

CalHFA GOVERNMENT ELIGIBILITY MATRIX

First Mortgage Programs¹

Program Name	Max Loan Amount ²	Loan Type	Property Type	AUS Requirement	Max LTV/CLTV ²	Min Credit Score	Max DTI	Subordinate Options
CalHFA FHA Program	FHA County Loan Limits	203b	SFR and Condos	DU Approve/Eligible or LPA Accept	96.5%/105%	640	45%	Must be combined with MyHome (mandatory), FHA Approved Seconds optional
			SFR and Condos	Manual Underwriting	96.5%/105%	700	50%	
			Manufactured Homes	DU Approve/Eligible or LPA Accept	96.5%/105%	660	43%	
CalPLUS FHA Program	FHA County Loan Limits	203b	SFR and Condos	DU Approve/Eligible or LPA Accept	96.5%/105%	640	45%	Must be combined with both MyHome and ZIP (mandatory)
			SFR and Condos	Manual Underwriting	96.5%/105%	700	50%	
			Manufactured Homes	DU Approve/Eligible or LPA Accept	96.5%/105%	660	43%	

¹ Each borrower must be a first time homebuyer

²First mortgages in which the total loan amount exceeds \$806,500 are considered High Balance Loans. See rate sheet for pricing and fees.

Subordinate Programs

Program Name	Max Loan Amount	Interest Rate	Loan Proceeds Purpose	First Mortgage Options	Lien Position
MyHome Assistance Program	FHA = 3.5% VA = 3% of appraised value or sales price, whichever is less	1%	Down Payment and Closing Costs Assistance	Must be combined with CalHFA FHA and CalPLUS FHA (mandatory)	2nd
Zero Interest Program (ZIP)	2% or 3% of the first (base) mortgage loan amount	0%	Closing Costs Assistance only	CalPLUS FHA 1 st Mortgage required	3 rd , behind MyHome

Loan Limits

1 UNIT	FHA LOW-COST AREA	HIGH-COST AREA FHA FORWARD/FNMA/FHLMC	2025 FHA MORTGAGE LIMITS COUNTY LOOKUP
	\$524,225	\$1,209,750	

TOPIC	OVERLAY
BASIC GUIDELINES	<p>Items in this matrix apply to CalHFA Government loan programs. Refer to CalHFA Government Loan Programs Handbook and FHA Single Family Housing Policy Handbook 4000.1 for additional guidance.</p> <p>Information in this matrix is subject to change without notice.</p>
Amended Tax Returns	<p>Accepted for the following amendment reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amended for clerical items only (i.e. modifying a prior ITIN number to a newly issued SSN) • Amended for income-related items, under the following conditions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Amended at least sixty (60) days before mortgage application taken ▪ Amendment shows on transcripts (stamped returns not acceptable) ▪ Documentation supplied to support the increase, including but not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 1099 or W2 showing missed/updated income ▪ Canceled checks or bank statements showing missed/updated rental income
Appraisal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full appraisal from a certified appraiser required
Assets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bank statements must show account activity for a full two (2) month period. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Follow AUS requirements for all loans approved by DU • Internet statements, obtained from financial institution's website, must contain same information found on a standard bank statement • VOD as stand-alone document not permitted unless obtained from a Third-Party Vendor • An account in a minor's name where the borrower is named only as custodian of the funds is not eligible for use as closing costs, down payment, or reserves
AUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Automated Underwriting (AUS) parameters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Fannie Mae Desktop Underwriter (DU) with Approve/Eligible or Freddie Mac Loan Prospector Advisor (LPA) with Accept recommendation required ○ FHA Scorecard option must be used for all FHA loans ○ Manual downgrades not permitted • Manual Underwriting permitted, subject to the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Must meet FHA requirements, the overall insurability and/or eligibility of the loan may not be affected ○ Allowed when the loan receives a Refer/Eligible recommendation ○ Borrowers without a credit score are not permitted ○ Loans that receive an Approve/Eligible or Accept but require a downgrade due to additional information not measured in the AUS decision allowed ○ 43% maximum DTI ○ 660 minimum FICO ○ Not permitted on Manufactured Homes

