemental or other sources of income may not be eligible for 12 month documentation, refer to the Documentation Requirements in this section.

Regardless of 12 or 24 month income calculation, borrowers must meet the stability of employment and income guidelines in the section above.

# Paystubs:

- Paystubs must meet the following requirements:
  - Clearly identify the borrower as the employee.
  - o Show the borrower's current pay period and year-to-date earnings.
  - o If the borrower is paid hourly, the number of hours must be shown on the paystub.
  - o Paystubs must be computer generated.
  - Paystubs issued electronically via email or downloaded from the Internet must show the URL address, date and time printed, and identifying information on place of origin and/or author of the documentation.

W-2 Forms: W-2 Forms must be complete and be a copy provided by the employer.

# **Verification of Employment (VOE):**

A written VOE is required for a borrower's income sourced from commissions, bonus, overtime, or other income when the income detail is not clearly documented on W-2 Forms or paystubs. Written VOEs cannot be used as a sole source for verification of employment, paystubs and W-2s are still required. Written VOE must include:

- Borrower's date of employment
- Borrower's employment status and job title
- Name, phone number and title of person completing the VOE
- · Name of employer
- Base pay amount and frequency
- Additional salary information, which itemizes bonus, commission, overtime, or other variable income.
- VOE must be sent directly to the employer, attention of the personnel department. The VOE must be returned directly to the lender.

# **Self-Employed Confirmation must include:**

- Verification of the existence of the borrower's business from a third party, such as a CPA, regulatory agency, or applicable licensing bureau. A borrower's website is not acceptable as third party verification.
- Listing and address of the borrower's business using a telephone book, internet, or directory assistance.
- Name and title of the person completing the verification.
- Verification must be obtained within 30 calendar days prior to the Note date

# Tax Returns:

The following standards apply when using Income Tax Returns to verify income:

- Personal Income Tax Returns
  - o Must be complete with all schedules (W-2 forms, 1099 Forms, K-1 schedules, etc.)
  - o Signed and dated by each borrower on or before the closing date
- · Business Income Tax Returns
  - o Must be complete with all schedules (K-1 schedules, Form 1065, etc.)
  - o Signed and dated by each borrower on or before the closing date
- For Unfiled Tax Returns for the prior year's tax return
  - o Between Jan 1 and the tax filing date (typically April 15), borrowers must provide:

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- IRS form 1099 and W-2 forms from the previous year
- Loans closing in January prior to receipt of W-2s may use the prior year year-end paystub.
   For borrowers using 1099s, evidence of receipt of 1099 income must be provided.
- Between the tax filing date (April 16) and the extension expiration date (typically October 15), borrowers must provide (as applicable):
  - Copy of the filed extension.
  - Evidence of payment of any tax liability identified on the federal tax extension form.
  - W-2 forms.
  - Form 1099, when applicable.
  - Year-end profit and loss for prior year.
  - Current year profit & loss.
  - Balance sheet for prior calendar.
  - After the extension expiration date, loan is not eligible without prior year tax returns.

### **Income Analysis Form:**

An income worksheet must be provided on every loan. Borrowers with multiple businesses must show income/loss details separately, not in aggregate on the Income Worksheet. **Plaza's Income Worksheet**, Fannie Mae Form 1084 (dated 8-25-15), or Freddie Mac Form 91 is required for self-employment income analysis.

# **Verbal Verification of Employment:**

A verbal verification to confirm the borrower's current employment status is required for all borrowers within 10 calendar days prior to the Note date for wage income and verification of the existence of the borrower's business through a third-party source is required within 30 calendar days prior to the Note date for self-employment income.

**Specific Income Documentation Requirements:** 

Income Type	Documentation Requirement
	12 Month or 24 Month Full Doc eligible
Hourly/Salary	W-2 forms for the most recent 1 or 2 years based on doc type selected
Wage-Earners	Year-to-date paystub up through and including the most current pay period at the time
	of application and not earlier than 90 days prior to the Note date
	24 Month full Doc only
	2 years uninterrupted history in the same part time job required
	Income must be likely to continue
Part-Time Income	Income should not be declining. If the income shows a decline, written sound
	rationalization for using the income to qualify must be provided, or income should no
	be used. If the income is deemed stable and usable the most recent lower income
	over the prior 2-year period must be used and may not be averaged.
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	of application and not earlier than 90 days prior to the Note date
	24 Month full Doc only
	Tax returns for the most recent 2 years if commission >= 25% of annual income
	W-2s for the most recent 2 years if commission < 25% of annual income
0	Most recent year to date paystub reflecting commission earnings
Commission	Commission income must be averaged over the previous 2 years
	Income should not be declining. If the income shows a decline, written sound
	rationalization for using the income to qualify must be provided, or income should no
	be used. If the income is deemed stable and usable the most recent lower income
	over the prior 2-year period must be used and may not be averaged.

