

Conventional Bond

Program Guidelines



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What is Virginia Housing's Conventional Bond Program?	Virginia Housing's Conventional Bond program is a conventional first mortgage offered to first-time homebuyers (unless purchasing in a targeted area) with reduced mortgage insurance (MI). The loan is financed using tax-exempt bond proceeds. The interest rate for the Conventional Bond program may vary compared to the Conventional program. Requirements of this bond program are listed below.													
Loan Term	30 year fixed rate only.													
Maximum Lender Compensation	2.50% including SRP plus common and customary ancillary fees.													
Loan-to-Value (LTV)	Maximum 97% LTV based on the lower of the sales price / appraised value. No minimum LTV. Maximum 105% CLTV (Fannie Mae eligible Community Seconds* only allowed). *The Originating Lender is responsible for ensuring the Community Second is acceptable to Fannie Mae. Refer to Fannie Mae's Community Seconds Checklist to assist in evaluating the Community Second program, which can be used in lieu of Virginia Housing's Exhibit LL .	Maximum 97% LTV based on the lower of the sales price / appraised value. No minimum LTV. Maximum 105% TLTV (Freddie Mac eligible Affordable Seconds* only allowed). *The Originating Lender is responsible for ensuring the Affordable Second is acceptable to Freddie Mac. Refer to Freddie Mac's Affordable Seconds Checklist to assist in evaluating the Affordable Second program, which can be used in lieu of Virginia Housing's Exhibit LL .												
Mortgage Insurance	Below is the required coverage. <table><tr><th>LTV</th><th>Charter MI Coverage %</th></tr><tr><td>95.01 – 97.00</td><td>18</td></tr><tr><td>90.01 – 95.00</td><td>16</td></tr><tr><td>85.01 – 90.00</td><td>12</td></tr><tr><td>80.01 – 85.00</td><td>6</td></tr><tr><td>≤ 80.00</td><td>0</td></tr></table> - The LLPA for Charter MI coverage does not apply to the Conventional Bond program when the qualifying income is greater than Fannie Mae / Freddie Mac 80% AMI. - Delegated MI is allowed. - Borrower paid Monthly / Split / Single Premium (paid or financed) allowed per Government Sponsored Enterprise (GSE) requirements (Lender credits can be used to offset the premium). Lender Paid MI (Monthly and Single Premium) not allowed. - MI Approval and Certificate required. - Confirm procedures, requirements, and pricing with the approved MI company. - Participating companies: Arch MI, Enact, Essent, MGIC, National MI and Radian.		LTV	Charter MI Coverage %	95.01 – 97.00	18	90.01 – 95.00	16	85.01 – 90.00	12	80.01 – 85.00	6	≤ 80.00	0
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SPARC Eligible	Yes in accordance with SPARC guidelines.													
FirstHome Dream Eligible	Yes in accordance with FirstHome Dream guidelines.													
Plus Second Mortgage Eligible	Yes in accordance with Plus Second Mortgage guidelines.													
DPA Grant Eligible	Yes in accordance with DPA Grant guidelines.													
CCA Grant Eligible	No.													
Community Heroes Grant Eligible	Yes in accordance with Community Heroes Grant guidelines.													
First-time Homebuyer	Required unless purchasing in a targeted area (applies to all borrowers). Borrowers are considered a first-time homebuyer if they have not owned and occupied a primary residence in the last 3 years. Acceptable documentation to evidence first-time homebuyer: • The fully executed Programs Disclosure and Borrower Affidavit (Exhibit E) signed by all borrowers; • A completed Uniform Residential Loan Application (URLA); and • The credit report. <u>Note:</u> If unable to confirm from Exhibit E, the URLA, or the credit report all borrowers are a first-time homebuyer, additional documentation may be required, such as: • Three years' federal tax returns / tax transcripts • Rent verification(s) • Other reports such as a Lender Data Integrity Report (Examples: Drive Report, FraudGuard, Loansafe) Borrowers can own a maximum of 2 financed properties per GSE requirements, but must also meet the first-time homebuyer requirements above.													
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Sales Price / Acquisition Cost Limits	Refer to Virginia Housing Sales Price / Loan Limits. The limit is the highest of the gross loan amount(s), sales price, and acquisition cost. See Origination Guide for more information on how to determine acquisition cost. • Virginia Housing Sales Price / Loan Limits apply (even when the standard conforming loan limit is higher). • The gross loan amount of the first mortgage (including any financed mortgage insurance premium, when applicable) and Virginia Housing second mortgage combined, if applicable, cannot exceed the Virginia Housing Sales Price / Loan Limits. • Higher sales price limits may apply if the property is located in a targeted area.	
Maximum Loan Amount	Maximum loan amount is the standard conforming loan limit. High-cost area limits do not apply. <u>Note:</u> The standard conforming loan limit applies even when Virginia Housing Sales Price / Loan Limits are higher.	
Eligible Purpose	Primary residence purchase (no refinances).	
Residency	Must meet the applicable GSE residency requirements.	
Programs Disclosure and Borrower Affidavit (Exhibit E)	Required. Income from all household members must be included on page 4.	
Seller Affidavit (Exhibit F)	Required.	
Originating Lender's Loan Submission Cover Letter (Exhibit O)	Required.	
Recapture	Loan is subject to recapture.	
Homebuyer Education	Required for all first-time homebuyers. Complete Virginia Housing course, HUD Approved Counseling Agency course, Fannie Mae Framework, or Freddie Mac CreditSmart course prior to approval. Fannie Mae's Homeview course is not acceptable. Homebuyer Education Certificate is valid for 2 years.	
Tax Transcripts	Tax transcripts are required in addition to required income documentation for all borrowers and is dependent on qualifying income type(s) and number of years required per DU (i.e. W2 transcripts, 1099 transcripts, etc.) in addition to an executed 4506-C. If all of the borrower's income is validated by the DU validation service, tax transcripts are not required.	Tax transcripts are required in addition to required income documentation for all borrowers and is dependent on qualifying income type(s) and number of years required per LPA (i.e. W2 transcripts, 1099 transcripts, etc.) in addition to an executed 4506-C. If all of the borrower's income receives an income rep and warranty result of "Eligible" on the last Feedback Certificate, is from an eligible income source and is on the income verification report, tax transcripts are not required.

