

# National Underwriting Summary

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**This summary highlights our most common loan programs. It does not replace our Underwriting Guide, which provides details on our guidelines and requirements ([mgic.com/uwguide](http://mgic.com/uwguide)).**

We do not approve loans for mortgage insurance based solely on a response obtained from Agency automated underwriting systems (Agency AUS), Fannie Mae's Desktop Underwriter® (DU®) and Freddie Mac's Loan Product Advisor®.

We allow certain efficiencies for loans that have a valid DU or Loan Product Advisor response.

**MGIC Go! streamlines MI for:**

- Loans with a valid DU Approve/Eligible or Loan Product Advisor Accept/Eligible response
- Loans with a valid DU Approve/Ineligible or Loan Product Advisor Accept/Ineligible response due to LTV or loan type

These loans must meet requirements stated in our Underwriting Guide (UWG), Section 1, Doing Business with MGIC and Section 2, MGIC Go! Loans.

Follow Findings/Feedback requirements for:

- Documentation
- Tradelines, credit history
- Borrower contribution, including gift funds
- Reserves
- Other criteria

Apply applicable MGIC Go! overlays (pages 2 and 3 in this document); otherwise, refer to the respective Agency selling guide for requirements not provided in the Findings/Feedback.

**Our Standard Underwriting Guidelines** apply to loans that are not processed through an Agency AUS (otherwise known as manually underwritten loans) or loans that do not qualify for MGIC Go! streamlined underwriting.

These loans must meet requirements stated in UWG Section 1, Doing Business with MGIC, and UWG Section 3, Standard Loans.

For standard loans, where indicated in the Guide, you may follow standard Agency guidelines and Agency selling guide documentation requirements (UWG 1.03.03), along with any specified MGIC guidelines and requirements.

## References

Throughout this summary, we will refer you to supporting information in our Underwriting Guide. For example, (UWG 3.06) means you will find related information in Section 3, subsection 6 of the Guide. Changes from the previous version of our Guide are indicated in **purple**.

## Support

If you have questions about information presented in this summary, contact your MGIC representative or your MGIC Underwriting Service Center, [mgic.com/contact](http://mgic.com/contact).

# MGIC Go! Streamlined MI

**For loans with a valid DU Approve/ELIGIBLE or Loan Product Advisor Accept/ELIGIBLE response**

For properties in Guam and Puerto Rico, see their respective underwriting summaries at [mgic.com/guides](http://mgic.com/guides).

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- Borrower contribution, including gift funds
- Reserves
- Other criteria

Apply the following MGIC Go! overlays; otherwise, refer to the respective Agency selling guide for requirements not provided in the Findings/Feedback.

Occupancy	Property Type	Max. LTV/CLTV	Min. Credit Score	Max. Total DTI <sup>1</sup>
Primary Residence	1-2 Unit Detached, Attached, Condominium, Co-Op, Manufactured Home	Per AUS	620	Per AUS
	3-4 Unit	95%	700	45%
Second Home	1-Unit Detached, Attached, Condominium, Co-Op, Manufactured Home	90%	620	Per AUS
Underwriting Options	Delegated (UWG 1.07) or non-delegated (UWG 1.08)			
Credit	If no borrower has an Agency-acceptable credit score, follow the respective Agency's requirements for nontraditional credit.			
Property Type	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Fannie Mae MH Advantage/Freddie Mac CHOICE Home eligible properties must be identified to MGIC as manufactured homes</li> <li>- MGIC condominium maximum project exposure: 33% of sold units</li> </ul>			
Other Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Loans must follow UWG <a href="#">Section 2</a> requirements</li> <li>- Lender-negotiated Agency waivers or variances require MGIC approval</li> <li>- Borrowers who are non-permanent resident aliens must have a minimum 2-year history of US residency and, if income is used to qualify, the legal right to work in the US</li> <li>- Purchase LTV calculation: Use lesser of sales price or appraised value regardless of the presence of a community land trust, a Community Seconds mortgage with a subsidized sales price or a deed restriction that does not survive foreclosure</li> <li>- <b>Ineligible:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Investment properties</li> <li>- Sweat equity exceeding 5% of the property value</li> <li>- Fannie Mae high LTV refinance loans and Freddie Mac Enhanced Relief Refinance</li> <li>- Borrowers who have been issued an Individual Tax Identification Number (ITIN) in lieu of a Social Security Number</li> <li>- Borrowers who are foreign nationals with diplomatic immunity</li> </ul> </li> </ul>			
Notes	<p><sup>1</sup> When qualifying your borrower for MGIC mortgage insurance, note that we do not require you to include the mortgage insurance premium in the DTI calculation.</p> <p>We reserve the right to decline an application for excessive borrower exposure or history of claim or rescission.</p>			