TOPIC	OVERLAY
Condominiums	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Single unit condominium project approval process is not allowed on FHA loans Leasehold not permitted Minimum square footage: 400 Sq Ft
Credit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Non-traditional credit is not permitted All borrowers must meet the minimum representative credit score requirement. The middle score of the lowest-scoring borrower must be used to determine eligibility. Borrowers whose only credit history is built from authorized user accounts are not eligible
Debt-to-Income Ratio (DTI)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Automated Underwriting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maximum DTI is 50% regardless of AUS recommendation for borrower with credit scores ≥ 700 Maximum DTI is 45% regardless of AUS recommendation for credit scores between 640-699 and/or manufactured homes Manual Underwriting, permitted, subject to the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maximum 43% DTI Minimum 660 FICO Per FHA Guidelines, compensating factors required if ratios are $> 31/43\%$ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> FICO ≥ 660: 37/43% - ONE of the following is required: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Verified and documented cash reserves, or Minimal increase in housing payment, or Residual income FICO ≥ 660 40/40% <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No discretionary debt FICO ≥ 660: 40/43% - TWO of the following are required <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Verified and documented cash reserves Minimal increase in housing payment Significant income not reflected in effective income; and/or Residual income
Electronic Signatures/eSigning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> eSigning is allowed for most documents. eSigning is not allowed for items below: (or any loans with POA) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Note Note Rider(s) Notice of Right to Cancel Security Instrument Security Instrument Rider(s) COVID-19 Temporary Attestation

TOPIC	OVERLAY
Eligible Borrowers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> US Citizens Permanent Residents Non-Permanent Residents with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Case numbers assigned prior to May 25, 2025 are allowed under the following conditions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acceptable visa evidence provided Borrower eligible to work in the U.S., as evidenced by EAD issued by the USCIS Borrower has valid Social Security Number (SSN) Borrower satisfies the same requirements, terms, and conditions as those for U.S. citizen DACA with Category C33 work status under deferred action, DACA borrowers allowed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> EAD must be current (if expiring within one year, evidence history of renewals) Income source must be stable with a two-year work history Diplomatic Immunity: Borrowers with Diplomatic Immunity ineligible Case numbers assigned on or after May 25, 2025, are ineligible except for citizens of Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, or the Republic of Palau that have an EAD Category Code A08. Refer to FHA Single Family Housing Policy Handbook 4000.1 for additional requirements.
Eligible Property Type	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must be in the state of California One-unit primary single family residence (SFR) and planned unit development (PUD) Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU), guest houses, 'granny' units and 'in-law' units are eligible as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Property must be defined as a one-unit property Multiple ADUs not permitted Must meet city/county zoning ordinances If rental income from ADU is used for credit qualifying, CalHFA will also use gross rental income when determining borrowers' compliance income for program eligibility Condominiums (see Condominiums section above) Manufactured Homes (see Manufactured Homes section below) Properties must meet requirements of California Health and Safety Code All properties must be occupied as a primary residence within 60 days of closing
Eligible States	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> California only
Escrow Account	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Escrow account required; no escrow waiver allowed
Escrow Holdbacks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not permitted
Exclusionary List	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exclusionary list must be reviewed to confirm all parties to the transaction are eligible
Family-Owned Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two years tax returns are required regardless of AUS recommendation

TOPIC	OVERLAY
First-Time Homebuyer Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Each borrower must be a first-time homebuyer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> First-time homebuyer is defined as a borrower who has not had an ownership interest in any principal residence, or resided in the home owned by a spouse during the previous three year
Homebuyer Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Homebuyer education is mandatory and must be completed by at least one borrower Course completion required prior to closing Homebuyer Education course must be completed with one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Online Homebuyer Education through eHome™ In Person or Virtual Live Homebuyer Education through NeighborWorks America or through a HUD approved Housing Counseling Agency Completion certificates are good for one year
Home Warranty Insurance Coverage (Mandatory)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One-year home warranty protection policy is required <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exceptions – purchasing a new construction property Policy must cover at a minimum <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Water heater(s), air conditioning, heating, oven/stove/range Home Warranty must be disclosed on Initial and Final Closing Disclosure or a copy of insurance declaration page will be required
Income Limits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cannot exceed CalHFA Income Limits
Income Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Calculate income using the FHA guidelines Credit qualifying income will be used to determine if loan exceeds maximum program limits (income not used to qualify will not be used in determining if max program limits are exceeded)
Ineligible Programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 203(h) 203(k) Energy Efficient Mortgages (EEM) FHA Back to Work FHA Negative Equity Refinance High Cost Loans Land Trusts Native American Lands PACE obligations attached to property Section 184 - Indian Home Loan Guarantee Program Section 223(e) - Declining Neighborhoods Section 248 - Indian Reservations