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Business Use of Home	No more than 15% of the financed dwelling may be used primarily in a trade or business. The borrowers must fully execute the Business Use of Home Certification if the borrower has disclosed that a part of the current residence is being used primarily for a trade or business or if there is any other evidence in the file, such as: - The employment business address is the same as the borrower's current residence address and/or the borrower has marked yes for mixed-use property on the URLA, or - Federal tax returns are provided and show the "business in home" deduction was taken (Typically this shows on Schedule C, line 30). The Business Use of Home Certification certifies that not more than 15% of the total living area of the subject property will be used primarily in a trade or business. If greater than 15% will be used in the subject dwelling then the borrower is not eligible.	
Maximum Net Worth	Cannot exceed 50% of sales price (See Origination Guide for more information).	
Automated Underwriting System (AUS) / Manual Underwrites	Desktop Underwriter Approve Eligible only (Manual Underwrite not allowed). Community Lending Program in DU must be "HFA Preferred" (Not "HFA Preferred Risk Sharing" or "Home Ready"). See below under Reserves / Acceptable Funds to Close for how subordinate financing is captured in DU.	Loan Product Advisor Accept Eligible only (Manual Underwrite not allowed). The Offering Identifier in LPA must be "HFA Advantage" (Not "Home Possible" or "Home Possible Advantage"). See below under Reserves / Acceptable Funds to Close for how subordinate financing is captured in LPA.
Minimum Credit Score	640 (no exceptions) for all borrowers with AUS approval.* If originated with the Plus Second Mortgage: 640-679 required for 3% LTV on second, 680 required for greater than 3% up to 4.5% LTV on second for all borrowers. - If at least one borrower has no credit score (and the other has a 640 or higher credit score) then the maximum LTV for the Plus Second Mortgage is 3%. *If at least one borrower has no credit score and the other borrower has a credit score (minimum 640), this is acceptable as long as all GSE requirements are met with an AUS decision of Approve / Accept Eligible.	
Maximum DTI	50% with AUS approval.	
Non-Occupant Co-Borrowers	Not allowed.	
Ineligible Qualifying Income	- Boarder Income - Non-Borrower Household Income - Accessory Unit Income	
Foreclosures / Deed in Lieu / Short Sales	Follow applicable GSE waiting period requirements.	
Collections / Judgments	Follow applicable GSE requirements for collections and judgments.	

