

1. AGED DOCUMENTS	• Credit documents must be no more than 120 days old on the date the Note is signed, including credit reports and employment, income and asset documents.
2. APPRAISALS	<ul> <li>A full appraisal (e.g. form 1004 or equivalent, accompanied by form 1004MC) is required for all submissions</li> <li>The appraisal must be no more than 150 days old at loan closing.</li> <li>Recert of value not allowed.</li> </ul>
3. ASSETS	<ul> <li>Gift of equity is not allowed</li> <li>Investigate individual (non-recurring) deposits greater than \$1,000 on the account statements that are not attributed to wages or earnings to confirm the deposits are not from undisclosed income sources.</li> </ul>
4. BORROWER ELIGIBILITY	<ul> <li>U.S. citizens</li> <li>Borrowers must have a valid Social Security Number</li> <li>Must meet USDA adjusted annual household income limit threshold for applicable state and county for where subject is located. <u>https://eligibility.sc.egov.usda.gov/eligibility/incomeEligibilityAction.do?pageAction=state&amp;NavKey=income@11</u></li> <li>Permanent resident aliens, with proof of lawful permanent residence</li> <li>Non-permanent residents are allowed as long as they are a qualified alien with proof of lawful residence.</li> <li>Non-occupant borrowers are ineligible</li> <li>DACA Visas are not permitted</li> <li>A very specific list of borrower eligibility is available and can only be accessed by entering loan into GUS. See Property: Maximum Number of Properties Owned for information regarding borrowers who currently own a property.</li> </ul>
5. CONDOMINIUMS	The lender must perform an underwriting review of the condominium project to ensure the unit meets HUD/FHA, VA, Fannie Mae, or Freddie Mac guidelines. The 1008 must be marked with the appropriate warranty and include all documentation utilized to make the condo warranty.



Credit Score Requirements
• 580
<ul> <li>No score is permitted with acceptable non-traditional tradelines</li> </ul>
GUS Refer requires manual underwrite.
Housing (Mortgage/Rental) Payment History (PITIA):
<ul> <li>Inclusive of all liens regardless of lien position</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Applies to all mortgages on all financed properties</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>All loans must be current</li> <li>AUS Approve (rental history not required)</li> </ul>
AUS Refer and Manual Underwrite
• 0 x 30 in last 12 months
All loans must be current at the time of application
Validation of credit score:
<ul> <li>At least one applicant whose income or assets are being used for qualification must have a valid credit report score.</li> <li>Two or more eligible tradelines with at least 12 months of repayment reporting on the credit report are required.</li> </ul>
• One borrower whose income and assets are used for the loan transaction, is required to meet tradeline requirement for manual underwrite.
Validation of tradelines for non-traditional credit:
<ul> <li>Two tradelines are required when at least one of the trade references is verification of housing payments. If unavailable, three trade references must be used.</li> </ul>
• A 12 month history must be verified with cancelled checks, third party verification, or a non-traditional credit report.
An impound account for collection of taxes and insurance (or additional escrow items) is required.
Financing or sales concessions cannot exceed 6% of the sales price.



