

CORRECTION: Please see

Announcement 2021.10

# **HomeOwnership Announcement**

June 29, 2021

### NEW

### WFA 2.0 FHA Product and Enhancements to the Certification of Income Eligibility Process

### *New* WFA 2.0 FHA Product

Effective July 12, 2021

Effective July 12th, *MassHousing will be adding the ability to use FHA insurance with our WFA 2.0 mortgage program Statewide. Our new product, WFA 2.0 FHA will make our FHA product menu truly an affordable option compared to those in the marketplace.* MassHousing will be releasing the new "WFA 2.0 FHA Product" with down payment assistance for low and moderate, first time homebuyers. WFA 2.0 FHA combines an affordable first FHA mortgage up to 96.5% LTV (CLTV 105%) with a 0% interest deferred DPA second mortgage. The highlights of WFA 2.0 FHA include:

- DPA second mortgage is a **0% deferred** mortgage due upon Sale, Refinance or Payoff of the First Mortgage (WFA 2.0 DPA Note B-007)
- DPA second mortgage must be paired with first mortgage
- DPA second mortgage with a loan amount up to 5% or \$15,000 of the sales price, [whichever is less] Statewide, **or** 5% of sales price or \$25,000, [whichever is less] in Gateway Cities and the City of Boston
- Certificate of Income Eligibility required
- MassHousing to reimburse for lender paid Upfront MIP\*
- Lenders are responsible for making the UFMIP to FHA (Ineligible for MI Plus benefits)

\* NOTE: The reimbursement should be reflected as a credit for a specific loan cost (UFMIP) found on Page 2 of the CD in Section B and not part of the origination charges (Page 2 of CD, Section A). The credit should be listed under the "Paid by Others" column on Page 2, Section B after the listing of UFMIP and also shown as a credit on Page 3 section (I) "Adjustments and Other Credits".

WFA 2.0 FHA will share the Household Income and Acquisition Cost limits with the WFA 2.0 Conventional insured product and requires the same MassHousing specific origination documents. The links below will provide you with the information necessary to prepare you for the product release. Please see the WFA 2.0 FHA product matrix on Page 3 of this Announcement.

-Origination Document Requirements -Household Income and Acquisition Cost Limits



### Income Limit Changes (WFA 2.0 and WFA 2.0 FHA)

#### Effective July 12, 2021

Income Limits will increase for all counties except for Franklin, Hampden, Hampshire and in some parts of Berkshire County. Purchase Price Limits will increase in all areas. (See Form L-101WFA2.0 on the last page of this Announcement)

### Improvements to Certification of Income Eligibility Process (WFA 2.0 and WFA 2.0 FHA)

#### Effective July 12, 2021

To further streamline the overall process of the Certification of Income Eligibility, we will add the following enhancements:

- Lenders now will have an option to submit applications for income certification <u>when</u> applying for mortgage insurance and/or completing loan detail.
- The WFA 2.0 Compliance Income Certificate will now be valid for 90 days from the date of certification and will reflect as a "Close by Date", instead of an "Expiration Date".
- Documentation is valid for 30 days for Income Certification Applications in a "Pending Documentation" status. Lenders will be required to resubmit updated documentation once the 30 days elapses.

For additional information, please go to the NEW <u>WFA 2.0 Instructions for Total Household Income</u> <u>Certification</u> or contact us at 888-843-6432 (option 4) or via email at <u>homeownership@masshousing.com</u>

### Coming Soon!

NEW WFA 2.0 FHA with	ו DPA								
WFA 2.0 FHA offers an	affordable first mortgag	e with a required DPA Secon	nd Mortgage*						
Transaction Type	Purchase								
Occupancy	Owner Occupied/Primar	y Residence for the Life of th	e Mortgage						
Income/Loan Limit		/Lesser of FHA or Conventior	nal Loan Limits						
	- see <u>Form L-101WFA2.0</u>								
Eligible Borrower	First Time Homebuyers ONLY								
LLPA	N/A								
Mortgage Insurance	NOTE: The reimbursement (UFMIP) found on Page 2 c (Page 2 of CD, Section A). T	e for lender paid Upfront MIP should be reflected as a credit of the CD in Section B and not pa the credit should be listed under the listing of UFMIP and also sho and Other Credits".	nt of the origination charges r the "Paid by Others" column						
Property Type	1 Unit (SF/Condo/PUD) and 2 Unit								
Maximum LTV/CLTV	96.5%/105%								
Underwriting with <u>required</u> DPA	LTV	Credit	DTI						
<u>1 Unit</u>	96.5%	660	45%						
<u>2 Unit</u>	96.5%	680	45%						
AUS Findings	Approve/Eligible & Eligi	ble/Accept							
Borrower Contribution	Follow FHA Requirements								
Eligible Cites/Towns	Statewide								
Feature Codes	<ul> <li>DO<sup>®</sup>/DU<sup>®</sup> – Loan Type: FHA</li> <li>LPA<sup>®</sup> - Loan Type: FHA</li> </ul>								
Homebuyer		nust be completed with a Ma	ssHousing approved						
Counseling	Counseling Agency. Landlord Counseling on	<b>2 Unit</b> properties by a MassH	lousing approved Agency						
Specific Origination Documents Required Subject to Household Income and Acquisition Cost Limits									
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### \* DPA Second Mortgage

Loan Amount

- Statewide 5% of the sales price or \$15k, whichever is less.
- Gateway Cities and City of Boston 5% of the sales price or \$25k, whichever is less.

