Automated Collateral Evaluation (ACE) – Appraisal Waiver



Note: Vertical revision bars " | " are used in the margin of this reference to highlight these new requirements and significant changes.

What is automated collateral evaluation?

The automated collateral evaluation from Freddie Mac provides Sellers with the option to waive the appraisal requirements for certain Loan Product Advisor® (LPASM) mortgages. The tools within Freddie Mac Loan Advisor® work together seamlessly to identify, validate, confirm and track loans that are eligible for and receive the automated collateral evaluation appraisal waiver option. If a loan assessed by LPA is identified as eligible for the appraisal waiver, and you, as the Seller, choose to accept the appraisal waiver option, you are not required to obtain an appraisal and will be relieved of representations and warranties related to value, condition, and marketability of the property upon sale of the mortgage to Freddie Mac. There is no fee associated with the acceptance of an appraisal waiver.

Note: A Seller that has accepted an appraisal waiver offer must not make any representation that Freddie Mac has performed a property review or obtained a valuation of the mortgage premises.



Benefits

Close faster
 Save 7-10 days, or more, without a traditional appraisal

Save money Save \$300-\$700 with no appraisal fee

Immediate certainty
 Loans are automatically eligible for collateral representation and warranty relief

Eligibility Requirements

ACE Results - Loan Advisor Overview

Loan Product Advisor

Loan Quality Advisor®

Loan Selling Advisor®

Loan Coverage Advisor®

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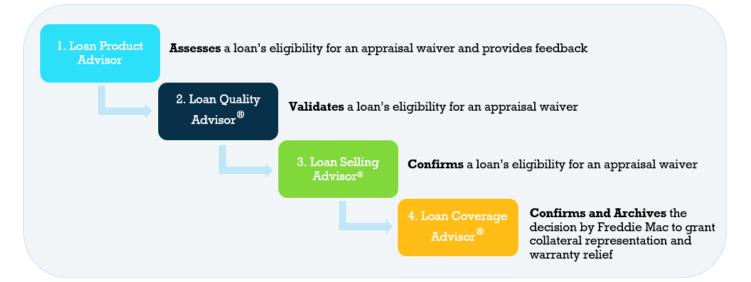


The following chart provides a summary of requirements that must be met to be eligible to receive an appraisal waiver offer. For complete details, refer to the Freddie Mac Single-Family Seller/Servicer Guide (Guide) Section 5602.3.

Topic	Requirements				
Eligible Mortgages	 LPA Accept Risk Class 1-unit dwelling (includes mortgages secured by a condominium unit). Note: A manufactured home is not eligible. Primary Residence or second home Purchase transaction No Cash-out refinance Cash-out refinance* 				
Ineligible Mortgages	Refer to Guide Section 5602.3(d)				
LTV/TLTV	Maximum Loan-to	o-Value (LTV) and	Total Loan-to-Value (TLTV) ratios	
	Occupancy Type	Purchase	No Cash-out Refinance	Cash-out refinance*	
	Primary residence	<u>≤</u> 80%	≤ 90%	≤ 70%	
	Second home			≤ 60%	
	*Effective for Mortgages with Application Received Dates on or after February 19, 2024				
Age of the appraisal waiver offer	 Valid for 120 days. Note: If the offer is more than 120 days old on the Note Date, a resubmission to LPA is required to determine ongoing appraisal waiver eligibility. If the Settlement Date is more than 120 days after the Note Date, the Seller must warrant that the value of the subject property as of the Settlement Date is not less than the estimated value or sales price used to underwrite the mortgage in LPA. 				
Resubmission and Loan Data Changes	Resubmission of the loan data to LPA will not affect ACE eligibility unless risk class changes from Accept to Caution, or one or more of the following data fields is changed from the time of the prior submission:				
	 Address of the property Estimate of value Occupancy of the property Loan type Property type 				
Appraisal waiver eligibility in disaster areas	Sellers may accept an appraisal waiver offer if the Seller can represent and warrant that the value and marketability of the mortgaged premises has not been adversely impacted. See Guide Section 4407.1 for property condition requirements.				