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Minimum Borrower Contribution	None.	
Reserves / Acceptable Funds to Close	Follow Fannie Mae / DU requirements for reserves. Follow Fannie Mae requirements for flexible funds to close (including a gift) / no cash on hand. <u>Note:</u> When using other acceptable non-Virginia Housing down payment assistance in the form of a Community Second, the Originating Lender must enter the amount of the Community Second in the Subordinate Financing field of DU per Fannie Mae requirements (not input as a gift). When using a Plus Second Mortgage it must also be entered as a Community Second with a monthly payment included to qualify (not input as a gift).	Follow Freddie Mac / LPA requirements for reserves. Follow Freddie Mac requirements for flexible funds to close (including a gift) / no cash on hand. <u>Note:</u> When using other acceptable non-Virginia Housing down payment assistance in the form of an Affordable Second, the Originating Lender must enter the amount of the Affordable Second in the Subordinate Financing field of LPA per Freddie Mac requirements (not input as a gift). When using a Plus Second Mortgage it must also be entered as an Affordable Second with a monthly payment included to qualify (not input as a gift).
Interested Party Contributions	Follow applicable GSE requirements for interested party contributions.	
Property	• Single family (1 unit) detached, attached, applicable GSE approved condominium (Originating Lender to certify condo approval and provide documentation). • Fannie Mae's MH Advantage is allowed. Standard manufactured housing is not allowed, however contact Virginia Housing for consideration by submitting an exception (Note for standard manufactured housing to be considered by Virginia Housing, all Fannie Mae requirements must be met, including a maximum LTV / CLTV of 95%). • Appraisal waivers are not permitted. • Property must be located in Virginia. • Include UCDP SSR (See below for additional requirements).	• Single family (1 unit) detached, attached, applicable GSE approved condominium (Originating Lender to certify condo approval and provide documentation). • Freddie Mac's CHOICEHome is allowed. Standard manufactured housing is not allowed, however contact Virginia Housing for consideration by submitting an exception (Note for standard manufactured housing to be considered by Virginia Housing, all Freddie Mac requirements must be met, including a maximum LTV / CLTV of 95%). • Appraisal waivers are not permitted. • Property must be located in Virginia. • Include UCDP SSR (See below for additional requirements).
Acreage	• The maximum lot size is 2 acres. • Exceptions are considered > 2 up to 5 acres. The Lender's underwriter must review and render a decision on the acreage exception. See the Origination Guide for additional requirements and criteria.	
UCDP / Collateral Underwriter	UCDP Submission Summary Report (SSR) required. A higher UCDP Risk Score may require additional documentation and/or explanation. The Originating Lender is responsible for ensuring this is addressed when applicable.	UCDP Submission Summary Report (SSR) required. A higher UCDP Risk Score may require additional documentation and/or explanation. The Originating Lender is responsible for ensuring this is addressed when applicable.
Unfinished Area	The cost to complete unfinished areas that are suitable to finish in the property must be included in the acquisition cost on the Exhibit E and Exhibit F (Examples: Unfinished basement, lower level of a tri-level, etc.). See the Origination Guide for more information.	