# MGIC Go! Streamlined MI

**For loans with a valid DU Approve/INELIGIBLE or Loan Product Advisor Accept/  
INELIGIBLE response due to LTV or Loan Type**

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- Documentation
- Tradelines, credit history
- Borrower contribution, including gift funds
- Reserves
- Other criteria

Apply the following MGIC Go! overlays; otherwise, refer to the respective Agency selling guide for requirements not provided in the Findings/Feedback.

Occupancy	Property Type	Max. LTV/CLTV	Min. Credit Score	Max. Total DTI <sup>1</sup>
Primary Residence	1-Unit Detached, Attached, Condominium, Co-Op, Manufactured Home (see Property Type below for additional overlays)	97%	620	Per AUS
Second Home	1-Unit Detached, Attached, Condominium, Co-Op	90%	620	Per AUS
Underwriting Options	Delegated (UWG 1.07) or non-delegated (UWG 1.08)			
Loan Type	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Fixed-rate</li> <li>- Fully amortizing ARM with an initial fixed period of at least 5 years</li> <li>- <b>Ineligible:</b> Balloon loans, interest-only loans</li> </ul>			
Credit	<b>Ineligible:</b> When no borrower has a valid credit score			
Property Type	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Manufactured homes                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Maximum LTV: Fannie Mae MH Advantage/Freddie Mac CHOICEHome loans, ≤97%; all other manufactured home loans, ≤95%</li> <li>- Fannie Mae MH Advantage/Freddie Mac CHOICEHome eligible properties must be identified to MGIC as manufactured homes</li> </ul> </li> <li>- MGIC condominium maximum project exposure: 33% of sold units</li> <li>- <b>Ineligible:</b> 2-4 unit properties</li> </ul>			
Other Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Loans must follow UWG Section 2 requirements</li> <li>- Borrowers who are non-permanent resident aliens must have a minimum 2-year history of US residency and, if income is used to qualify, the legal right to work in the US</li> <li>- Purchase LTV calculation: Use lesser of sales price or appraised value regardless of the presence of a community land trust, a Community Seconds mortgage with a subsidized sales price or a deed restriction that does not survive foreclosure</li> <li>- <b>Ineligible:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Cash-out refinances</li> <li>- Investment properties</li> <li>- Lender-negotiated Agency waivers or variances</li> <li>- Sweat equity exceeding 5% of the property value</li> <li>- Fannie Mae Home Ready, HomeStyle Energy, HFA Preferred, high-balance and high LTV refinance loans</li> <li>- Freddie Mac Enhanced Relief Refinance, Home Possible, Super Conforming, HFA Advantage</li> <li>- Borrowers who have been issued an Individual Tax Identification Number (ITIN) in lieu of a Social Security Number</li> <li>- Borrowers who are foreign nationals with diplomatic immunity</li> </ul> </li> </ul>			
Notes	<sup>1</sup> When qualifying your borrower for MGIC mortgage insurance, note that we do not require you to include the mortgage insurance premium in the DTI calculation. We reserve the right to decline an application for excessive borrower exposure or history of claim or rescission.			

# Primary Residence

For loans not eligible for MGIC Go! Streamlined MI. See [mgic.com/uwguide](http://mgic.com/uwguide) for additional criteria.