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Overtime & Bonus Income	<ul> <li>24 Month full Doc only</li> <li>2 years uninterrupted history of bonus or overtime income required</li> <li>Income must be likely to continue</li> <li>Income should not be declining. If the income shows a decline, written sound rationalization for using the income to qualify must be provided, or income should not be used. If the income is deemed stable and usable the most recent lower income over the prior 2-year period must be used and may not be averaged.</li> <li>Written VOE providing a breakdown of income for past 2 years</li> <li>W-2 forms for the most recent 2 years</li> <li>Year-to-date paystub up through and including the most current pay period at the time of application and not earlier than 90 days prior to the Note date</li> </ul>
Sole Proprietorship	<ul> <li>12 Month or 24 Month Full Doc eligible</li> <li>Tax returns, including all schedules, for the prior 1 or 2 years (depending on doc type selected) signed and dated by each borrower on or before the closing date</li> <li>Year-to-date through current quarter's P&amp;L</li> <li>Balance Sheet</li> <li>The P&amp;L and Balance Sheet: <ul> <li>May be borrower prepared or may be prepared by a qualified individual</li> <li>Must be signed by the preparer and the borrower</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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Alimony, Maintenance & Child Support Income	A divorce decree, court ordered separation agreement, court decree, or other legal agreement providing the payment terms confirming that income will continue for at least 3 years     Documentation evidencing that the borrower has been receiving full, regular, and timely payments for the past 6 months     If payments are not regular, are partial, or not timely the income cannot be used
Annuity Income	<ul> <li>12 Month or 24 Month Full Doc eligible</li> <li>12-month history of receipt verified by 1099s, tax returns, or bank statements</li> <li>Annuities established &lt; 12 months must be in a non-revocable trust with a minimum 40 month distribution term remaining</li> <li>Letter from issuer indicating: <ul> <li>Terms of periodic withdrawal</li> <li>Amount of withdrawal</li> <li>Duration of withdrawal</li> <li>Balance of annuity</li> </ul> </li> <li>Account balance must be sufficient to sustain continuance for a minimum of 3 years</li> </ul>



Asset Utilization	Minimum Asset Requirement:  ○ Lesser of 1.5 times the loan amount of \$1,000,000 after down payment, loan costs and required reserves.  • Income Calculation: Net Qualified Assets / 120 = Monthly Income  • Purchase or Rate/Term refi only.  • Maximum 80% LTV/CLTV, minimum 680 Credit Score.  • All owners of the asset accounts must also be borrowers - on the note and mortgage.  • Assets must be verified with the most recent 3 months of statements.  • Assets must be seasoned a minimum of 120 days.  • Eligible Assets:  ○ Stocks, bonds, mutual funds. 70% of value.  ○ Bank accounts — savings, checking, money market - 100% of balances.  ○ Vested amount of retirement accounts:  ■ 70% of vested value if the borrower is of retirement age (at least 59 ½)  ■ 60% of vested value if the borrower is not of retirement age (at least 59 ½)
Capital Gains	Accounts from which the borrower receives distributions     Business Assets     Gift funds     Equity in Real Estate including cash-out from the subject transaction     Privately traded or restricted/non-vested stock  24 Month full Doc only     Tax returns for the prior 2 years documenting a 2 year history of capital gains     Gains must be recurring and cannot be used if appears to be a one time occurrence     If the income is declining it cannot be used     Assets must be sufficient to sustain the gain for a minimum of 3 years
Departing Residence	12 Month or 24 Month Full Doc eligible Pending Sale:  If the borrower's current principal residence is pending sale but the transaction will not close prior to the subject transaction, the departing residence PITIA must be included in borrower's debt ratio except when the following requirements are met:  • Provide an executed sales contract for the departing residence, and  • Verification that all contingencies have been removed  Converting to Rental Property:  If the borrower is converting their current primary residence to a rental property, the departing residence PITIA must be included in borrower's debt ratio except when the following requirements are met:  • Borrower must have documented equity in departure residence of 25%.  • Documented equity may be evidenced by:  • an exterior appraisal or a full appraisal dated within six (6) months of subject transaction, or  • the original sales price and the current unpaid principal balance  • Market rent analysis Form 1007 supporting rental income  • Copy of current lease agreement  • Copy of security deposit and first month's rent and evidence of deposit to borrower's account
Disability Income (Long-term and Short-term)	12 Month or 24 Month Full Doc eligible  Documentation from either the insurance company or employer verifying: Payment amount Conditions for termination of payment Likelihood of the income continuing for at least 3 years  Copy of most recent check or bank statement verifying receipt of payment Short-term disability also requires, in addition to the above requirements: Signed letter from borrower indicating intent to return to work Verification from employer that the borrower will be allowed to return to work once the disability no longer exists. The letter must identify the borrower's position and rate of pay upon return. If the future employment income will be less than the disability income, the lower income amount must be used to qualify for the loan.



