

Multifamily Seller/Service Guide

Chapter 9

Borrower/Borrower Principal Fundamentals



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9.1 Introduction (09/08/04)

This chapter details Freddie Mac's requirements for the Borrower. These Borrower requirements may also apply to Special Servicing Requests when appropriate.

The individual program and product chapters detail specific program or product requirements. In the event of a conflict between any provision of this chapter and any provision of another chapter of the Guide that contains requirements for a specific mortgage purchase program or product, the program- or product-specific chapter will control.

See Chapter 9SBL for Freddie Mac's Borrower and Borrower Principal requirements for an SBL Mortgage.

9.2 Borrower requirements (02/27/25)

a. General Borrower requirements (12/12/24)

1. The following types of Borrower are generally acceptable:
 - Limited partnership
 - Corporation
 - Limited liability company
 - Limited liability limited partnership
 - Tenancy-in-Common (TIC), provided that the TIC meets the requirements of Section 9.12
2. The following types of Borrower may be acceptable in limited circumstances and may be subject to additional requirements:
 - General partnership
 - Limited liability partnership
 - Revocable or irrevocable trust, including a Delaware Statutory Trust
 - Real estate investment trust (REIT)
 - Illinois, Indiana, Florida or Virginia land trust, provided that the Borrower meets the requirements of Section 9.4
 - Unincorporated business trust such as a Massachusetts business trust, or
 - Tennessee obligated member entity
3. The Borrower must be an entity formed in the United States.



4. The Borrower is not permitted to be a pension, retirement fund or account.
5. For any Mortgage with a Guarantor, at least one Guarantor must have Control of the Borrower (including through an entity), unless previously disclosed to and approved by Freddie Mac.
6. Seller must immediately notify Freddie Mac if any Key Borrower Principal, or Borrower Principal with direct or indirect Control of Borrower, is a trust or other investment vehicle controlled by or created on behalf of an individual retirement account, pension fund or other retirement investment fund.
7. If an Equity Conflict of Interest as defined in Section 2.25 exists, then the Seller must disclose the nature and extent of the Equity Conflict of Interest in writing to Freddie Mac when the Seller delivers to Freddie Mac the preliminary underwriting package for a Seller utilizing the early rate lock delivery option, or the full underwriting package for a Seller utilizing the standard delivery option. The Seller must notify Freddie Mac in writing immediately if an Equity Conflict of Interest arises following delivery of the underwriting package to Freddie Mac.

b. Single Purpose Entity (SPE) requirements; newly-formed vs. recycled entities (05/01/14)

Each Borrower and each SPE Equity Owner (if applicable) must be a Single Purpose Entity (SPE). If the Borrower is a TIC, each tenant must be an SPE.

However, for each Mortgage with an initial principal balance of less than \$5 million, at the request of the Borrower (except for TICs), Freddie Mac will not require the Borrower to be an SPE.

Each SPE Borrower and each SPE Equity Owner (if applicable) must be newly formed; provided, however, that if a Mortgage has an initial principal balance of \$100,000,000 or less, Freddie Mac may accept a recycled SPE if all recycled SPE requirements set forth in the Letter of Commitment or early rate lock application are met.

The Property must be the Borrower's sole asset and the operation of the Property must be the Borrower's sole business. Additional SPE limitations for the Borrower and SPE Equity Owner are set forth in the Loan Documents available at mf.freddiemac.com/lenders/legal.

c. SPE Equity Owners (05/01/14)

For each Mortgage with an initial principal balance of \$25 million or greater, or each Mortgage that is part of a cross-collateralized and cross-defaulted pool of Mortgages that are, when aggregated, \$25 million or greater, each Borrower must have an SPE Equity Owner unless the Borrower is a single member limited liability company formed in Delaware or is a corporation.

d. Key Borrower Principal due diligence (02/27/25)

If a Key Borrower Principal falls under one of the categories noted below, then the Key Borrower Principal may be subject to additional due diligence requirements, as outlined in Section 11.6, Section 55.2, and/or the underwriting checklists:

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- **First-Time Sponsor:** When neither the Key Borrower Principal nor its Ultimate Control, when applicable, has transacted multifamily business in a similar role in the past 10 years with Freddie Mac
- **Limited Multifamily Experience Sponsor:** When neither the Key Borrower Principal nor its Ultimate Control, when applicable, has had Control of at least 5 properties in the past 5 years, the majority of which are or were substantially similar to the Property in the number of units or type of property
- **Rapid Growth Sponsor:** Effective for transactions taken under Seller Application on or after February 27, 2025, when the Key Borrower Principal meets the following conditions:
 - (i) Controls at least 15 multifamily properties, and
 - (ii) At least 50% of the multifamily properties Controlled by Key Borrower Principal were purchased within the past three years