TOPIC	OVERLAY
Ineligible Properties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2-4 Unit properties • Below Market Rate (BMR) Properties • Community Land Trusts • Co-Ops • Indian leased land • Leasehold properties • New construction manufactured homes • Resale type deed restrictions • Single-wide manufactured homes • Solar Panels that affect first lien position
Loan Amount	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FHA loans - Maximum loan amount follows standard conforming FHA guidelines and varies by subject property county (HUD FHA Mortgage Limits Lookup Tool) • VA Loans - Maximum loan (excluding the Financed Guaranty Funding Fee) cannot exceed VA loan limits for the county the property is located (FHFA Conforming Loan Limits Lookup Tool) • Minimum loan amount is \$75,000
Mortgage Credit Certificate (MCC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not permitted
Multiple Financed Properties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not permitted
Non-Occupant Co-Borrower/Co-Signer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not permitted
Payment History	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0x30 lates in the last 12 months for all manual underwrites • Follow FHA guidelines for all AUS approved loans
Power of Attorney (POA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A POA may not be eSigned and must be specific to the transaction.
Renegotiated Purchase Contract	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not allowed; however, minor adjustments due to condition or other relevant factors are permitted. • Increase of sales price after appraisal completed is not permitted.
Reserve Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manually underwritten FHA loans required the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 1 required month for all manual underwrites ○ If DTI > 31/43% additional reserves may be required ○ Please reference FHA Comp Factors for additional guidelines
Social Security Number (SSN)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All borrowers must have a valid SSN
Subordinate Financing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permitted, refer to Eligible Subordinate Programs and Requirements below
Tax Transcripts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Required when tax returns are used to qualify borrower income
Temporary Buydowns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allowed with Limitations – see 'Temporary Buydown Guide' below for specific terms and conditions

TOPIC	OVERLAY
Transaction Type	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Primary residence, purchase transactions only All properties must be occupied as a primary residence within 60 days of closing Non-Purchasing spouse may not be on purchase agreement
Unpaid Federal Tax Debt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Delinquent tax debt that has not become a lien and does not impact title (open liens reflected on credit will impact title and must be paid off) may remain open provided the following are met: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Repayment agreement to be provided Evidence of at least three payments made under the plan(s) and payments are current Delinquent tax debt that has become a lien or does not meet the above requirements is ineligible NOTE: Record of Account can be used in lieu of canceled check or proof of electronic payment
Vesting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Non-Purchasing spouse may not be on title CalHFA does not require vesting on the subordinate lien

TOPIC	OVERLAY
MANUFACTURED HOME GUIDELINES	<p>Overlays in this matrix apply to Federal Housing Administration (FHA) guidelines. Refer to the FHA Single Family Housing Policy Handbook 4000.1 for additional guidance.</p> <p>Information in this matrix is subject to change without notice.</p>
Standards (09/14/2015)	<p>Appraiser must notify mortgagee and report any deficiency of MPR or MPS if a manufactured home does not comply with the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Floor area must be ≥ 400 sq ft Constructed on or after June 15, 1976, in conformance with the federal MHCSS, as evidenced by an affixed HUD Certification Label in accordance with 24 CFR §3280.11 (Manufactured Homes produced prior to June 15, 1976 are ineligible for insured financing.) Manufactured home and site exist together as a real estate entity in accordance with state law (but need to be treated as real estate for taxation purposes) Manufactured home was moved from the factory or dealer directly to the site Manufactured home was designed to be used as a dwelling with a permanent foundation built to comply with PFGMH Finished grade elevation beneath the manufactured home (or, if basement used, the grade beneath the basement floor) is at or above the 100-year return frequency flood elevation Structure is designed for occupancy as a principal residence by a single family Lease, if applicable, meets the requirements of Valuation of Leasehold Interest

TOPIC	OVERLAY
Flood Zone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Manufactured homes in a flood zone are not allowed
Foundation: Existing Construction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Definition: Existing construction for manufactured housing refers to a manufactured home that has been permanently installed on a site for one year or more prior to the case number assignment date. Standard: If the perimeter enclosure is non-load-bearing skirting comprised of lightweight material, the entire surface area of the skirting must be permanently attached to backing made of concrete, masonry, treated wood, or a product with similar strength and durability. Skirting: Skirting refers to a non-structural enclosure of a foundation crawl space that is typically, but not always, a lightweight material such as vinyl or metal attached to the side of the structure and extending to the ground (generally not installed below frost depth). Perimeter Enclosure (MPR/MPS Item): The space beneath the manufactured home must be properly enclosed; the perimeter enclosure must be a continuous wall that is adequately secured to the perimeter of the unit and allows for proper ventilation of the crawl space. Required Analysis and Reporting: If the manufactured home foundation does not meet the requirements for Existing Construction, the appraiser must notify the mortgagee and report the deficiency in the MPR or MMPS.
HUD Data Plate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Standard HUD Data Plate Requirements: Manufactured homes have a data plate affixed in a permanent manner, typically adjacent to the electric service panel, the utility room, or within a cabinet in the kitchen. Required Analysis and Reporting: The appraiser must report the information on the data plate within the appraisal, including the manufacturer name, serial number, model, and date of manufacture, as well as wind, roof load, and thermal zone maps. Missing Data Plate (of Appraiser Cannot Locate): If the data plate is missing or the appraiser is unable to locate it, the appraiser must report this in the appraisal and is not required to secure the data plate information from another source. If the data plate is missing or appraiser cannot locate it, an IBTS report is required.
IBTS Report/HUD Certification FHA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HUD Certification Label Standard: The manufactured home must have an affixed HUD Certification Label located at one end of each section of the house, approximately one foot up from the floor and one foot in from the roadside, or as near that location on a permanent part of the exterior of the house, as practicable. Etched on the HUD Certification Label is the certification label number, referred to as the HUD label number. Label numbers are not required to be sequential on a multi-section house. Required Analysis and Reporting: The appraiser must report the HUD label number for all sections, or report that the HUD Certification Label is missing or that the appraiser was unable to locate it.
Ineligible Features	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The following are not allowed in relation to a manufactured home: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> EEMs are not allowed for manufactured homes Located in a co-op, condo, or PUD project Located in a flood zone Manufactured home with a leasehold Manufactured home with an ADU or other structure New construction manufacture homes Graduated Payment Mortgage (GPM)