	24 Month full Doc only
Dividend/Interest Income	<ul> <li>Tax returns for the prior 2 years supporting a 2 year history of receipt</li> <li>Verification of stock asset values no older than 30 days prior to the note date</li> <li>Documentation verifying asset(s) to support the continuation of income for a minimum of 3 years</li> </ul>
Foreign Income	24 Month full Doc only  Tax returns for the prior 2 years reflecting the foreign income Income must be converted to U.S. currency Standard income stability and continuance requirements are met Standard documentation requirements apply based on the type of income Income from sanctioned countries administered by OFAC is not allowed.
Foster Care Income	24 Month full Doc only  Allowed if there is a 2 year history of receipt and likelihood of continuance for 3 years  May not be considered for children who will reach the age of 19 within 3 years  Documentation from the organization must be provided that clearly verifies:  Number of foster children  Age of foster children  Length of foster care  Copy of most recent check or bank statement verifying receipt of payment
Non-Taxable Income	<ul> <li>Non-Taxable income may be grossed up 25% to determine qualifying income; however, non-taxable income may not be grossed up for calculating residual income.</li> <li>Federal Tax returns may be required to determine the non-taxable income</li> </ul>
Note Income	Tax returns for the prior 1 or 2 years (depending on doc type selected) supporting a 2 year history of receipt     A copy of the note confirming the amount, frequency and duration of payments     The note must verify the remaining term of a minimum of 3 years
Retirement Income (pension, 401(k) and IRA distributions)	<ul> <li>12 Month or 24 Month Full Doc eligible</li> <li>Verify Income and Source using one of the following:         <ul> <li>Letters from the organization providing the income</li> <li>Copy of retirement award letters</li> <li>Tax returns for the most recent 1 or 2 years (depending on doc type selected)</li> <li>W-2 forms or 1099 forms for the most recent 1 or 2 years (depending on doc type selected)</li> <li>Bank statements reflecting regular deposits for the most recent 2 months</li> </ul> </li> <li>Assets supporting distributions must be sufficient to sustain continuance for a minimum of 3 years. Documentation must clearly indicate income will continue for a minimum of 3 years.</li> <li>If the borrower is of retirement age and the income is received from corporate, government, or military retirement/pension, proof of continuance is not required.</li> </ul>
Forthcoming Retirement	Any borrower presently employed but anticipating retirement within 3 years from note date must be evaluated upon the verified anticipated retirement income.



		12 Month or 24 Month Full Doc eligible
	Rental Income	<ul> <li>24 Month Full Doc required if the property has been owned for at least two years</li> <li>12 Month Full Doc is allowed if the property has been owned less than 2 years</li> <li>Tax returns for the prior 1 or 2 years (depending on doc type selected), including all schedules</li> <li>Net rental income must be added to the borrower's total monthly income</li> <li>Net rental losses must be added to the borrower's total monthly obligations</li> <li>Rental income is calculated using the most recent two year average Cash Flow Analysis of Schedule E</li> <li>For properties owned less than 2 years, use the lesser of <ul> <li>75% of the current lease minus PITIA, or</li> <li>Cash flow analysis of Schedule E from the most recent year</li> </ul> </li> <li>For rental income on the subject property purchase, use the lesser of <ul> <li>75% of the current lease minus PITIA (evidence of deposit required), or</li> <li>75% of the appraiser's opinion of rent (1007/216) minus PITIA</li> <li>Evidence of the lease deposit must be provided or 3 month's additional PITIA reserves is required</li> </ul> </li> <li>For properties listed on Schedule E of the borrower's tax returns, net rental income should be calculated as: (((Rents received – Total expenses) + (depreciation + interest + taxes + insurance + HOA)) / # applicable months) - PITIA.</li> <li>If the subject property is the borrower's primary residence and generating rental income, the full PITIA must be included in the borrower's total monthly obligations.</li> </ul>
	Social Security Income	Social Security income must be verified by a Social Security Administration benefit verification letter     Proof of current receipt     Benefits with a defined expiration date (children or surviving spouse) must have a remaining term of at least three (3) years or the income may not be used      Month or 24 Month Full Doc eligible
	Trust Income	A copy of the Trust Agreement or Trustee Statement showing:  Total amount of borrower-designated trust funds  Terms of payment  Duration of trust  Trust is irrevocable  Regular receipt of trust income for the past 3 months must be documented.  Income must continue for a minimum of 3 years  If trust funds are being used for down payment or closing costs, the loan file must contain adequate documentation to indicate the withdrawal of the assets will not negatively affect income and the withdrawal of the trust funds must be documented
	Unacceptable Income	Illegal Income Deferred compensation or Stock options Retained earnings Education benefits Refunds of federal, state, or local taxes Trailing spouse income Rental income from the borrower's single family primary residence or second home Foreign shell banks Medical marijuana dispensaries or any business or activity related to marijuana use, growing, selling or supplying, even if legally permitted under state or local law Gambling winnings (except lottery continuing for 5 years) or businesses engaged in any type of internet gambling
Income & Employment Bank Statement Documentation	<ul><li>24-month pers</li><li>12-month pers</li><li>24-month busi</li><li>12-month busi</li></ul>	come Documentation is available for self-employed borrowers only. onal bank statements onal bank statements ness bank statements ness bank statements
	-	ents for all Bank Statement Documented Loans: st be self-employed at the same business for at least 2 years.