Notwithstanding that a Key Borrower Principal meets the above conditions, it will not be considered a Rapid Growth Sponsor if the Key Borrower Principal's Ultimate Control, if applicable, provides appropriate supporting documentation evidencing that such Ultimate Control does not meet the above conditions.

e. Borrower requirements specific to a Single Member Limited Liability company (06/25/20)

Except as noted below, each Borrower and each SPE Equity Owner, if applicable, that is a limited liability company with a single member must be formed in Delaware and must have one or more "springing members" in the event the single member ceases to be a member of the Borrower or SPE Equity Owner, as applicable. Additional "springing member" requirements are set forth in the Loan Documents.

Whenever the Guide refers to a "single member" limited liability company, the term "single member" refers to a Borrower or SPE Equity Owner's organizational structure in which the Borrower or SPE Equity Owner has a sole equity member (i.e., the "single member"). A Borrower or SPE Equity Owner that has a sole equity member but has other members or managers that each have a zero percent interest in the Borrower or SPE Equity Owner is also a "single member" limited liability company and must be formed in Delaware.

A Borrower that is a limited liability company (LLC) with a single member will not be required to satisfy the above requirements if the Mortgage has an initial principal balance of \$20 million or less, unless the Mortgage is a Supplemental Mortgage and the combined initial principal balance of the Supplemental Mortgage and the unpaid principal balances of any senior Mortgages encumbering the Property are at least \$25 million in the aggregate.



f. Borrower requirements specific to non-profit Borrowers and Key Borrower Principals (04/13/23)

This Section 9.2(f) does not apply to partnerships in States in which a non-profit general partner is in place solely to satisfy the eligibility requirement for receiving a tax abatement or other benefits, where there is also a qualified Key Borrower Principal in addition to the non-profit general partner.

1. General Borrower and Key Borrower Principal requirements

In transactions where the ownership structure of the Borrower and/or Key Borrower Principal contains multiple non-profit entities performing differing functions, the Seller/Servicer must evaluate each entity on its capacity to perform its particular function, for example, acquisition, development, ownership, asset management, property management or social service provider. The non-profit Borrower and/or Key Borrower Principal being evaluated may not be equally strong with respect to all criteria. Therefore, only the criteria for the areas in which the non-profit entity has direct responsibility or authority need to be applied during the evaluation process.

The Seller/Servicer must apply a higher standard when the non-profit developer is involved in a large-scale development with complicated structures than in a small-scale development with simple structures.

The non-profit Borrower and/or Key Borrower Principal must have reasonable Liquidity (nonrestricted cash balances or restricted cash balances related to the Property), working capital reserves appropriate for the proposed transaction and no material unmitigated contingent liabilities.

When the Seller/Servicer is assessing a non-profit Borrower or Key Borrower Principal for whom the Seller/Servicer originated a Mortgage or assumption within the most recent three years, the Seller/Servicer needs only to update its initial evaluation. Freddie Mac will determine if a non-profit Borrower or Key Borrower Principal meets its requirements.

2. Specific non-profit Borrower and Key Borrower Principal requirements

The following requirements apply when a non-profit entity is the Borrower or the Key Borrower Principal:

- The non-profit Borrower/Key Borrower Principal must have a minimum of three years' experience
 - In the same capacity that it will have for the proposed transaction, and
 - Acquiring, developing or owning a minimum of three properties.
- The Borrower/Key Borrower Principal must own and manage other properties in the market where the Property is located.
- The executive director and key staff of the Borrower/Key Borrower Principal must have adequate experience to successfully fulfill their respective roles and



responsibilities.

- The non-profit Borrower/Key Borrower Principal must not have any unresolved internal control or compliance findings.
- The non-profit Borrower/Key Borrower Principal must have no unresolved issues of integrity or conflict of interest.

