

Lender Letter (LL-2022-06)

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To: All Fannie Mae Single-Family Sellers Confirmation of Conforming Loan Limit Values for 2023

This Lender Letter establishes Fannie Mae loan limits for 2023. The Federal Housing Finance Agency (FHFA) has issued the conforming loan limit values that will apply to conventional loans to be acquired by us in 2023. The first mortgage conforming loan limit values are defined in terms of baseline loan limits and high-cost area loan limits. The limits are increasing in 2023.

Effective: The new limits are effective for whole loans delivered, and mortgage loans delivered into MBS with pool issue dates, on or after Jan. 1, 2023.

Whole loans delivered through Dec. 31, 2022, must comply with the 2022 limits (“Purchase Requested” status in PE-Whole Loan and Loan Delivery). MBS pools with Dec. 1, 2022 pool issue dates must comply with the 2022 limits, and MBS pools with Jan. 1, 2023 pool issue dates must comply with the 2023 limits (even if delivered in December). Lenders must ensure the appropriate identification of high-balance loans at delivery using Special Feature Code 808.

First mortgage conforming loan limit values

The following table contains the baseline (also known as “general”) loan limits for 2023.

Units	Baseline Loan Limits	
	Contiguous States, District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico	Alaska, Guam, Hawaii, and U.S. Virgin Islands
One	\$726,200	\$1,089,300
Two	\$929,850	\$1,394,775
Three	\$1,123,900	\$1,685,850
Four	\$1,396,800	\$2,095,200

The high-cost area loan limits are established for each county (or equivalent) and are published on [Fannie Mae’s website](#) and on [FHFA’s website](#). The following table contains the ceiling for the high-cost area limits for 2023.

Units	High-Cost Area Loan Limits*	
	Contiguous States, District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico	Alaska, Guam, Hawaii, and U.S. Virgin Islands
One	\$1,089,300	Not Applicable
Two	\$1,394,775	
Three	\$1,685,850	
Four	\$2,095,200	

* Several states (including Alaska and Hawaii), Guam, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands do not have any high-cost areas in 2023.



High-cost area loan limits are derived from median home prices estimated by the Federal Housing Administration (FHA) of the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). FHA will permit a 30-day appeals period during which requests for individual area median home price increases will be evaluated. FHFA will issue a subsequent announcement if any individual high-cost area loan limit is increased as a result of the appeals process. Updates resulting from subsequent FHFA announcements will be posted on our website.

Loans subject to the high-cost area limits are referred to as high-balance loans and must comply with the high-balance loan requirements described in the *Selling Guide*.

Application of the Limits Based on Original Loan Amount

All conforming loan limit values apply to the original loan amount of the mortgage loan, not to its balance at the time of purchase by Fannie Mae. Lenders are responsible for ensuring that the original loan amount of each mortgage loan does not exceed the applicable loan limit for the specific area in which the property is located.

Desktop Underwriter® Implementation

The 2023 loan limits will be applied to Desktop Underwriter (DU®) loan casefiles submitted (or resubmitted) on or after the weekend of Dec. 3, 2022. Also note that loan casefiles underwritten through DU prior to Dec. 3 that receive an Ineligible recommendation due only to exceeding the 2022 loan limit may be delivered after Jan. 1, 2023 (or in Jan. 1, 2023 MBS pools). The loan casefile does not have to be resubmitted to DU if the loan amount complies with the applicable 2023 conforming loan limit value.

Reference Materials

To assist lenders in determining the applicable limits, we post reference material on our website, including the [Area Median Income/Loan Limits Lookup Tool](#), which lenders can use to look up conforming loan limit values based on a specific address (or batch of addresses).

Lenders may also contact their Fannie Mae Account Team if they have questions about this Lender Letter. Have guide questions? Get answers to all your policy questions, straight from the source. [Ask Poli](#).

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