- All parties listed on each bank account must also be borrowers on the loan.
- Statements must be the most recent months available and must be consecutive.
- Statements must support stable and generally predictable deposits.
  - 1. Unusual deposits must be documented.
  - 2. Deposits/earnings trend should not be declining.
- Additional income deposited into the bank accounts but derived from a source other than the self-employed business may not be included in the bank statement average.
  - 1. W-2 earnings or other income sources not associated with self employment, such as a spouse employed as a wage earner, must be documented using Full Doc.
  - When wage income is combined with bank statement documentation, a tax return is not required for the full income documentation, as this would invalidate the bank statements. The 4506T is still required; however, box 8 should be checked to obtain a transcript of W-2 earnings only and a copy of the W-2 transcripts must be provided.
  - Rental income: When rental income is the borrower's primary source of income, rental
    income must be documented using Full Doc. Rental income that is a secondary source of
    income may be included subject to specific requirements. Refer to the Rental Income
    information in this section.
- If the bank statements provided reflect payments being made on obligations not listed on the credit report additional information must be obtained to determine if the liability should be included in the borrower's debt-to-income ratio.
  - 1. If the obligation does not belong to the borrower, supporting documentation is required.
  - If the borrower is the obligor on the debt, an account statement and pay history should be obtained to review the account for acceptability. The payment must be included in the debt ratio.
- 4506-T is not required except as described above for co-mingled income.
- Tax returns and Transcripts are not required for the program and must not be provided. If Tax returns and/or Transcripts are provided the loan will be ineligible for bank statement documentation.

#### **NSFs and Overdrafts**

- Any NSF or overdraft activity in the past 12 months must be satisfactorily explained by the borrower.
- Excessive NSF or overdraft activity may preclude the borrower from bank statement eligibility.
   Excessive NSF or overdraft activity is defined as six or more occurrences in the most recent 12 months and will require an exception. Exception requests for excessive NSF activity must include the following:
  - The borrower must demonstrate that the circumstances leading to the occurrences has been addressed and resolved.
  - 2. A letter of explanation from the borrower outlining the reason for the occurrences and explanation of how and when the issue leading to the occurrences was rectified.
  - Additional compensating factors to specifically support the viability of the income must be present in the loan file.

# The following NSF/overdraft occurrences are acceptable and would not render the borrower ineligible:

- Overdraft protection from another personal depository account when the statements for the linked account confirm the linked account balance exceeded the transfer amount and the linked account balance remained positive the entire statement period of the transfer.
- Overdraft protection from a personal line of credit when the statements for the linked account confirm that the line's credit limit was not exceeded during the statement period of the transfer.

### **Rental Income and Bank Statement Documentation:**

Borrowers utilizing Bank Statement Documentation may include rental income as a secondary source of income if the following requirements are met:

- All requirements for documenting the self-employed business/primary source of income must be met
- Leases for rental properties must be provided
- 2-months proof of receipt of rental income must be documented

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- Rent deposits must match the rental income per the leases
- The rental income deposits should be to a separate bank account. Any rental income deposits to the bank account that is used in the self-employed income analysis are not eligible and must be backed out of the eligible deposits.
- If rent deposits cannot be clearly identified and backed out of the bank statements or they are not documented as deposited into a separate account, the full PITIA of the rental unit must be included in the qualifying DTI ratio.

When rent deposits are to a different account or can be documented and backed out of the business account, rental income is calculated as follows: Lease amount multiplied by 75% occupancy factor less PITIA. If the rental is the subject property, use the lesser of the lease amount from the 1007 multiplied by 75% occupancy factor less the PITIA.

### PERSONAL BANK STATEMENTS - 12 & 24 Months

### **Personal Bank Statement Documentation Requirements:**

- 12 or 24 months complete personal bank statements from the same account (transaction history printouts are not acceptable)
- Multiple bank accounts may be used; however, only personal, non-business accounts may be used
- Income must be disclosed on the Initial signed 1003
- Standard verification of business requirements apply, except the verification must occur within 10 days prior to closing.

### **Personal Bank Statement Income Calculation:**

- The lower of the Personal Bank Statement Average or the 1003 Initial Disclosed Income must be used as qualifying income.
- 100% of stable and generally predictable deposits are used for income and averaged over 12 or 24 months (corresponding to the number of bank statements provided (12 or 24))
- Unusual deposits must be documented
- Transfers between personal accounts should be excluded
- Transfers from a business account into a personal account are acceptable when they can be documented with 3 months of business bank statements showing the transfers
- Any deposits from income derived from a source other than the self-employed business may not be included in the bank statement average
- All loans must include Plaza's Personal Bank Statement Worksheet or an equivalent worksheet.