#### DPA Terms

- **0% deferred mortgage** amortized for 30 years due upon Sale, Refinance or Payoff of the First Mortgage.
- DPA is required when utilizing WFA 2.0 FHA.

## WFA 2.0<sup>1</sup> & WFA 2.0 FHA<sup>2</sup> INCOME AND PURCHASE PRICE LIMITS

Effective Date: July 12, 2021

WFA 2.0: MASSHOUSING WORKFORCE ADVANTAGE

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COUNTY/COMMUNITY	INCOME LIMITS PER HOUSEHOLD SIZE*										
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		GATEWAY CIT	ES
BARNSTABLE COUNTY Barnstable, Bourne, Brewster, Chatham, Dennis, Eastham, Falmouth, Harwich, Mashpee, Orleans, Provincetown, Sandwich, Truro, Wellfleet, Yarmouth	\$54,450	\$62,200	\$70,000	\$77,750	\$84,000	\$90,200	\$96,450	\$102,650	Boston Lawrence Brockton Leominste		
<b>BERKSHIRE COUNTY</b> Alford, Becket, Clarksburg, Egremont, Florida, Great Barrington, Hancock, Monterey, Mount Washington, New Ashford,New Marlborough, North Adams, Otis, Peru, Sandisfield, Savoy, Sheffield, Tyringham, Washington, West Stockbridge, Williamstown, Windsor	\$47,150	\$53,850	\$60,600	\$67,300	\$72,700	\$78,100	\$83,500	\$88,850	Chelsea Chicopee Everett Fall River Fitchburg	Lowell Lynn Malden Methuen New Bedford	Salem Springfield Taunton Westfield Worcester
Adams, Cheshire, Dalton, Hinsdale, Lanesborough, Lee, Lenox, Pittsfield, Richmond, Stockbridge	\$48,400	\$55,300	\$62,200	\$69,100	\$74,650	\$80,200	\$85,700	\$91,250	DPA Loan Am		
BRISTOL COUNTY Acushnet, Dartmouth, Fairhaven, Freetown, New Bedford	\$47,150	\$53,850	\$60,600	\$67,300	\$72,700	\$78,100	\$83,500	\$88,850	<ul> <li>- 5% of the sales price or \$25,000, which is less, in Gateway Cities and City of Bos</li> </ul>		
Attleboro, Fall River, North Attleborough, Rehoboth, Seekonk, Somerset, Swansea, Westport	\$48,450	\$55,400	\$62,300	\$69,200	\$74,750	\$80,300	\$85,850	\$91,350	50 - <b>5%</b> of the sales price or <b>\$15,000</b> , whic is less, for remaining communities in th		
Berkley, Dighton, Easton, Mansfield, Norton, Taunton, Raynham	\$55,950	\$63,950	\$71,950	\$79,900	\$86,300	\$92,700	\$99,100	\$105,500	Commonweal	th	
DUKES COUNTY Chilmark, Edgartown, Aquinnah, Gosnold, Oak Bluffs, Tisbury, West Tisbury	\$59,200	\$67,650	\$76,100	\$84,550	\$91,350	\$98,100	\$104,850	\$111,650	DURC	HASE PRICE LI	AUTC
ESSEX COUNTY Andover, Boxford, Georgetown, Groveland, Haverhill, Lawrence, Merrimac, Methuen, North Andover, West Newbury	\$55,950	\$63,950	\$71,950	\$79,900	\$86,300	\$92,700	\$99,100	\$105,500	County	SF/Condo           \$480,900           \$346,644	2-Unit \$615,618 \$443,832
Amesbury, Beverly, Danvers, Essex, Gloucester, Hamilton, Ipswich, Lynn, Lynnfield, Manchester, Marblehead, Middleton, Nahant, Newbury, Newburyport, Peabody, Rockport, Rowley, Salem, Salisbury, Saugus, Swampscott, Topsfield, Wenham	\$70,750	\$80,850	\$90,950	\$101,050	\$109,150	\$117,250	\$125,350	\$133,400	Bristol Dukes Essex	\$480,900 \$781,581 \$688,561	\$615,618 \$1,000,766 \$881,491
FRANKLIN COUNTY Ashfield, Bernardston, Buckland, Charlemont, Colrain, Conway, Deerfield, Erving, Gill, Greenfield, Hawley, Heath, Leverett, Leyden, Monroe, Montague, New Salem, Northfield, Orange, Rowe, Shelburne, Shutesbury, Sunderland,	\$47,150	\$53,850	\$60,600	\$67,300	\$72,700	\$78,100	\$83,500	\$88,850	Middlesex	\$346,644 \$346,644 \$346,644 \$688,561 \$781,581	\$443,832 \$443,832 \$443,832 \$881,491 \$1,000,766
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Springfield, Westfield, Wilbraham HAMPSHIRE COUNTY Amherst, Belchertown, Chesterfield, Cummington, Easthampton, Goshen, Granby, Hadley, Hatfield, Huntington, Middlefield, Northampton, Pelham, Plainfield, South Hadley, Southampton, Ware, Westhampton, Williamsburg, Worthington									<sup>1</sup> Conventional <sup>2</sup> Lower of the I Limits.		