When the non-profit Key Borrower Principal demonstrates a significant weakness in one or more of the evaluation criteria, Freddie Mac may require the funding of one or more of the following Reserves to mitigate the risk:

- A debt service Reserve in the minimum amount of six months of debt service payments that is funded by the Origination Date, a portion of which may be deferred
- A lease-up Reserve that is funded by the Origination Date
- An operating Reserve that will remain in place until specified rental achievement
- A funded Replacement Reserve that is subject to re-evaluation at 10-year intervals or shorter periods at Freddie Mac's discretion

g. Borrower requirements specific to Crowdfunding (04/13/23)

1. No direct or indirect interest in Borrower that constitutes a Controlling interest may consist of investments raised via Crowdfunding.
2. No direct or indirect interest in Borrower which may assume Control of Borrower under any terms of either Borrower's organizational documents, or the organizational documents of any entity in Borrower's ownership structure, regardless of whether the change in Control is the subject of a preapproved transfer right, may consist of investments raised via Crowdfunding.
3. The preliminary legal issues memorandum (PLIM) described in Section 6.4 must include analysis of any Crowdfunding in the ownership structures of the Borrower or Key Borrower Principals.

9.3 Persons or entities unacceptable as Borrowers, Borrower Principals, SPE Equity Owners, Master Tenants, Operators, Guarantors and Non-U.S. Equity Holders (04/22/25)

a. Unacceptable persons or entities (04/22/25)

Freddie Mac will not purchase any Mortgage or allow any Transfer of Ownership under Chapter 41, or approve any other Servicing-related transaction if it determines that any of the following is true with regard to a Borrower, Borrower Principal, SPE Equity Owner, Guarantor or Non-U.S. Equity Holder or any person or entity that is proposed as a potential Borrower, Borrower Principal, SPE Equity Owner, Guarantor or Non-U.S. Equity Holder:



1. Is a confirmed match to a name on any of the following lists:
 - OFAC Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons List
 - OFAC Consolidated Sanctions List
 - FHFA Suspended Counterparty List (subject to any conditions or exclusions set forth in the final suspension order)
 - Freddie Mac Exclusionary List
2. Has a civil or criminal Conviction for the commission of terrorism, terrorism financing, or money laundering
3. Has a civil or criminal Conviction in connection with a Financial Crime such as embezzlement, fraud, misappropriation of funds
4. Is named as an accused or defendant in any pending or current criminal or civil proceeding relating to any of the crimes set forth in subsection 2 and 3 above
5. Is insolvent or the subject of a pending bankruptcy or similar proceeding
6. Is an adverse party to Freddie Mac in any pending or current litigation

b. Potentially unacceptable persons or entities (04/13/23)

Freddie Mac, in its sole discretion, may refuse to enter into a Letter of Commitment to purchase a Mortgage or allow any Transfer of Ownership under Chapter 41, or approve any other Servicing-related transaction if a Web Search indicates any of the following with regard to a Borrower, Borrower Principal, SPE Equity Owner, Guarantor or Non-U.S. Equity Holder or any person or entity that is proposed as a potential Borrower, Borrower Principal, SPE Equity Owner, Guarantor or Non-U.S. Equity Holder or any person or entity that Controls any Borrower, Borrower Principal, Guarantor or Non-U.S. Equity Holder:

1. Adverse information regarding Financial Crime
2. Negative credit events
3. Adverse actions that may pose a reputational risk for Freddie Mac including prior suits by tenants for improperly maintaining facilities with regard to insects or rodent pest control or other negative news events

9.4 Land trusts (03/03/14)

Under limited circumstances, Freddie Mac will consider purchasing Mortgages secured by multifamily properties owned by land trusts and located in Illinois, Indiana, Florida and Virginia. Mortgages secured by properties owned by land trusts and located in other States that do not provide for statutory land trusts are not eligible for purchase.

Land trust Mortgages must meet all Freddie Mac multifamily Mortgage eligibility requirements in addition to meeting the specific requirements of this section and Section 32.4.

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A land trust that owns Property securing a Mortgage to be purchased by Freddie Mac must be a "sole asset" land trust; that is, the Property must be the only asset of the land trust.

9.5 Cooperatives (09/28/18)

Freddie Mac purchases Mortgages secured by multifamily Properties owned by Cooperatives (Co-ops). Co-op Mortgages must comply with the multifamily Mortgage eligibility requirements in addition to meeting the warranties detailed in Section 5.8.