# **BUSINESS BANK STATEMENTS - 12 & 24 Months**

# **Business Bank Statement Documentation Requirements:**

- 12 or 24 months complete business bank statements from the same account (transaction history printouts are not acceptable)
- If the borrower has multiple businesses, each business must have a unique bank account; funds from multiple businesses cannot be co-mingled in a single account.
- Business bank accounts, personal bank accounts addressed to a DBA, or personal accounts with evidence of business expenses may be used
- Income must be disclosed on the Initial signed 1003
- Verification borrower is at least 50% owner of the business.
- A CPA letter, operating agreement, or equivalent reflecting the borrower's ownership percentage.
- If borrower is not 100% owner, non-borrowing owners of the business must provide a signed and dated letter acknowledging the transaction and verifying the borrower's access to the account for income calculations.
- Net income from the analysis of the bank statements must be multiplied by the borrower's ownership percentage to determine the borrower's qualifying income.
- Standard verification of business requirements apply, except verification must occur within 10 days prior to closing.
- Business expenses must be reasonable for the type of business. The borrower must provide a

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brief narrative describing the business. The underwriter will use the narrative to evaluate the reasonableness of the expenses. In addition to a general description of the business, the narrative should include:

- o Business location and associated rent
- Number of employees/contractors
- Estimated Cost of Goods Sold (sale of goods or just services)
- Materials/trucks/equipment (owned or leased)
- Transfers from other accounts and wire transfers must be documented or excluded from the calculation.
- Income documented separately but co-mingled must be backed out of deposits.
- Statements should show a trend of ending balances that are stable or increasing over time. Decreasing or negative ending balances must be explained.
- All loans must include Plaza's Business Bank Statement Worksheet or an equivalent worksheet.

### **Business Bank Statement Income Calculation:**

There are three income and expense documentation options for business bank statements:

- 1. Fixed Expense Factor of 50%
  - Net income is the total of eligible deposits multiplied by 50%.
  - The lower of the net income for the 1003 Initial Disclosed Income must be used as qualifying income
  - Businesses with high expense ratios are not eligible for the Fixed Expense Factor. However, they may qualify using the Expense Statement Letter or P&L options below. Businesses with high expense ratios include, but are not limited to:
    - Construction
    - Manufacturing
    - Hospitality/Food & Beverage Services
    - Transportation
    - Retail and Wholesale Trade

# 2. Business Expense Statement Letter provided by a Third Party Tax Professional

- Net income is the total of eligible deposits less the total expenses. Total expenses are
  calculated by multiplying the expense factor per the expense statement letter by the total
  eligible deposits.
- The lower of the net income or the 1003 Initial Disclosed Income must be used as qualifying income.

The expense statement letter must be prepared and signed by a licensed third party tax professional such as a CPA, Tax Attorney, Enrolled Agent (EA), or Paid Tax Professional (PTIN) and should be on the preparer's company letterhead. The expense statement letter covering the same 12 or 24 month period as the bank statements. The letter must specify the business expenses as a percent of gross annual sales/revenue. Statements from the tax professional may not include an unacceptable disclaimer or exculpatory language regarding its preparation.

- 3. P&L statement prepared by a Third Party Tax Professional
  - The 12 or 24 month total of eligible de posits in the business bank accounts must support the 24-month P&L by being no less than 10% below the P&L Gross Revenue (P&L top line). If the deposits equal 90% or more of Gross Revenue, the P&L is deemed validated.
  - The lower of the net income from the P&L or the 1003 Initial Disclosed Income must be used as qualifying income.

The P&L must be prepared and signed by a licensed third party tax professional such as a CPA, Tax Attorney, Enrolled Agent (EA),or Paid Tax Professional (PTIN) and should be on the preparer's company letterhead. The P&L must also be signed by the borrower. The P&L must cover the same 12 or 24 month period as the bank statements. An additional YTD P&L will be required if the most recent calendar year P&L is greater than 90 days old at time of closing. Statements from the tax professional may not include an unacceptable disclaimer or exculpatory language regarding its preparation.