TOPIC	OVERLAY
Manufactured Home Additions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any addition to the original structure (i.e. patio, deck, carport, rooms, etc.) requires a structural engineer report. If the appraiser observes additions or structural changes to the original manufactured home, the appraiser must condition the appraisal upon inspection by the state or local jurisdiction administrative agency that inspects manufactured housing for compliance (or a licensed structural engineer may report on the structural integrity of the manufactured dwelling and the addition if the state does not employ inspectors).

ELIGIBLE SUBORDINATE PROGRAMS AND REQUIREMENTS	
MyHome Assistance Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maximum loan amount is 3.5% of the sales price or appraised value, whichever is less MyHome can be used for downpayment and closing costs Funds cannot be used to pay off borrower debt Term of the MyHome matches the terms of the CalHFA first mortgage, not to exceed 30 years Payments are deferred for the life of the first mortgage loan MyHome must be combined with the CalHFA FHA and the CalPLUS FHA Loan Program. MyHome must be recorded in second (2nd) lien position. Repayment of the principal and interest on the MyHome loan shall be due and payable at the earliest of the following events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transfer of Title Sale of the property Payoff of the first loan or subordinate loan principal balance Refinance of the first loan The formal filing and recording of a Notice of Default (unless rescinded) Borrowers may not receive cash back from MyHome loan
Zero Interest Programs (ZIP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maximum loan amount is 2% or 3% of CalPLUS FHA base mortgage loan amount ZIP can be used for closing costs only Funds cannot be used to pay off borrower debt Term matches the terms of the CalHFA first mortgage, not to exceed 30 years Payments are deferred for the life of the first mortgage loan ZIP must record in third (3rd) lien position Repayment of the principal on the ZIP loan shall be due and payable at the earliest of the following events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transfer of Title Sale of the property Payoff of the first loan Payoff of the subordinate loan principal balance Refinance of the first loan The formal filing and recording of a Notice of Default (unless rescinded) Borrowers may not receive cash back from ZIP loan

FHA Approved Seconds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Broker must source any additional approved second (2nd) lien financing that meets FHA guidelines and would subordinate at closing
-----------------------------	--

TEMPORARY BUYDOWN GUIDE	
Product Eligibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Buydown Terms – 2:1 and 1:0 temporary buydowns allowed Temporary buydown only applies to first lien and is not applicable to the subordinate (DPA) product Must meet all terms of CalHFA program Seller/Builder funded only
Term of Buydown	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2/1 Buydown: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Term of the temporary buydown is 24 months Initial interest rate is temporarily reduced by no more than two (2) percent below the note rate for year one (1) and reduced by no more than one (1) percent below the note rate for year two (2). The non-reduced note rate applies for years three (3) through thirty (30). 1:0 Buydown: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Term of the temporary buydown is 12 months Initial interest rate is temporarily reduced by no more than one (1) percent below the note rate with the non-reduced note rate applying for years two (2) through thirty (30) Initial interest rate temporarily reduced by no more than two percent below the note rate and increased by no more than one percent annually for no more than two years, with the non-reduced note rate applying for remaining term of loan
Underwriting Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Borrowers qualify using the note rate, not the buydown rate Reserves, as applicable, are calculated using the note rate, not the buydown rate Standard Interested Party Contribution guidelines apply Temporary Buydowns do not apply to the subordinate (DPA) transaction – only to the first lien Seller/Builder funded only