9.6 Trusts (06/15/23)

a. Revocable and irrevocable trusts (06/15/23)

- A revocable or irrevocable trust may be an eligible Guarantor.
- If a revocable trust is a Guarantor, the settlor is a co-Guarantor with the trust.
- A revocable or irrevocable trust or a Massachusetts business trust may be a Borrower only in Freddie Mac's discretion following review of the information described below. A Massachusetts business trust will not be eligible to be a Borrower with respect to a Mortgage that will be securitized in a REMIC trust.
- A trust may not be an SPE Equity Owner.

b. Trust underwriting requirements (06/15/23)

In addition to its ordinary underwriting procedures, the Seller must take the following steps when reviewing an application for a Mortgage to a trust Borrower or for a Mortgage with a trust Guarantor. The Seller must examine the trust agreement to determine that

- The Seller has received a complete copy of the trust agreement including all amendments.
- If the trust is a revocable trust (also known as a living or inter vivos trust), the settlor (also known as the grantor) is the trustee or one of the co-trustees or there is an institutional trustee.
- If the trust is a revocable trust, the settlor is still alive and is a co-obligor or co-guarantor with the trust.

c. Trust legal requirements (06/30/15)

1. Legal analysis

The Seller/Servicer's legal counsel must examine the trust agreement to determine that the trust meets all of the following conditions in addition to meeting the general conditions set forth in Section 9.7, where applicable. This analysis is not required for a trust that is a Borrower Principal but is not a Guarantor unless specifically requested by Freddie Mac.



- a. If the trust is the Borrower, there are no statutory or contractual restrictions on the activities of the trust or the trustee that would impair the Borrower's ability to hold and manage the Property.
- b. If the trust is the Borrower, there is no unusual risk of impairment of Lender's rights (for example, the trust agreement should only permit distributions to be made from net income remaining after payment of amounts due under the Mortgage).
- c. The beneficiary does not need to grant written consent for the trust to borrow money or to guarantee the debt of another entity (as applicable); or, if the beneficiary must grant such consent, the beneficiary has granted the consent in writing for purposes of the Mortgage.
- d. If the trust is the Guarantor, the trustee is authorized to guarantee the debts of another entity.
- e. If the trust is the Guarantor, there are no statutory or contractual restrictions on the activities of the trust or the trustee that would impair the Guarantor's ability to guarantee the Mortgage.
- f. A lender can enforce its security interest in the trust property in the event of a default.
- g. The title insurer will provide full title protection to Freddie Mac, without exception for the trust structure.
- h. For a Massachusetts business trust, third parties may rely on a recorded certificate of the trustee certifying that he or she was authorized and directed by the beneficiary to execute and deliver deeds, mortgages, promissory notes, and all other documents required to be executed in connection with the Mortgage.
- i. If the trust is the Borrower, the form of identification of the Borrower in the deed conveying the Property to the trustee or trust is the same as that in each Loan Document and the title policy is the same as the form in which the Borrower holds title to the Property.

2. Additional requirements

If the trust fails to fully satisfy any of the above requirements and the trust will not be modified prior to the Origination Date of the Mortgage to comply with all of the requirements, the Seller/Service's legal counsel must provide a legal analysis detailing which requirements(s) will not be satisfied and the counsel's recommendation as to whether and why Freddie Mac should accept the trust agreement without it being fully compliant with this Section 9.6. The legal analysis memorandum must be in compliance with the preliminary legal issues memorandum (PLIM) requirements described in Section 6.4. If the trust agreement fully satisfies all of the above requirements, the Seller/Service's legal counsel must confirm in a PLIM that all such requirements have been satisfied.



9.7 Review of Borrower, SPE Equity Owner and Guarantor organizational documents (06/30/15)

The Seller/Servicer's legal counsel must review the organizational documents for any entity (including a trust, investment fund or REIT) that is a Borrower, SPE Equity Owner, or Guarantor to ensure that the following conditions are met:

1. The entity is validly formed under the laws of the State in which it was organized.
2. The entity (except the Guarantor, unless required by Freddie Mac) is qualified to do business in the State in which the Property is located.
3. The entity has the required organizational power to execute, deliver and perform its obligations under the Loan Documents or the Guaranty (as applicable).
4. The individual executing the Loan Documents or the Guaranty (as applicable) on behalf of the entity has been properly authorized by the entity to take such actions on its behalf.
5. The entity complies with any Freddie Mac conditions set forth in the Guide, the Letter of Commitment or the early rate lock application concerning the identity of Borrower Principals.
6. There is no risk of impairment of Freddie Mac's rights resulting from the structure or operation of the entity that would be unacceptable to a prudent institutional lender originating a mortgage loan secured by a comparable property in the same locale as the Property.
7. The entity does not expire during the term of the Mortgage.
8. The organizational documents of a Borrower that is required to be an SPE contain SPE covenants which require the Borrower to meet the requirements set forth in Section 6.13 of the Loan Agreement. The SPE covenants in the organizational documents are not required to be identical to those contained in the Loan Agreement but must be substantially similar.
9. The organizational documents of each SPE Equity Owner that is required to be an SPE contain SPE covenants that meet the requirements set forth in Section 6.13 of the Loan Agreement. The SPE covenants in the organizational documents are not required to be identical to those contained in the Loan Agreement but must be substantially similar.
10. If applicable, if the Borrower or SPE Equity Owner is a single member limited liability company, the provisions of Section 9.2(e) are met.
11. If required by Freddie Mac, the Borrower or SPE Equity Owner has one Independent Director/Manager as set forth in Section 9.2(d).