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Loan Purpose	Property Type	Max. LTV/CLTV	Max. Loan Amount <sup>1</sup>	Min. Credit Score	Max. Total DTI <sup>2</sup>	Min. Reserves (No. months' PITI)
Purchase, Rate/Term Refinance, Construction-Permanent, Home Improvement/Renovation	1-Unit Detached, Attached, Condominium, Co-Op	97%	\$850,000	720	45%	2
			\$550,000	660	45%	2
	2-Unit	95%	\$850,000	680	45%; 41% if nonfixed-rate/payment < 5 years	2
Purchase, Rate/Term Refinance, Construction-Permanent	Manufactured Home	95%	\$550,000	660	45%	2
<sup>1</sup> Alaska and Hawaii	Maximum loan amount: \$850,000					
Underwriting Options	Delegated (UWG 1.07) or non-delegated (UWG 1.08)					
Loan Type	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Fixed-rate</li> <li>– Fully amortizing ARM: Maximum 95% LTV/CLTV for ARMs with an initial term &lt; 5 years.</li> <li>– Balloon: Maximum 95% LTV/CLTV with an initial term of 5 years or more.</li> </ul>					
Loan Purpose	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Construction-permanent – <b>Ineligible:</b> Attached, condominium, co-op</li> <li>– <b>Ineligible:</b> Cash-out refinance</li> </ul>					
Manufactured Homes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– ARMs must have an initial term of 5 years or more</li> <li>– Fannie Mae MH Advantage/Freddie Mac CHOICEHome mortgages must be identified to MGIC as manufactured homes</li> <li>– <b>Ineligible:</b> Single-wide, leasehold, temporary buydown</li> </ul>					
Nontraditional Credit	When no borrower has a valid credit score: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Follow our nontraditional credit guidelines (UWG 3.11.04)</li> <li>– Maximum 90% LTV</li> <li>– Requires non-delegated underwriting (UWG 1.08)</li> </ul>					
Borrower's Own Funds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Minimum 3% borrower's own funds toward the down payment, closing costs, prepaids and reserves</li> <li>– Gifts of cash can apply toward the 3%: Maximum DTI 41%; credit score ≥ 720 (UWG 3.10.04b)</li> </ul>					
Interested Party Contributions	Maximum contribution <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– &gt; 90% LTV/CLTV – 3%</li> <li>– ≤ 90% LTV/CLTV – 6%</li> </ul>					
Notes	<sup>2</sup> When qualifying your borrower for MGIC mortgage insurance, note that we do not require you to include the mortgage insurance premium in the DTI calculation.  We reserve the right to decline an application for excessive borrower exposure or history of claim or rescission.					

## Second Home

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Loan Purpose	Property Type	Max. LTV/CLTV	Max. Loan Amount <sup>1</sup>	Min. Credit Score	Max. Total DTI <sup>2</sup>	Min. Reserves (No. months' PITI)
Purchase, Rate/Term Refinance, Construction-Permanent, Home Improvement/Renovation	1-Unit Detached, Attached, Condominium, Co-Op	90%	\$550,000	700	45%; 41% if nonfixed-rate/payment < 5 years	2
		90%	\$850,000	720	45%	6
Purchase, Rate/Term Refinance, Construction-Permanent	Manufactured Home	90%	\$550,000	700	45%	2
<sup>1</sup> Alaska and Hawaii						
		Maximum loan amount: \$850,000				
Underwriting Options	Delegated (UWG 1.07) or non-delegated (UWG 1.08)					
Loan Type	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Fixed-rate</li> <li>- Fully amortizing ARM: Loan amounts &gt; \$550,000 must have an initial term of 5 years or more</li> <li>- Balloon with an initial term of 5 years or more</li> </ul>					
Loan Purpose	Construction-permanent – <b>Ineligible:</b> Attached, condominium, co-op					
Manufactured Homes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- ARMs must have an initial term of 5 years or more</li> <li>- Fannie Mae MH Advantage/Freddie Mac CHOICE Home mortgages must be identified to MGIC as manufactured homes</li> <li>- <b>Ineligible:</b> Single-wide, leasehold, temporary buydown</li> </ul>					
Nontraditional Credit	<b>Ineligible:</b> When no borrower has a valid credit score					
Borrower's Own Funds	Minimum 5% borrower's own funds toward the down payment, closing costs, prepaids and reserves					
Interested Party Contributions	Maximum contribution 6%					
Other Program Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The borrower must own no residential properties other than the primary residence</li> <li>- Rental income from subject property may not be used to qualify</li> </ul>					
Notes	<p><sup>2</sup>When qualifying your borrower for MGIC mortgage insurance, note that we do not require you to include the mortgage insurance premium in the DTI calculation.</p> <p>We reserve the right to decline an application for excessive borrower exposure or history of claim or rescission.</p>					

