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DOWN PAYMENT ASSISTANCE	<ul> <li>All down payment assistance programs must be prior approved by Gateway. Government entity (e.g. federal, state, county, or VA) approved DPA programs only. Gateway does not purchase Bond Program loans.</li> <li>Click here for a current list of Gateway approved DPA programs</li> <li>Some properties may qualify for Gateway Specialty Loan Programs with down payment assistance.</li> </ul>
ESCROW HOLDBACKS	<ul> <li>Escrow Holdbacks must be completed prior to loan purchase, as evidenced by satisfactory VA final inspection.</li> </ul>
ESCROW WAIVERS	Not allowed
INELIGIBLE PROPERTY TYPE OVERLAYS	See <u>Overlay Matrix</u>
INTEREST CREDIT AT CLOSING	<ul> <li>Cannot exceed 7 calendar days and must be used to reduce closing costs (e.g., cannot result in cash back to the borrower at closing.)</li> </ul>
INVESTMENT PROPERTIES AND SECOND HOME	Not allowed
ITIN OVERLAY	All borrowers must have a valid social security number; ITINs are not





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# VA FIXED RATE & VA HIGH BALANCE — PRODUCT DESCRIPTION NATURAL DISASTER POLICY • See Chapter 2 Eligible Mortgage Loans

## NON-ARM'S LENGTH AND **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

See Overlay Matrix

## OCCUPANCY •

- Primary only
- No Second Home or Investment Properties

# PRINCIPAL CURTAILMENT AT CLOSING

See Overlay Matrix

## **QUALIFIED MORTGAGE LOAN**

- For any loan that is subject to 12 C.F.R. Section 1026.43, Gateway will only purchase the loan if (i) it meets the definition of a "Qualified Mortgage" as set forth in 12 C.F.R. Section 1026.43(e) (2) Loan and (ii) complies with the Ability To Repay Standards, and all necessary evidence to demonstrate such compliance with 12 C.F.R. Part 1026.43(e) and 12 C.F.R. Part 1026.43(c) is included in the loan file transferred to Gateway. Any breach of these requirements shall be deemed to materially and adversely affect the value of the loan and shall require a repurchase of the affected loan...
- Loans that are not subject to 12 C.F.R. Section 1026.43 will only be purchased if they meet all applicable agency and program guidelines. Any breach of these requirements shall be deemed to materially and adversely affect the value of the loan and shall require a repurchase of the affected

# REFINANCES Loan Seasoning for all Refinances (Rate/Term and Cash-Out) require:

- The first monthly payment of the loan being refinanced was made 210 days or more prior to the closing date of the refinancing loans
- Minimum of six consecutive monthly payments have been made on the loan being refinanced
- Loans being refinanced within one year from the date of closing, lender must obtain a payment history/ledger from the servicing lender documenting all payments.
- Fee Recoupment to not exceed 36 months
- Net Tangible Benefit
- VA Cash-Out Refinances are limited to 90% LTV

### **VA Construction to Perm require:**

- VA Requires two-time close construction to permanent loans to be run as Refinance Cash-Out with a DU Approve or LP Accept
- VA Cash-Out Refinances can be granted a max LTV up to 100%
- VA seasoning requirements do not apply
- Use VA Backed Purchase and Construction Loan Funding Fee Matrix for VA Funding Fee calculation <a href="https://www.va.gov/housing-assistance/">https://www.va.gov/housing-assistance/</a> home-loans/funding-fee-and-closing-costs/
- Submit as Purchase transaction in VA WebLGY (include VA WebLGY printout in loan delivery to Gateway)

## **IRRRLs**:

- Must meet 620 minimum Credit Score
- 0x30 late mortgage payments in the last 12 months or life of loan if less than 12 months
- Single line tri-merge credit report
- Verification of sufficient assets to close if necessary





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**UNDERWRITING** Must be underwritten by a VA Automatic & LAPP approved Underwriter employed by Client, plus:

- Joint loans must be approved by VA
- Client must also secure VA prior approval for:
  - Loans to veterans in receipt of VA non-service related pension
  - Loans to veterans rated incompetent by VA
  - Joint loans involving (i) a veteran and non-veterans who is not the veteran's spouse or (ii) involving two or more veterans who intend to use their entitlement and take title jointly
  - Clear CAIVRS, LDP and GSA search required on all loans
- Gateway may purchase, at Gateway's sole discretion and subject to the terms set forth below, VA loans that have been manually underwritten by a Client. To be eligible for purchase, each such loan must meet all manual underwriting guidelines as prescribed by VA and are subject to further restrictions as described in Gateway's Overlay Matrix. All other terms and conditions applicable to the sale or repurchase of the loan remain in full force and effect. Gateway reserves the right to pass on the purchase of any such loan at Gateway's sole and complete discretion.
- Must include DU/LP Finding that shows Caution/Refer/Ineligible.
- Government Released Programs Manual Underwrite is NOT allowed

## **VA Mortgage Limits:**

https://www.benefits.va.gov/homeloans/purchaseco\_loan\_limits.asp

### VA Lender's Handbook

https://benefits.va.gov/warms/pam26\_7.asp