The Seller/Servicer's legal counsel will continue to be responsible for review of such documents, notwithstanding any submission of such documents to Freddie Mac. If the organizational documents do not meet the requirements set forth above, the Seller/Servicer's legal counsel must describe the differences and the counsel's recommendations in a PLIM. The legal analysis memorandum must be in compliance with the PLIM requirements described in Section 6.4. If the organizational documents fully satisfy all of the above requirements, the Seller/Servicer's legal counsel must confirm in a PLIM that all such requirements have been satisfied.



9.8 Adverse circumstances—Borrower (09/08/04)

There must be no circumstances or conditions of which the Seller is aware involving the credit standing of the Borrower that adversely affect the value or marketability of the Mortgage.

9.9 Preferred equity (06/24/25)

a. Equity contributions requiring Freddie Mac consent (04/14/22)

All Preferred Equity is subject to Freddie Mac's prior approval.

b. Definitions (02/16/23)

1. Common Equity

A form of investment in an entity provided by an equity investor, where the equity investor:

- Has an equal right to receive distributions, payments or returns (i.e., no such investor or class of investors receives any preferential payments or returns as compared to other equity investors) (sometimes referred to as “pari-passu” equity), or
- Is entitled to receive preferred distributions, payments or returns only out of net cash flow from the Property (i.e., cash flow, if any, available after payment of all operating expenses for the Property, lender's debt service, and any escrows and reserves required by the lender) before any other investor receives any distributions, payments or returns (sometimes referred to as “soft pay” preferred equity)

If Common Equity has any characteristics constituting Preferred Equity or any unacceptable attributes of Preferred Equity as noted in Sections 9 c. and d. below, it will be considered to be a Preferred Equity investment for the purpose of the Guide. Additionally, if any other investment by the Common Equity investor, or an affiliate of the Common Equity investor, is determined to be Preferred Equity, then the Common Equity investment will be considered to be a Preferred Equity investment for the purpose of the Guide.

2. Preferred Equity

Any investment in an entity provided by an equity investor where the equity investor is entitled to receive periodic distributions, payments or returns (e.g., monthly, quarterly, annually, or other set period), that have priority over distributions, payments or returns to any other equity owner, whether or not there is sufficient net cash flow from the Property (sometimes referred to as “hard pay” preferred equity) (“Preferred Equity Return”).

c. Characteristics constituting Preferred Equity (02/16/23)

Any of the following characteristics constitute Preferred Equity:



- The equity contribution and/or any accrued Preferred Equity Return must be paid on a set date, or the property is subject to a predetermined date of sale or other disposition (“Redemption Date”)
- Equity investor has rights or remedies if not paid the Preferred Equity Return or all or any part of its equity contribution; provided, however, the right to force a sale of the property is not in and of itself a characteristic constituting Preferred Equity
- Equity investor has rights or remedies other than a forced sale if the Property fails to achieve any particular debt coverage ratio (DCR), loan-to-value ratio or other economic performance measure, while the Property is performing under the Mortgage
- Common Equity investments in the Borrower’s organizational structure made by the Preferred Equity investor, or its affiliate(s)

d. Unacceptable attributes of Preferred Equity (04/14/22)

The following are unacceptable attributes of Preferred Equity:

1. Any of the obligations related to the Preferred Equity are secured by any form of collateral
2. A Redemption Date that is prior to the maturity date of the Mortgage
3. A cash sweep at the Property level
4. The assignment of any cash reserves at the Property level other than reserves established solely from the proceeds of the equity contribution
5. An intercreditor agreement, subordination agreement, recognition agreement, or any other agreement with the Property lender to limit or delay lender’s rights or remedies
6. An equity investment that also directly or indirectly capitalizes an entity affiliated with the Borrower which owns another property (“Affiliated Property”) unless (a) Freddie Mac also intends to purchase a mortgage secured by the Affiliated Property and (b) the Mortgage and the mortgage on the Affiliated Property will be cross-collateralized or cross-defaulted
7. The right for the Preferred Equity investor or its assignee(s) to remove or replace the person or entity with direct or indirect control of the Borrower (“Preferred Equity Control Takeover”) based on the actions or inactions of any Person in any entity other than the Borrower or an entity in the Borrower’s ownership structure
8. The right for the Preferred Equity investor or its assignee(s) to exercise any rights or remedies based on the economic performance of a property other than the Property
9. The right for the Preferred Equity investor or its assignee(s) to make protective advances that increase the size of the Preferred Equity investment for any reason other than to pay debt service, taxes, or insurance



10. The right for the Preferred Equity investor or its assignee(s) to acquire the equity interests of (i) the person or entity with direct or indirect control of the Borrower, or (ii) any other equity owner, without purchasing those interests for fair market value
11. Documentation of additional terms and requirements of the Preferred Equity investment other than in the organizational documents (i.e., there may not be any side letters)
12. The Preferred Equity investment is subject to draws, phased or deferred funding. Any Preferred Equity investment must be fully contributed on or prior to the Origination Date
13. The right to exercise a Preferred Equity Control Takeover based on the Property's failure to achieve specific, quantifiable occupancy, NOI, debt service or other economic performance measures while the Property is performing under the Mortgage
14. Permits any payment to an equity investor before payment of operating expenses of the Property and all sums due to the lender under the Loan Documents
15. Includes any other attribute that Freddie Mac determines circumvents Freddie Mac's intent with respect to an acceptable Preferred Equity investment

e. Preferred Equity guaranty (04/14/22)

Any guaranty provided in connection with Preferred Equity must:

1. Not include a guaranty of repayment of the Preferred Equity from any person or entity that is also providing a Guaranty in connection with the Mortgage ("Mortgage Guaranty")
2. Be expressly subordinate in all respects to the Loan Documents
3. Not include any guaranteed obligations other than:
 - Obligations that are substantially similar to the guaranteed obligations under the Mortgage Guaranty, and
 - The obligation to guaranty loss or damage caused by the trigger events set forth in the document "[Preferred Equity Guaranty Acceptable Trigger Events](#)"

f. Required analysis; compliance (02/16/23)

1. Prior to issuance of the Quote, the Seller/Servicer must advise Freddie Mac of any Preferred Equity, and provide the following information to the extent known:
 - Name of the Preferred Equity investor
 - Summary of the financial terms of the Preferred Equity and any Common Equity investment to be made by the Preferred Equity investor or its affiliate
 - a. Amount



- b. Initial rate of the Preferred Equity Return (and if the rate changes, any deferred rate of the Preferred Equity Return)
- Anticipated schedule for the funding of the Preferred Equity
 - Proposed Redemption Date
 - Any other material relating to the Preferred Equity
2. Seller/Servicer's counsel must deliver [the Equity Analysis](#) no later than the delivery of the full underwriting package.
3. Seller/Servicer must require the Borrower to complete the [Borrower's Preferred Equity Financial Terms Summary](#) and deliver it to Freddie Mac no later than the delivery of the full underwriting package
4. Seller/Servicer's counsel must confirm that the operating agreement, joint venture agreement or similar agreement governing the Preferred Equity investment contains a prohibition against modifying any of the terms of the Preferred Equity, including the terms relating to the Preferred Equity Return, the Redemption Date or the amount of the Preferred Equity (except to decrease the amount of the Preferred Equity or the Preferred Equity Return) during the term of the Mortgage without the lender's consent

g. Underwriting Preferred Equity (06/24/25)

1. The following underwriting requirements will apply to a Mortgage with Preferred Equity, and will be based upon Freddie Mac's final determination of NOI and value:
 - The amount of all Mortgages secured by the Property plus the Preferred Equity must not exceed 90 percent of value of the Property on the Origination Date. For purposes of this calculation, the Preferred Equity will include any Common Equity investment deemed to be a Preferred Equity investment pursuant to Section 9.9 (b) above.
 - For fixed-rate Mortgages, including supplemental loans, the NOI divided by the sum of each Mortgage's amortizing debt service payment and the amount of the Preferred Equity Return must be at least 1.05x.
 - For Floating-Rate Mortgages, including supplemental loans, the NOI divided by the sum of each Mortgage's amortizing debt service payment based on the sum of the gross spread and the Amortizing Strike Rate set forth in the Loan Documents, and the amount of the Preferred Equity Return must be at least 1.05x.
2. If the Preferred Equity investment provides that the Preferred Equity Return changes during the term of the Mortgage, Freddie Mac will use the weighted average of the total Preferred Equity Returns to calculate the DCR
3. If Freddie Mac permits a Preferred Equity investment that would otherwise not be permitted pursuant to Section 9.9(d)(12) above, then for purposes of underwriting the proposed Mortgage with Preferred Equity, Freddie Mac will deem any Preferred Equity



not fully contributed until after the Origination Date to be fully funded on the Origination Date