Which tools are involved in the automated collateral evaluation process?



Loan Product Advisor

Loan Product Advisor is our automated underwriting system that provides a view of the loan's credit risk and purchase eligibility. Eligibility for the appraisal waiver begins with submission to LPA to assess the loan and provide feedback on the Loan Product Advisor Feedback Certificate.

Loan Quality Advisor

Loan Quality Advisor helps you validate that there are no material changes to your loan data that will alter the status of your LPA results and provides an early view of comprehensive purchase edits that will be applied in Freddie Mac's Loan Selling Advisor at loan delivery. Loan Quality Advisor may also be used to validate the loan's eligibility for the appraisal waiver.

Loan Selling Advisor

Loan Selling Advisor is our pricing, contracting and loan delivery tool. Eligibility for the appraisal waiver is confirmed in Loan Selling Advisor.

Loan Coverage Advisor

After delivery and funding, Loan Coverage Advisor documents whether LPA has determined that the loan is relieved from certain representations and warranties related to value, condition, and marketability of the property.

Messages are provided in Loan Product Advisor, Loan Quality Advisor, Loan Selling Advisor and Loan Coverage Advisor. Each of these tools provides a key indication or message(s) regarding the automated collateral evaluation appraisal waiver in its results. Refer to the applicable sections below.



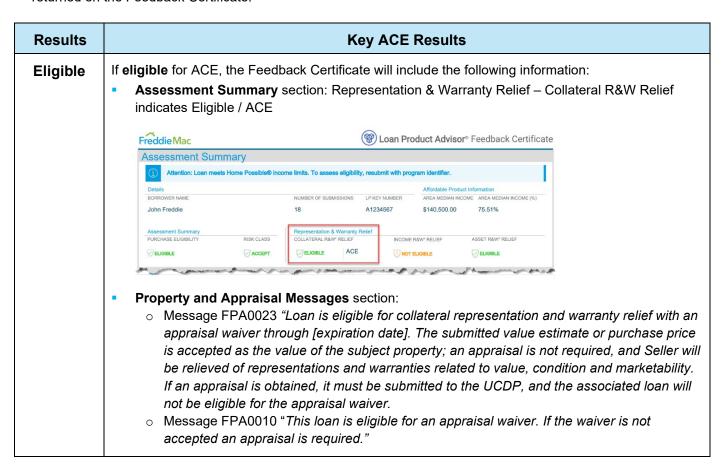


Loan Product Advisor

If the Seller accepts the appraisal waiver option for purchase transactions, Freddie Mac will accept the purchase price as the value of the mortgaged premises entered in the *Sales Contract Price* field, or for a refinance transaction, Freddie Mac will accept the estimated value as the value of the mortgaged premises entered in the *Estimated Property Value* field.

Note: Effective June 6, 2024 for refinance mortgages, Sellers are required to have written procedures in place that prohibit changes to the estimated property value in Loan Product Advisor for the purpose of obtaining ACE or more favorable mortgage terms. The procedures must include a process for establishing the estimated, which may include, but is not limited to, the use of the borrower's estimated value, an Automated Valuation Model (AVM) or an online valuation tool or website.

As a reminder, the lender should not order an appraisal prior to initially submitting the loan to LPA. Loans where an appraisal has been obtained are not eligible for an appraisal waiver. LPA restricts ACE eligibility when an appraisal is identified in the Uniform Collateral Data Portal® (UCDP®) and the appraisal has an effective date within 120 days of an initial LPA submission. A feedback message corresponding to this restriction will be returned on the Feedback Certificate.