## Primary Residence, Loan Amount > \$850,000

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Loan Purpose	Property Type	Max. LTV/CLTV	Max. Loan Amount	Min. Credit Score	Max. Total DTI <sup>1</sup>	Min. Reserves (No. months' PITI)
Purchase, Rate/Term Refinance, Construction-Permanent, Home Improvement/Renovation	1-Unit Detached, Attached, Condominium, Co-Op	95%	\$1,000,000	740	43%	9
		90%	\$1,000,000	680	45%	9
		90%	\$1,500,000	720	43%	12
		85%	\$2,000,000	740	43%	12
Underwriting Options	Non-delegated (UWG 1.08)					
Loan Type	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Fixed-rate</li> <li>- Fully amortizing ARM with an initial term of 5 years or more</li> <li>- Balloon with an initial term of 5 years or more</li> <li>- <b>Ineligible:</b> Temporary buydown</li> </ul>					
Loan Purpose	Construction-permanent – <b>Ineligible:</b> Attached, condominium, co-op					
Nontraditional Credit	<b>Ineligible:</b> When no borrower has a valid credit score					
Borrower's Own Funds	Minimum borrower's own funds toward the down payment, closing costs, prepaids and reserves: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Loan amount ≤ \$1,000,000: 5%</li> <li>- Loan amount &gt; \$1,000,000: 10%</li> </ul>					
Interested Party Contributions	Maximum contribution <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- &gt; 90% LTV/CLTV – 3%</li> <li>- ≤ 90% LTV/CLTV – 6%</li> </ul>					
MI Coverage	Maximum coverage <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 95% LTV – 30%</li> <li>- 90% LTV – 25%</li> <li>- 85% LTV – 12%</li> </ul>					
Appraisal Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Loan amount ≤ \$1,000,000 – A Uniform Residential Appraisal Report (URAR)</li> <li>- Loan amount &gt; \$1,000,000 – 2 independent URARs or 1 independent URAR plus an appraiser-provided field review supporting its value</li> </ul>					
Notes	<sup>1</sup> When qualifying your borrower for MGIC mortgage insurance, note that we do not require you to include the mortgage insurance premium in the DTI calculation.  We reserve the right to decline an application for excessive borrower exposure or history of claim or rescission.					

# High LTV Refinance Option/Enhanced Relief Refinance Mortgage Loans

Eligible Loans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Loan being refinanced is currently insured by MGIC</li> <li>- Loan being refinanced:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Is owned or guaranteed by Fannie Mae and meets all requirements for high LTV refinance option</li> <li>- Is owned or guaranteed by Freddie Mac and meets all requirements for Enhanced Relief Refinance Mortgages</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Requirement changes made by either Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac will be considered notices provided by MGIC for purposes of our Refi-to-Mod (RTM) program, unless we provide notice that we are limiting the announced changes</li> </ul>
Coverage Percentage	No change to coverage from the original loan
Premium Rate	No change to existing premium from original loan
Submission Options	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Send data via the Loan Center</li> <li>- Send PDFs of the documents listed below through the Loan Center</li> <li>- Fax the documents listed below to your MGIC Underwriting Service Center</li> </ul>
Documentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- RTM Request form</li> <li>- DU/Loan Product Advisor Findings</li> <li>- New 1003/65</li> <li>- New 1008/1077</li> </ul>
Insured Represents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The loan is eligible for Fannie Mae's high LTV refinance option or Freddie Mac's Enhanced Relief Refinance Mortgage program</li> <li>- The loan meets all requirements of the applicable Fannie Mae high LTV refinance option or Freddie Mac Enhanced Relief Refinance Mortgage program</li> <li>- The refinanced loan has been delivered to Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac</li> </ul>
Disaster Policy	<p>In an area affected by hurricanes or other significant disasters affecting multiple properties, before you close the loan, take appropriate steps to determine whether there is any physical damage that affects the value you submitted with the Insurance Application. You may need to obtain a property inspection (UWG 1.13).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The transaction remains RTM-eligible if:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- There is no physical damage</li> <li>- There is physical damage, but the property is restored to its pre-event condition before the refinance is closed</li> </ul> </li> <li>- The transaction is no longer RTM-eligible if there is physical damage, and the property is not restored to its pre-event condition before the refinance is closed</li> </ul>

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