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Interest Only	Maximum 80% LT	V/CLTV.				
	Product Code	Interest Only Term	Amortized Term	Total Term	Fixed Period	Adjustable Period
	NQF40IO	-	-		40 Years	NA
	NQA5140IO	10 Years	30 Years	40 Years	5 Years	35 Years
	NQA7140IO				7 Years	33 Years
Interested Party	Interested party contributions include funds contributed by the property seller, builder, real estate					
Contributions	agent/broker, mortgage lender, or their affiliates, or any other party with an interest in the real estate transaction. Interested party contributions may only be used for closing costs and prepaid expenses, and may never be applied to any portion of the down payment or contributed to the borrower's financial reserve requirements.  Primary Residence and Second Home:					
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	All seller concessi					
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contain at least 120% of the HOA's annual budgeted income. **Investor Concentration:** <= 60% investor concentration allowed. **Single Entity Ownership:** Maximum ownership by one (1) entity is 20% for projects with more than ten (10) units. For projects with ten (10) units or less, maximum ownership by a single entity is 2 units. Modular Homes are eligible with a maximum LTV/CLTV of 80%. **Rural Property:**  Primary residence only Maximum 80% LTV/CLTV Property cannot be agricultural or be income producing Exceptions required for > 10 acres **Ineligible Properties:**  Properties with condition rating of C5/C6 Properties with construction rating of Q6 Model home leaseback Properties with a private transfer covenant Gross living area < 600 square feet Commercial properties Condotels Cooperatives Geodesic dome homes Geothermal homes Manufactured housing Timeshare or segmented ownership Mixed use Acreage > 10 acres Unique properties Working farms, ranches, orchards Properties with UCC filings, private transfer covenants, mechanics liens and other items that would impact title (including PACE, solar, etc.), marketability or foreclosure are not allowed. **Property Flips** Properties acquired within 12 months after the date of the seller's acquisition where the contract price exceeds the seller's acquisition price by 10% or more are considered flips. **Property Flips:** Non-arms length or Identity of Interest transactions are not permitted. There can be no pattern of previous flipping as evidenced by multiple transfers in the last 12 No double escrows or assignment of sales contract. Seller of record must own the property at the time of the purchase contract. The property must have been marketed openly and fairly, through a multiple listing service, auction, for sale by owner offering (documented) or developer marketing. Value increases must be supported including documented improvements and an additional valuation product may be required: A second appraisal is required if > 10% increase in sales price if seller acquired the property in the past 90 days, or A second appraisal is required if > 20% increase in sales price if seller acquired the property in the past 91-180 days. Refer to the Eligibility Matrix for qualifying ratios. **Qualifying Ratios** Interest Only: Qualify on the PITIA based on the fully amortizing loan term after the IO period ends. All programs qualify at the greater of the fully indexed rate or the note rate. Transactions resulting in significant payment shock should always be considered by the

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- underwriter. The borrower's income must clearly support the borrower's ability to make the higher monthly payment. It is at the underwriter's discretion to require additional verification of assets or a larger down payment as a compensating factor for a loan with high payment shock.
- For other properties owned, documentation to confirm the amount and/or presence or absence of liability for P&I, taxes, insurance, HOA dues, lease payments or other property-related expenses must be provided.

Residual Income: All loans must meet the residual income requirements below.

- Residual income calculation must be calculated and displayed on the 1008.
- Residual income equals Gross Monthly Qualifying Income less Monthly Debt.
- \$2,500 Residual Income required + \$250 additional Residual Income for each additional household member.

# **Revolving Charges/Lines of Credit:**

If the credit report does not show a required minimum payment amount and there is no supplemental documentation to support a payment of less than 5%, the underwriter must use the greater of \$10 or 5% of the outstanding balance as the borrower's recurring monthly debt obligation.

### **Installment Debt:**

All installment debt that is not secured by a financial asset – including student loans, automobile loans and home equity loans – must be considered part of the borrower's recurring monthly debt obligations if there are 10 or more monthly payments remaining. However, an installment debt with fewer monthly payments remaining also should be considered as a recurring monthly debt obligation if it significantly affects the borrower's ability to meet his or her credit obligations.

# Payoff of or Paydown of Debt:

Payoff or paydown of debt solely to qualify must be carefully evaluated and considered in the overall loan analysis. The borrower's history of credit use should be a factor in determining whether the appropriate approach is to include or exclude debt for qualification. As a rule of thumb:

- Installment loans that are being paid off or paid down to 10 or fewer remaining monthly payments should generally not be included in the borrower's long-term debt.
- If a revolving account is to be paid off and closed, a monthly payment on the current outstanding balance may not need to be included in the borrower's long-term debt, i.e., not included in the DTI ratio.

# 30-day Charge Accounts:

For open 30-day charge accounts that do not reflect a monthly payment on the credit report, or 30-day accounts that reflect a monthly payment that is identical to the account balance:

- 5% of the outstanding balance will be considered to be the required monthly payment, or
- The payment may be excluded from the debt ratio calculation if the borrowers have sufficient liquid assets, after required funds to close and reserves, to cover the full balance of the 30-day account.

# **Business Paid Debt:**

If the business debt is reflected on the borrower's personal credit report, the borrower is personally liable for the debt and it must be included in the debt-to-income ratio unless the following documentation is provided to evidence the debt is paid by the business:

- The debt must be at least 6 months old (if less than 6 months old it must always be included in the DTI)
- Most recent 6 months canceled checks drawn against the business account; or
- Tax returns reflect the business expense deduction; or
- Business bank account statement showing assets remain after funds to close and reserve requirements are with a balance greater than or equal to the balance of the debt.

# **HELOC:**

The payment on all HELOCs must be considered as part of the borrower's recurring monthly debt obligations. The monthly payment per the credit report is used in qualifying. If the HELOC does not require a payment due to a zero balance, there is no recurring monthly obligation.