9.10 Investment fund (12/14/17)

a. Investment fund requirements (12/14/17)

In addition to its ordinary underwriting procedures, the Seller/Servicer must provide any information requested by Freddie Mac when it reviews an application for a Mortgage with an investment fund Guarantor.

b. Investment fund legal requirements (12/14/17)

If any Guarantor is an investment fund, the Seller/Servicer's counsel must review the organizational documents for the investment fund to ensure that, in addition to meeting the general conditions set forth in Section 9.7, where applicable, the following conditions are met:

1. The investment fund's termination date does not occur prior to the maturity date of the Mortgage.
2. The investment fund's organizational documents contain a customary provision regarding the orderly dissolution of the fund upon the occurrence of the investment fund's termination date.

Additionally, if specifically requested by Freddie Mac, this analysis of whether the conditions set forth in (1) and (2) above have been met may be required for an investment fund that is a non-guarantor Borrower Principal.

The Seller/Servicer's legal counsel will continue to be responsible for review of such organizational documents, notwithstanding any submission of such documents to Freddie Mac.

The Seller/Servicer's legal counsel must confirm in a preliminary legal analysis memorandum (PLIM) described in Section 6.4 that the organizational documents for the investment fund fully satisfy the above requirements. If the investment fund's organizational documents do not meet the above requirements, the PLIM must include a description of the differences and recommendations as to why Freddie Mac should approve the investment fund as a Guarantor or non-guarantor Borrower Principal, if required, without its organizational documents being fully compliant with this Section. Additionally, if the investment fund's termination date occurs prior to the maturity date of the Mortgage, the PLIM must include an explanation of any renewal options available to extend the fund and how such renewal options are exercised.

9.11 Foreign Guarantor (02/22/24)

A Foreign Guarantor is one of the following:

- Not a United States entity
- Not a United States citizen or lawful permanent resident of the United States



- A United States citizen or lawful permanent resident of the United States who does not reside in the United States

If Freddie Mac approves a Foreign Guarantor, Freddie Mac will require the Foreign Guarantor to appoint an agent in the United States acceptable to Freddie Mac for service of process on behalf of the Foreign Guarantor. The Borrower ownership structure must at all times comply with the requirements of Section 9.2.

If there is no additional financially compliant United States Guarantor, the Foreign Guarantor will be required to:

- Maintain a minimum Liquidity in one or more U.S. bank account(s) of five percent of the original principal balance of the Mortgage, or such other amount as Freddie Mac may require. If there is more than one Foreign Guarantor, the minimum five percent Liquidity requirement may be held in the aggregate by the Foreign Guarantors. The bank(s) holding the account(s) must be acceptable to Freddie Mac.
- For any Mortgage greater than \$40 million, provide an additional non-consolidation opinion acceptable to Freddie Mac, written in English, from the Foreign Guarantor's country of citizenship and/or residency.
- For any Mortgage greater than \$50 million, deliver an opinion of counsel, written in English, covering (i) the validity and enforceability of the form of appointment of the process agent under the laws of the Foreign Guarantor's country of citizenship and/or residency, even if there were to be a change, whether voluntary or involuntary, in the Foreign Guarantor's permanent residence status in the United States, and (ii) the procedure for the collection and enforcement of any U.S. judgment obtained against the Foreign Guarantor in the Foreign Guarantor's country of citizenship and/or residency. The opinion must be acceptable to Freddie Mac and must be given by a firm that is familiar with the applicable laws of the country and which is otherwise acceptable to Freddie Mac.

