

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 24, 2024

Standard Underwriting Requirements

Quick Reference and Overlays

For loans not qualifying under our EZ DecisioningSM (Desktop Underwriter[®]/DU[®], Loan Product Advisor[®]/LPASM) requirements.

Arch MI's Standard Underwriting Requirements Quick Reference provides an overview of general eligibility limits for loans and overlays with Agency requirements.

LTV, Loan Amount, Credit Score and DTI Requirements

The LTV/Loan Amount/Credit Score/DTI requirements below apply to both delegated and non-delegated submissions.

Occupancy	Transaction Type	Property Type	Maximum		Maximum Loan Amount	Minimum Credit Score	Maximum DTI
			LTV	CLTV ¹			
Primary Residence	Purchase and Rate/Term Refinance	1-Unit, SFD/SFA, Condos, Co-ops	97% ²	105% ³	\$766,550 ⁴	620	45%
			95.01%–97% ²	97% ⁵	\$766,551–\$1,149,825	620	
			95%	100% ³	\$766,551–\$1,149,825	620	
		Manufactured Homes ⁶	90%	90%	\$766,550 ⁴	680	
		2-Unit	95%	100% ³	\$1,472,250	660	
		3-Unit	90%	90% ⁵	\$1,186,350	660	
		4-Unit	90%	90% ⁵	\$1,474,400	660	
	Cash-Out Refinance	1-Unit, SFD/SFA, Condos, Co-ops	95%	95% ⁵	\$1,149,825	660	
Second Home	Purchase and Rate/Term Refinance	1-Unit, SFD/SFA, Condos, Co-ops	90%	90% ⁵	\$1,149,825	660	
		Manufactured Homes ⁶	90%	90% ⁵	\$766,550 ⁴	700	
Investment	Purchase and Rate/Term Refinance	1-Unit, SFD/SFA, Condos, Co-ops	85%	85% ⁵	\$1,149,825	680	
Construction-to-Permanent Loans							
Primary Residence	Purchase and Rate/Term Refinance	1-Unit, SFD/SFA, Detached Condos	95%	95% ⁵	\$1,149,825	620	45%
		Manufactured Homes ⁶	90%	90% ⁵	\$766,550 ⁴	680	
Second Home	Purchase and Rate/Term Refinance	1-Unit, SFD/SFA, Detached Condos	90%	90% ⁵	\$1,149,825	660	
		Manufactured Homes ⁶	90%	90% ⁵	\$766,550 ⁴	700	

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Occupancy	Transaction Type	Property Type	Maximum		Maximum Loan Amount	Minimum Credit Score	Maximum DTI
			LTV	CLTV¹			
Renovation Loans							
Primary Residence	Purchase and Rate/Term Refinance	1-Unit, SFD/SFA, Condos, Co-ops	95%	105%³	\$766,550⁴	620	45%
			95%	100%³	\$766,551–\$1,149,825		
		2-Unit	95%	100%³	\$1,472,250	660	
Second Home	Purchase and Rate/Term Refinance	1-Unit, SFD/SFA, Condos, Co-ops	90%	90%⁵	\$1,149,825	660	
Loan Amounts \$1,149,826–\$2,000,000 for 1-Unit Properties⁷							
Primary Residence (Delegated)	Purchase and Rate/Term Refinance	1-Unit, SFD/SFA, Condos	85%	85%⁵	\$1,149,826–\$1,500,000⁸	740⁹	41%⁹
Primary Residence (Non-Delegated)	Purchase and Rate/Term Refinance	1-Unit, SFD/SFA, Condos	90%	90%⁵	\$1,149,826–\$1,500,000⁸	720⁹	43%⁹
			85%	85%⁵	\$1,500,001–\$2,000,000⁸	740⁹	43%⁹

¹ Subordinate financing requirements in section 3.03.03 of our Underwriting Manual (the Manual) must be met.

² Balloon mortgages are ineligible for LTVs > 95%.

³ When the CLTV is greater than the maximum LTV, the subordinate financing must meet Fannie Mae's Community Seconds® or Freddie Mac's Affordable Seconds® requirements. The loan must be identified as an Affordable Housing loan within the MI submission.

⁴ \$1,149,825 for properties located in AK or HI.

⁵ New subordinate financing is **ineligible**.

⁶ The following are ineligible for manufactured homes:

- Single-wide properties.
- Renovation loans.
- Investment properties.

See section 3.14.04 of the Manual for specific requirements for manufactured home eligibility.

⁷ ARMs < 5 years, temporary buydowns, balloon mortgages, biweekly mortgages, construction-to-permanent loans and renovation loans are **ineligible** for these loan amounts.

⁸ See section 3.03.01.02 of the Manual for additional underwriting requirements for these loan amounts.

⁹ The credit score and DTI variances described in section 3.03 of the Manual do not apply.

These underwriting requirements are not all-inclusive; see [Arch MI's Underwriting Manual](#) for additional information. A list of common overlays to the Agencies can be found on the next page.

How Arch MI's Standard Underwriting and Agency Requirements Differ:

This summary provides some common differences between Arch MI's Standard Underwriting Requirements and Agency requirements. **This list is not all-inclusive** and is subject to change based on announcements from Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac or Arch MI.

Overlays to Agency Requirements		
Acreage	Maximum 15 acres.	
Construction-to-Permanent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1-unit primary residence (maximum 95% LTV), second home (maximum 90% LTV), manufactured homes (maximum 90% LTV) only. Ineligible: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Non-traditional credit. New subordinate financing. 2–4-unit properties. Investment properties. Attached condos. Co-ops. Cash-out refinances. 	
Credit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A borrower who was a debtor on a loan for which Arch MI paid a claim will be considered for insurance on an exception basis upon review of a non-delegated submission. 	
Documentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Documentation efficiencies granted by DU or LPA are ineligible when the loan receives an ineligible purchase decision (unless the ineligible decision is due to having no first-time homebuyers on the loan). 	
Minimum Borrower Contribution (from own funds)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1-unit primary residence: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Loan amounts up to \$1,149,825: 3%. Gifts/Grants may be used to satisfy the minimum borrower contribution for the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maximum 97% LTV for loan amounts up to \$766,550*. Maximum 95% LTV for loan amounts up to \$1,149,825. Manufactured homes: 3%. Borrowers using non-traditional credit: 3%. 2-unit primary residence: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 80.01%–85% LTV: 3%. 85.01%–95% LTV: 5%. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Second homes: 5%. All contributions (with the exception of allowable seller/interested-party contributions) must come from the borrower's own funds for the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1-unit primary residences with loan amounts \$1,149,826 to \$2,000,000. 3–4-unit primary residences. Investment property.
Property	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Single-wide manufactured homes are ineligible. 	
Reserves	Loans with a DU Approve/Eligible or LPA Accept/Eligible recommendation may align with the DU or LPA reserve requirements except as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3–4-unit properties: 6 months' PITIA reserves. 	Loans without a DU Approve/Eligible or LPA Accept/Eligible recommendation as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Primary Residence: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ≤ \$1,149,825: None. \$1,149,826–\$1,650,000: 9 months' PITIA. \$1,650,001–\$2,000,000: 12 months' PITIA. Second Home, Investment, 2–4-unit properties: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6 months' PITIA.

*\$1,149,825 for properties located in AK or HI.

Complete underwriting requirements and loan submission procedures are available on our website, archmi.com/guidelines.