Results	Key ACE Results			
	Property And Appraisal Messages			
	CODE MESSAGE			
	FPA0023 Loan is eligible for collateral representation and warranty relief with an appraisal waiver through 5/26/2023. The submitted value estimate or purchase price is accepted as the value of the subject property; an appraisal is not required and Seller will be relieved of representations and warranties related to value, condition and marketability. If an appraisal is obtained, it must be submitted to the UCDP, and the associated loan will not be eligible for the appraisal waiver.			
	FPA0072 1,089,300.00 is the maximum loan limit allowed for a 1-unit property located in FAIRFAX County, VA.	1,089,300.00 is the maximum loan limit allowed for a 1-unit property located in FAIRFAX County, VA.		
	FPA0057 Address entered matched to: , Fairfax County VA. Please confirm accuracy.			
	FPA0100 Loan is eligible for an appraisal waiver. If the waiver is not accepted an appraisal is required.	Loan is eligible for an appraisal waiver. If the waiver is not accepted an appraisal is required.		

Loan Quality Advisor

Loan Quality Advisor helps to facilitate a smoother delivery process by identifying errors and validating purchase eligibility prior to delivery. To validate the loan's eligibility for an appraisal waiver, submit the loan as you normally do and review the results.

Results	Key ACE Results					
Green Result		-	•	n appraisal waiver from LPA is validated, then the Collateral Represe vice will indicate a GREEN result with the CY1010 message:	entation an	
	"Loan is eligible for collateral representation and warranty relief with an appraisal waiver through [expiration date – MM/DD/YYY]. The submitted value estimate or purchase price is accepted as the value of the subject property; an appraisal is not required and Seller will be relieved of representations and warranties related to value, condition and marketability. If an appraisal is obtained, it must be submitted to the UCDP, and the associated loan will not be eligible for the appraisal waiver."					
		Res	lateral Rep sult REEN	presentation and Warranty Relief Results		
			Collateral Re	Representation and Warranty Relief Messages		
			CODE	MESSAGES		
			CY1010	Loan is eligible for collateral representation and warranty relief with an appraisal waiver through 11/16/2023. The submitted value estimate or purchase price is accepted as the value of the subject property; an appraisal is not required and Seller will be relieved of representations and warranties related to value, condition and marketability. If an appraisal		



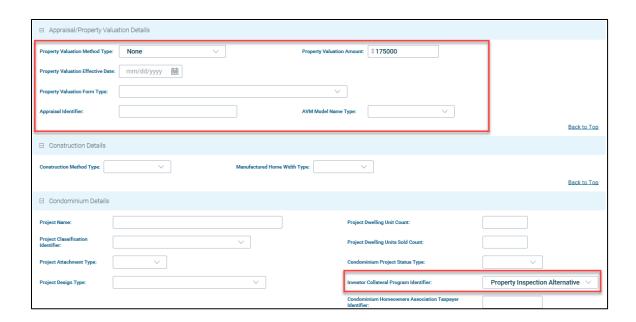
Results	Key ACE Results
Yellow Result	If eligibility for the appraisal waiver in LPA is invalidated because the data freshness period exceeds 120 days, then the Collateral Representation and Warranty Relief Service will indicate a YELLOW result with the CN2325 message:
	"This loan is no longer eligible for an appraisal waiver because the Note Date must be no more than 120 days after the date the appraisal waiver was offered in Loan Product Advisor."
	If eligibility for the appraisal waiver in Loan Product Advisor is invalidated because one of the key data elements (estimate of the loan amount, value, property type, or LTV) changed, then the Collateral Representation and Warranty Relief Service will indicate a YELLOW result with the CN2170 message:
	"This loan is no longer eligible for an appraisal waiver because one or more of the key data elements originally used to obtain the appraisal waiver has changed. Verify data as noted in additional messages."