9.12 Tenancy-in-common (TIC) (04/15/21)

A TIC may be an eligible Borrower if it meets all of the following conditions.

a. Conditions applicable to TIC owners (06/30/15)

- There may not be more than 10 TIC owners.
- Each TIC owner must be a Single Purpose Entity (SPE) regardless of the size of the loan.

b. Tenant in common agreement (09/25/15)

The tenant in common agreement ("TIC Agreement") must include the following (all references to Freddie Mac may be to any mortgage lender in general; all references to the Mortgage may be to any loan in general; all references to Freddie Mac Loan Documents may be to loan documents in general):

1. General



- Name, address, telephone number and percentage of ownership interests of each TIC owner
- Requirement that no termination, modification or waiver of the TIC Agreement may be made without Freddie Mac's prior written consent
- Provision that names Freddie Mac as a third-party beneficiary of the TIC Agreement
- Provision that allows Freddie Mac to enforce the provisions of the TIC Agreement against any party to the TIC Agreement
- Specific provision for transfer of ownership interests, particularly in the event of death of an individual, or divorce of a couple owning a common interest

2. Management

- The name of the entity that is responsible for the management of the Property ("Manager")
- The authority of the Manager for both actions and expenditures

The Manager must have actual or effective authority for managing the day-to-day operation of the Property and leasing the Property and must control the operating budget, operating account(s), and other accounts with respect to the Property. The Manager must at all times be a "Qualifying Manager" as set forth below. The TIC owners and the Manager (unless the Manager is a third-party manager) must agree to stand still with respect to the enforcement of any of their rights and remedies under the management agreement and must not take any enforcement action with respect to the management agreement so long as the Mortgage is outstanding.

A "Qualifying Manager" is a property manager acceptable to Lender which meets all of the following requirements:

- Is a reputable management company having at least five years' experience in the management of multifamily properties and in the metropolitan area or other appropriate geographic area in which the Property is located
- Has, for at least five years prior to its engagement as property manager, managed at least five multifamily properties
- At the time of its engagement as property manager, has units of the same property type as the Property equal to the lesser of (A) 10,000 units and (B) five times the number of units the Property has
- Is not the subject of a bankruptcy or similar insolvency proceeding
- Decisions for which consent from the TIC owners is required
- If the TIC owners' consent is required, the percentage required and how that consent can be given (For example, does consent need to be in writing?)



- An irrevocable power-of-attorney from the TIC owners for the Manager to deal with Freddie Mac on matters relating to the operation and maintenance of the Property

3. Limitations on TIC owners

The TIC Agreement must provide that at all times while the Mortgage is outstanding, each TIC owner will agree to the following:

- Not to seek to partition the Property
- Not to allow its interest in the Property to become subject to any liens from any third parties and if a lien is filed by a third party to promptly discharge such lien
- To the extent applicable, to waive its rights to residency in the Property
- To promptly notify all other TIC owners and Freddie Mac of any change in address or telephone numbers
- To waive any and all lien rights it holds against any other TIC owners, including any capital calls, for a failure of such TIC owner to perform its obligations as a tenant in common, either under the TIC Agreement or at law
- To subordinate any and all rights and remedies, including rights of indemnity or otherwise, under the TIC Agreement or at law, to the lien of the Mortgage and all other terms and provisions of the Loan Documents
- To stand still with respect to the enforcement of any of their rights and remedies, under the TIC Agreement or at law, and take no enforcement action with respect to such rights and remedies

4. Requirements related to the Mortgage

The TIC Agreement must include all of the following;

- Provision that all payments under the Mortgage have priority over distributions to the TIC owners and that all distributions to TIC owners will in all ways be subordinate and subject to the terms and conditions of the Mortgage
- Requirement that each TIC owner will promptly respond to requests for information from other TIC owners and Freddie Mac
- Requirement that each TIC owner will promptly make themselves available for execution of documents required by Freddie Mac
- Agreement that any rights of first refusal with respect to or options to purchase the Property will be subordinate to the lien of the Mortgage
- Provision that the TIC Agreement is subject to all requirements and restrictions set forth in the Freddie Mac Loan Documents, noting particularly that any provisions for



transfer of ownership interests are subject to, and may be limited by, the provisions of the Loan Documents

c. Additional requirements pertaining to TIC Agreements (04/15/21)

If the TIC Agreement fails to fully satisfy any of the requirements outlined in Sections 9.12(a) and (b) above, and the TIC Agreement will not be modified prior to the Origination Date of the Mortgage to comply with all of the requirements, the Seller/Service's legal counsel must provide a legal analysis detailing which requirement(s) will not be satisfied and the counsel's recommendation as to whether and why Freddie Mac should accept the TIC Agreement without it being fully compliant with this Section 9.12. If the TIC Agreement fully satisfies all of the requirements above, the Seller/Service's legal counsel must confirm in a PLIM that all such requirements have been satisfied.