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Post-Closing Repairs	Escrows for post-closing repairs considered case by case as an exception. The Originating Lender's underwriter must review and render a decision on the exception. See the Origination Guide for additional requirements and criteria. No structural or major mechanical repairs allowed.	
General Guidelines	Unless otherwise noted follow Fannie Mae HFA Preferred requirements, and if not available, follow Home Ready requirements.	Unless otherwise noted follow Freddie Mac HFA Advantage requirements, and if not available, follow Home Possible requirements.

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Procedures



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Lock-In	Loans locked on Virginia Housing's LOS – Mortgage Cadence – Select C30F_BOND. Different pricing available for this product than Virginia Housing's Conventional program. Follow steps outlined in the Mortgage Cadence User Guide for registering and locking. <u>Note:</u> For standard manufactured homes, lender must select "Single Family Detached" as the property type to lock the loan. After lock, the lender must change the property to "Manufactured Housing," then submit the loan through Mortgage Cadence as an exception to Virginia Housing, including all supporting documentation for exception consideration. If the exception is approved to allow the standard manufactured home, Virginia Housing will override Mortgage Cadence.	
LLPAs	No additional Loan Level Pricing Adjustments (LLPAs).	
Origination	Loan originated in accordance with program guidelines, GSE guidelines, and AUS findings (Recommend running AUS as soon as possible).	
Lender Delegated Underwriting Availability	Delegated underwriting is available to all approved Virginia Housing delegated lenders. Lender's underwriter assumes full responsibility for compliance with GSE underwriting requirements. Lenders can contact their Business Development Officer for questions / concerns about delegation.	
Underwriting	Loans underwritten in accordance with program guidelines, Fannie Mae guidelines, DU findings, if applicable. Non-Delegated Lenders must submit to Virginia Housing prior to closing – must use the Underwriting Submission Checklist. Community Lending Program in DU must be "HFA Preferred." (Not "HFA Preferred Risk Sharing" or "Home Ready"). Go to "Additional Data" screen within DU to select Community Lending Program. Follow steps outlined in the Mortgage Cadence User Guide for submitting a Non-Delegated loan to Virginia Housing Underwriting or submitting for Delegated Approval. Data accuracy is critical.	Loans underwritten in accordance with program guidelines, Freddie Mac guidelines, and LPA findings, if applicable. Non-Delegated Lenders must submit to Virginia Housing prior to closing – must use the Underwriting Submission Checklist. The Offering Identifier in LPA must be "HFA Advantage" (Not HomePossible or "HomePossible Advantage"). Follow steps outlined in the Mortgage Cadence User Guide for submitting a Non-Delegated loan to Virginia Housing Underwriting or submitting for Delegated Approval. Data accuracy is critical.
Special Documentation	The Conventional Bond program requires a Conventional (and RHS) Tax-Exempt Financing Rider to be executed at closing.	
Closing	Loans close in accordance with standard GSE guidelines. Loan must be closed in the name of the lender, registered in MERS with MERS compliant documents.	
UCD	Originating lender must upload the UCD file directly to the applicable GSE and provide the casefile ID and Findings Report.	
Documents	Final AUS, URLA, and Transmittal must match (standard GSE tolerances allowed).	

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Funding	Originating lender will fund the first mortgage at closing.	
Points and Fees	Virginia Housing is exempt from ATR (Ability to Repay) so a maximum of 3% points and fees does not apply, however the maximum points and fees for all Virginia Housing Conventional Bond loans is 5%.	
Delivery	Loans must be submitted to Virginia Housing within 10 calendar days of closing. Follow steps outlined in the Mortgage Cadence User Guide available on Virginia Housing’s website for submitting a closed loan package. Documents must be uploaded using the Loan Stacking Form .	
Pre-Purchase Review	Loans reviewed by Virginia Housing prior to purchase. If errors noted, Virginia Housing will contact lender – this may require rerun of AUS.	
Post-Closing	Standard post-closing documents must be submitted to Virginia Housing.	
Important: Refer to the Origination Guide for more information about Virginia Housing eligibility requirements.		

The information contained herein (including but not limited to any description of Virginia Housing and its lending programs and products, eligibility criteria, interest rates, fees and all other loan terms) is subject to change without notice.