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	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
MIDDLESEX COUNTY Billerica, Chelmsford, Dracut, Dunstable, Groton, Lowell, Pepperell, Tewksbury, Tyngsborough, Westford	\$55,950	\$63,950	\$71,950	\$79,900	\$86,300	\$92,700	\$99,100	\$105,500
Acton, Arlington, Ashby, Ashland, Ayer, Bedford, Belmont, Boxborough, Burlington, Cambridge, Carlisle, Concord, <b>Everett</b> , Framingham, Holliston, Hopkinton, Hudson, Lexington, Lincoln, Littleton, <b>Malden</b> , Marlborough, Maynard, Medford, Melrose, Natick, Newton, North Reading, Reading, Sherborn, Shirley, Somerville, Stoneham, Stow, Sudbury, Townsend, Wakefield, Waltham, Watertown, Wayland, Weston, Wilmington, Winchester, Woburn	\$70,750	\$80,850	\$90,950	\$101,050	\$109,150	\$117,250	\$125,350	\$133,400
NANTUCKET COUNTY Nantucket	\$58,950	\$67,350	\$75,750	\$84,150	\$90,900	\$97,650	\$104,350	\$111,100
NORFOLK COUNTY Avon	\$55,950	\$63,950	\$71,950	\$79,900	\$86,300	\$92,700	\$99,100	\$105,500
Bellingham, Braintree, Brookline, Canton, Cohassett, Dedham, Dover, Foxborough, Franklin, Holbrook, Medfield, Medway, Millis, Milton, Needham, Norfolk, Norwood, Plainville, <b>Quincy</b> , Randolph, Sharon, Stoughton, Walpole, Wellesley, Westwood, Weymouth, Wrentham	\$70,750	\$80,850	\$90,950	\$101,050	\$109,150	\$117,250	\$125,350	\$133,400
PLYMOUTH COUNTY Abington, Bridgewater, Brockton, East Bridgewater, Halifax, Hanson, Lakeville, Marion, Mattapoisett, Middleborough, Plympton, Rochester, West Bridgewater, Whitman	\$55,950	\$63,950	\$71,950	\$79,900	\$86,300	\$92,700	\$99,100	\$105,500
Carver, Duxbury, Hanover, Hingham, Hull, Kingston, Marshfield, Norwell, Pembroke, Plymouth, Rockland, Scituate, Wareham	\$70,750	\$80,850	\$90,950	\$101,050	\$109,150	\$117,250	\$125,350	\$133,400
SUFFOLK COUNTY Boston, Chelsea, Revere, Winthrop	\$70,750	\$80,850	\$90,950	\$101,050	\$109,150	\$117,250	\$125,350	\$133,400
WORCESTER COUNTY Athol, Hardwick, Hubbardston, New Braintree, Petersham, Phillipston, Royalston, Warren	\$48,950	\$55,950	\$62 <i>,</i> 950	\$69,900	\$75,500	\$81,100	\$86,700	\$92,300
Ashburnham, Fitchburg, Gardner, Leominster, Lunenburg, Templeton, Westminster, Winchendon	\$50,200	\$57,400	\$64,550	\$71,700	\$77,450	\$83,200	\$88,950	\$94,650
Berlin, Blackstone, Bolton, Harvard, Hopedale, Lancaster, Mendon, Milford, Millville, Southborough, Upton		\$63,950	\$71,950	\$79,900	\$86,300	\$92,700	\$99,100	\$105,500
Auburn, Barre, Boylston, Brookfield, Charlton, Clinton, Douglas, Dudley, East Brookfield, Grafton, Holden, Leicester, Millbury, Northborough, Northbridge, North Brookfield, Oakham, Oxford, Paxton, Princeton, Rutland, Shrewsbury, Southbridge, Spencer, Sterling, Sturbridge, Sutton, Uxbridge, Webster, Westborough, West Boylston, West Brookfield,Worcester	\$55,350	\$63,250	\$71,150	\$79,050	\$85,400	\$91,700	\$98,050	\$104,350
*The combined income of all individuals who will occupy the property cannot exceed the limit for the property location.								