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### **Student Loans:**

For all student loans, whether deferred, in forbearance, or in repayment, a monthly payment must be included in qualifying. Copies of the borrower's payment letters or forbearance agreements must be provided so that a monthly payment amount can be determined. The monthly payment to be used is the greater of:

- 1% of the outstanding balance, or
- The actual documented payment.
- If the actual documented payment is less than 1% of the outstanding balance and will fully
  amortize the loan with no payment adjustments, the lower amortizing payment may be used in
  qualifying.

**Auto Lease Payments:** Payment must be included in qualifying DTI regardless of the remaining payments due.

Alimony, Child Support and Maintenance Payments: Payments must be included as a liability.

**IRS Payment Plan:** IRS debt being paid through an installment payment plan is acceptable provided a copy of the agreement is obtained along with evidence of a minimum six months of satisfactory payments. The liability must be included as a debt in the borrower's debt ratios. There may be no corresponding lien on title.

# **Repair Escrows**

### Reserves

Loans with escrows for completion of postponed improvements (escrow holdbacks) are not eligible.

Reserves must come from the borrower's own funds and there must be verified PITIA reserves remaining after closing, exclusive of closing costs.

Net proceeds from cash-out transactions can be used to meet reserve requirements.

Refer to the Eligibility Matrix for reserve requirements.

**Additional Reserve Requirements:** Multiple Financed Properties: 2 months for each additional property

**Reduced Reserves:** The reserve requirement is reduced to 3 months on rate/term transactions when all of the following apply:

- · Primary occupancy; and
- LTV/CLTV ≥ 10% below the maximum available for the transaction; and
- DTI ≤ 43% or when the transaction results in a reduction to the monthly P&I of > 10%

Ineligible Sources for Reserves: Gift funds are not allowed.

### Subordinate Financing

# Subordinate financing is allowed per the Credit Matrix with the following requirements/restrictions:

- · Primary residences and second homes only.
- Institutional financing only Seller-held subordinate financing is not allowed.
- Subordinate liens must be recorded and clearly subordinate to the first mortgage lien.
- Full disclosure must be made on the existence of subordinate financing and the repayment terms.
- A payment on the subordinate financing must be included in the DTI. If a payment is unable to be determined, 1.5% of the original loan balance can be used.
- If the subordinate lien is a HELOC the total line amount must be used to determine CLTV.

# **Ineligible Subordinate Mortgages:**

- Investment properties with subordinate financing
- Subordinate mortgages subject to an interest rate buydown plan.
- Subordinate mortgages that allow negative amortization.
- Subordinate mortgages that involved graduated or variable payments.
- Subordinate mortgages that have wraparound terms.
- Subordinate mortgages through a Community Second Mortgage/Down Payment Assistance Program.
- · Subordinate mortgages held by the property seller.
- Any type of tax or judgment lien.

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Temporary Buydowns	Not allowed
Texas Home Equity	Texas Section 50(a)(6) transactions:
	1-unit primary residence only
	30 year fixed rate only
	Maximum LTV/CLTV of 80%.
	Points and Fees are limited to 2%.
	Regardless if the new loan is a rate/term or cash-out refinance, any loan classified under Texas
	law as a Texas 50(a)(6), must follow the cash-out eligibility matrix and be locked as a cash-out
	refinance.
Transactions	Purchase
	Rate/Term Refinance
	Cash-Out Refinance
	Rate & Term Refinance:
	The new loan amount is limited to the payoff of the present first lien mortgage, any seasoned non-first
	lien mortgages, closing costs and prepays.
	A seasoned non-first lien mortgage is a purchase money mortgage or a mortgage that has been in
	place for 12 months.
	A seasoned equity line is defined as not having total draws greater than \$2,000 in the past 12
	months.
	<ul> <li>Cash to the borrower is limited to the lesser of 2% or \$2,000.</li> </ul>
	Properties currently listed for sale at time of loan application are not eligible for a rate/term
	refinance transaction. If the property was listed within the last 6 months of the application date, the
	following is required:
	Proof of canceled listing prior to application date.
	Acceptable letter of explanation from the borrower detailing the rationale for changing the
	intention to sell.
	• Title must be in the borrower's name at time of application and on the closing date except that title
	may be in an LLC at time of application if the borrower(s) is a majority owner (i.e. more than 50%),
	and the property must be deeded to the borrower individually at closing. Loans may not close with title held in the name of the LLC. The other owners of the LLC must acknowledge the transfer
	of ownership to our borrower(s).
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	Rate/Term LTV:
	<ul> <li>If the borrower has less than 6 months ownership of the property, determined by note date to</li> </ul>
	note date, the LTV/CLTV is calculated on the lesser of the purchase price or appraised value.
	<ul> <li>For homes where capital improvements have been made to the property after purchase,</li> </ul>
	LTV/CLTV can be based on the lesser of the current appraised value or original
	purchase price plus the documented improvements. Receipts are required to document
	cost of improvements.
	<ul> <li>If the borrower has owned the property for 6 months, the LTV/CLTV is based on the</li> </ul>
	appraised value.
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	Cash-Out Refinance:
	<ul> <li>A signed letter from the borrower disclosing the purpose of the cash-out must be obtained on all cash-out transactions.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>There must be seasoning of at least 6 months (and title must be in the borrower's name for at</li> </ul>
	least 6 months) since any prior financing (purchase or refinance) was obtained. Note date to note
	date is used to determine seasoning.
	<ul> <li>Properties purchased entirely with cash within the last 6 months do not qualify for cash-out but</li> </ul>
	may be eligible for Delayed Financing. Refer to the <b>Delayed Purchase Refinance</b> section. Other
	than as provided for in Delayed Financing, a mortgage taken out on a property previously owned
	free and clear is always considered a cash-out refinance.
	<ul> <li>Properties that have been listed for sale within the past 6 months of loan application are not</li> </ul>
	eligible for a cash-out refinance transaction.
	Maximum cash-out limitations include the payoff of any unsecured debt, unseasoned liens, and
	any cash in hand.
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with title held in the name of the LLC. The other owners of the LLC must acknowledge the transfer
of ownership to our borrower(s).

