

## **ESSENT ANNOUNCEMENT**



Re: Essent Aligns with GSE use of Desktop Appraisals for Certain Purchase Transactions

Essent aligns with the use of Desktop Appraisals as recently announced by the GSEs for certain Purchase transactions of one-unit Primary Residences with LTVs ≤90%.

The Desktop Appraisal option will become eligible for Desktop Underwriter® (DU®) v11.0 loans submitted or resubmitted effective March 19, 2022, and for Loan Product Advisor® loans submitted or resubmitted effective March 6, 2022.

Links to the related Selling Guide Announcement and Seller/Servicer Guide Bulletin are provided below for complete details:

- Fannie Mae Selling Guide Announcement (SEL-2022-01)
- Freddie Mac Selling Updates Bulletin 2022-2

Desktop Appraisals are to be completed on <u>Fannie Mae Form 1004 Desktop/Freddie Mac Form 70D</u>, which requires the use of a floor plan in addition to the required exhibits for traditional appraisals.

Each transaction must receive DU/Loan Product Advisor Approve/Accept Eligible scoring with messaging indicating eligibility for the Desktop Appraisal option.

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