9. FLOOD INSURANCE	Existing dwellings:
	• Existing dwellings in a SFHA are not eligible under the SFHGLP unless flood insurance through the FEMA National Flood
	Insurance Program (NFIP) is available. The lender will require the borrower to obtain, and maintain for the term of the mortgage,
	flood insurance for any property located in a SFHA, listing the lender as a loss payee.
	New or Proposed Dwellings:
	<ul> <li>Rural Housing will not guarantee loans for new or proposed homes in an SFHA unless the lender obtains a Letter of Map Amendment (LOMA) that removes the property form the SFHA or Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) that removes the property from the SFHA or obtains a FEMA elevation certificate that shows that the lowest habitable floor (including basement) of the dwelling and all related building improvements is built at or above the 100 year flood plain elevation in compliance with the NFIP.</li> <li>Flood insurance from private insurance not allowed</li> </ul>
10. GUARANTEE FEE	
	Upfront Purchase Fee: 1% of the loan
	- Financed Guarantee Fee calculated: (loan amount / .99) - loan amount
	- Not financed Guarantee Fee calculated: loan amount * 1%
	Upfront Refinance Fee: 1% of the loan
	- Financed Guarantee Fee calculated: (loan amount / .99) - loan amount
	- Not financed Guarantee Fee calculated: loan amount * 1%
	<ul> <li>Can be financed above the appraised value</li> <li>Annual Fee: .35%</li> </ul>
11. LOAN AMOUNT	The maximum loan amount for which the applicant qualifies is determined by their income and repayment ability.
12. LTV LIMITS	100% of the appraised value or sales price plus GRH fee
13. OCCUPANCY	Owner Occupied Residences only
14. PROPERTY, ELIGIBLE TYPES	Single Family Attached/Detached
	PUDs and condos
	Purchase Transactions must be located in an area designated as acceptable for Rural Housing.
	<ul> <li>New Construction must meet Rural Housing inspection and Builder Warranty requirements; evidence must be included in the file.</li> <li>Existing Double wide homes manufactured homes allowed in pilot states only**</li> <li>Properties with wells require water testing completed by EPA approved lab.</li> <li>** Pilot States: Colorado, Iowa, Louisiana, Michigan, Mississippi, Montana, Nevada, New Hampshire, New York, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming</li> </ul>



15. PROPERTY, INELIGIBLE TYPES	Single wide manufactured/mobile
	Cooperatives
	Condotels
	Hotel Condominiums
	Timeshares
	Geodesic Domes
	Working Farms and Ranches
	Unimproved Land and property currently in litigation
	• 2-4 units
	• Income Producing properties that do not meet Rural Housing's requirements. Examples include, but not limited to grain bins, silos,
	dairy farms, hog barns and multiple equestrian stables.
16. PRODUCT DESCRIPTION	Properties served by cisterns     Fixed Bate 20 year term only
16. PRODUCT DESCRIPTION	Fixed Rate 30-year term only     Temporary buydowns are not allowed
	Interest only not allowed     Purel Energy Leans are not allowed
	Rural Energy Loans are not allowed
	Fully amortized
	Low to moderate income families
17. PROPERTY, MAXIMUM NUMBER OF PROPERTIES	Current homeowners may be eligible for guaranteed home loans under this part if all the following conditions are met:
PROPERTIES	<ul> <li>The homeowner's current dwelling is not financed by a Rural Development guaranteed or direct Section 502 or 504 loan or active grant</li> </ul>
	• The homeowner is financially qualified to own more than one house (the borrower is limited to owning one single family
	housing unit other than the one associated with the loan request;
	• The homeowner will occupy the home financed with the guaranteed loan as their primary residence throughout the term of the
	loan;
	• The current home no longer adequately meets the borrowers' needs (See Chapter 8.2 of the Technical Handbook for details
	regarding what is defined as not meeting needs);
	• In all cases, the lender must provide an additional explanation of the burden upon the borrower imposed by the status change
	both in the near the near and longer term, and also the reasons beyond homeowner convenience why the purchase of the property
	must be completed prior to the sale of the existing property
18. RATIOS	Follow GUS findings for approve/eligible. Refer/manual = 34/41 ** No waivers permitted to go above 34% housing ratio.
19. RESERVES	Not required. When reserves are entered into the GUS, the Lender must develop a one month average. Assets such as 401ks, IRAs,
	etc., may be included up to only 60% of the vested value.
20. RURAL HOUSING DOCUMENTATION	RD 3555-21 Request for Single Family Housing Loan Guarantee
	Must include completed, signed, and dated applicant acknowledgement. Lender certification should be left blank.



• The loa	<u>s must be submitted to Guaranteed Underwriting System (GUS)</u> n must receive either an Accept/Eligible or Refer (manual). ditional credit acceptable in accordance with Rural Housing's guidelines. See Credit: History section for more information.
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