## Cash-Out LTV:

- If the borrower has less than 12 months ownership of the property, determined by note date to note date, the LTV/CLTV is calculated on the lesser of the purchase price or appraised value.
  - For homes where capital improvements have been made to the property after purchase, LTV/CLTV can be based on the lesser of the current appraised value or original purchase price plus the documented improvements. Receipts are required to document cost of improvements.
- If the borrower has owned the property for 12 months, the LTV/CLTV is based on the appraised value.

### **Delayed Purchase Refinance:**

A Delayed Purchase Refinance is the refinance of a property purchased by the borrower for cash within 6 months of the current loan application date and requires the following:

- The original transaction must have been an arm's-length transaction.
- The LTV/CLTV is calculated based on the lesser of the purchase price or appraised value.
- Loan is underwritten as a cash-out refinance for LTV/CLTV purposes. Cash back to the borrower in excess of documented funds used to purchase the property is not allowed.
- The CD from the original purchase documenting no financing was obtained for the purchase of the property.
- Funds used to purchase the property must be fully documented and sourced and must be the borrower's own funds (no borrowed funds, no gift funds, no business funds, no retirement funds, and no pledged assets).
- Reimbursement of business funds, funds secured by a pledged asset, or funds from the borrower's retirement account are not considered "borrower's cash" for the purposes of this Delayed Purchase Refinance program.

# **Construction to Permanent Financing:**

The conversion of construction-to-permanent financing involves the granting of a long-term mortgage to a Borrower for the purpose of replacing interim construction financing that the Borrower has obtained to fund the construction of a new residence. The Borrower must hold title to the lot, which may have been previously acquired or purchased as part of the transaction.

- For lots owned ≥12 months from application date for subject transaction, LTV, CLTV, HCLTV is based on the current appraised value.
- For lots owned < 12 months from application date for subject transaction, LTV, CLTV, HCLTV is based on the lesser of the current appraised value of the property or the total acquisition costs (sum of documented construction costs and documented purchase price of lot).

# New York Consolidation, Extension and Modification Agreement (CEMA): Allowed

# **Underwriting Method**

All loans must be manually underwritten and fully documented per these Program Guidelines. If a requirement is not addressed in these Guidelines, the more restrictive of either the Fannie Mae Selling Guide or **Appendix Q** to part 1026, 12CFR Chapter X – Truth-in-Lending (Regulation Z), must be followed.

# All files must include:

- Plaza's Alternative Loan Analysis Form FM-489, or equivalent, to ensure the loan is processed on the most appropriate program for the applicant.
- Ability to Repay (ATR) Borrower Certification Form signed by the borrower. Plaza's ATR Form, or an inequivalent, must be provided.

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Other Requirements	<b>Escrows/Impounds:</b> All loans require escrow accounts to be established for the payment of taxes and insurance.					
	<ul> <li>Compliance:</li> <li>Higher Priced Mortgage Loans: Eligible.</li> <li>High Cost: Federal, State and Local High Cost Loans are not permitted. Loans that meet the definition of "high cost," "high risk," "covered," "subprime," or any similar designation under state or local law are ineligible.</li> <li>Points and Fees: Points and Fees must be less than 5%.</li> </ul>					
	<b>Age of Documentation:</b> All documentation must be dated within 90 days of the date the Note is signed with the exception of the appraisal which may be no more than 120 days old on the date the Note is signed.					
Program Specific	Business Bank Statement Worksheet					
Forms Required	<ul> <li>Alternative Loan Analysis Form, or equivalent, signed by the Correspondent Underwriter</li> <li>Ability to Repay Borrower Attestation Form signed by the borrower</li> </ul>					