Loan Selling Advisor

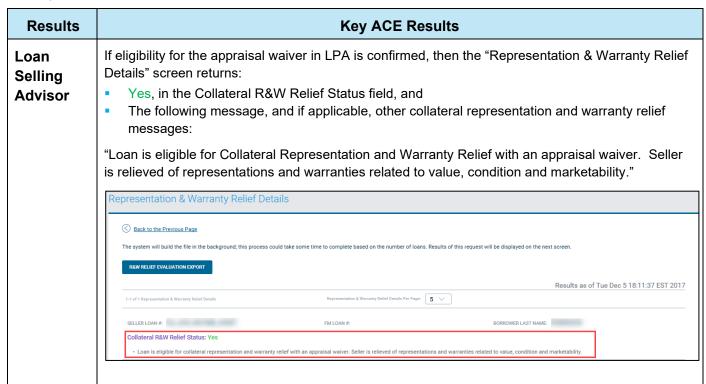
To confirm eligibility for an appraisal waiver in Loan Selling Advisor, deliver the fields shown in the table below:

Field Name	Sort ID	What to Deliver
Property Structure Built Year	67	9999
Property Valuation Method Type	89	None
Property Valuation Amount	83	This value should match the <i>Purchase Price</i> field or <i>Estimated Value of Property</i> field in Loan Product Advisor
Property Valuation Effective Date	84	Leave blank
Property Valuation Form Type	85	Leave blank
Appraisal Identifier	82	Leave blank
Investor Collateral Program Identifier	376	Property Inspection Alternative





<u>Best Practice</u> – We recommend the use of Loan Quality Advisor to validate that there are no material changes to your loan data that will alter the status of your LPA results and ensure there are no data discrepancies between the data in LPA and the data delivered in Loan Selling Advisor for an efficient process.



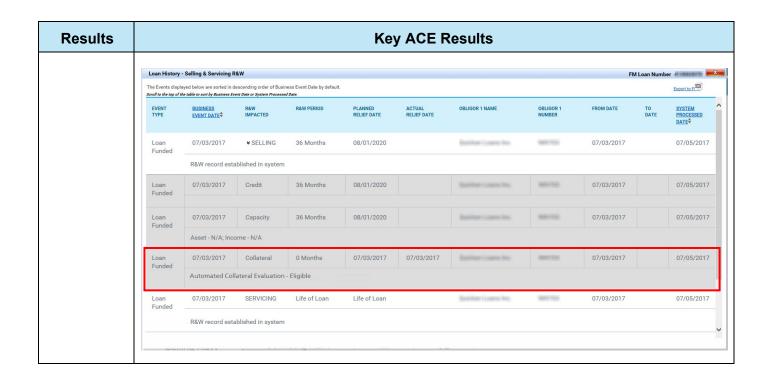
NOTE: If the Settlement Date is more than 120 days after the Note Date, you must warrant the value of the subject property at the time of the Settlement Date is not less than the estimated value or sales price used to underwrite the Mortgage in LPA. If you cannot make this warranty, the mortgage is eligible for sale only through a negotiated sales transaction through our bulk sales unit.



Loan Coverage Advisor

Results **Key ACE Results Eligibility** The collateral representation and warranty relief is documented in Loan Coverage Advisor Results on the "Selling R&W" tab of the "Credit Risk Offset Details". The blue checkmark in the "Actual Relief Date" field and green bar under Funding Date indicate the loan has received relief from representations and warranties regarding value, condition, and marketability of the property. Credit Risk Offsets ? Servicing R&W² CE Selling R&W ² Responsible Party POSITION OBLIGOR NAME OBLIGOR NUMBER START DATE END DATE 12/17/2019 Loan Advisor R&W ² Relief Offerings (Refer to Online Help ② section for the Guide details on each Offering) Not Eligible - Asset Eligible - Loan Collateral Advisor N/A Current Coverage 36 Months 01/01/2023 ACTUAL RELIEF DATE 01/01/2023 36 Months Capacity 01/01/2023 36 Months 01/01/2023 36 Months 12/17/2019 0 Months 12/17/2019 🗸 12/17/2019 🗸 Life of Loan Life of Loan The Loan History page will indicate the following for the Collateral Loan Funded event: 0 Months in the R&W Period field Same date for Business Event Date, Planned Relief Date and Actual Relief Date Automated Collateral Evaluation - Eligible Note: A Doc File ID will be absent from the record, also indicating no appraisal was obtained for the loan.





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