

What's New This Week

A summary of recent and upcoming changes:

Updates	
LDW Overlay Matrix	The LDW Program Overlays Matrix has been revised to include the following recent updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addition of CARES Act Forbearance guidance • Clarification of tax transcript requirements • Employment verification requirements for VA transactions
Fannie Mae – Solar Panel Clarifications and Updates <i>Conventional</i>	Fannie Mae announcement SEL-2020-04 provides clarification and updates for solar panels including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Underwriting and appraisal requirements associated with different financing structures used for the purchase of solar panels. • Calculation of DTI and CLTV when solar panels are subject to a power purchase agreement (PPA) or lease agreement. The LDW Conventional Lending Guide will be revised with the updated information.
Freddie Mac Bulletin 2020-31 <i>Conventional</i>	Effective for settlement dates on or after November 5, 2020, Freddie Mac announced updated requirements and clarifications for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inclusion of rental housing payments in the calculation of the monthly housing expense-to-income ratio • Documentation of liabilities included in the DTI • Loans secured by assets other than real property
Essent COVID-19 Alignment Extensions <i>Conventional</i>	Essent Mortgage Insurance Bulletin announced alignment with COVID-19 flexibility and requirement extensions, outlined in Freddie Mac Bulletin 2020-27 and Fannie Mae Lender Letters LL-2020-03 and LL-2020-04, for applications dated on and before August 31, 2020.
VA Lending Guide – Fee Recoupment for IRRRLs <i>Government</i>	The LDW VA Lending Guide has been updated to incorporate Statutory Fee Recoupment clarifications and guidance associated with VA Circular 26-19-22 . Resource: LDW VA Lending Guide – Fee Recoupment