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## Section 301

### Generally

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#### Requirements

You must:

- perform a risk assessment of the Borrower, Guarantor, Key Principals, and Principals based solely on objective credit standards;
- for any Sponsor, Key Principal, Guarantor, or Person who owns a Controlling Interest in the Borrower, Key Principal, or Guarantor, search the internet for
  - any negative press,
  - current or prior lawsuits, and/or
  - fair housing violations or other sanctions;
- ensure all:
  - Potential Red Flags for Mortgage Fraud and Other Suspicious Activity were evaluated; and
  - unresolved red flags were reported per [Part I, Chapter 3: Borrower, Guarantor, Key Principals, and Principals, Section 310: Compliance](#); and
- document all due diligence findings in the Transaction Approval Memo.

Prohibited practices include:

- basing the risk assessment on any characteristic protected by any fair housing or fair lending law, including
  - race,
  - color,
  - religion,
  - sex,
  - handicap,
  - familial status, or
  - national origin of the prospective
    - Borrowers,
    - Guarantors,



- Key Principals,
- Principals,
- Property occupants, or
- residents of the Property's neighborhood; or

- using
  - unsupported assumptions,
  - personal opinions, or
  - unsupported perceptions.

You must:

- complete a credit review by analyzing information about the Borrower's, Key Principals', and Guarantors'
  - organizational structure,
  - multifamily business experience and qualifications,
  - general credit history, and
  - current and prospective financial condition; and
- ensure the financial strength, experience, qualifications, and credit history of the Borrower, Key Principals, and Guarantors support the transaction's
  - size,
  - complexity,
  - structure, and
  - risk.



# Glossary

## B

**Borrower** Person who is the obligor per the Note.

**Synonyms**

- Borrowers
- Borrower's

## C

**Controlling Interest** For any entity, ownership or control of 50% or more of the ownership interests in the entity or the power or right to control or modify, directly or indirectly, the management and operations of the entity.

## G

**Guarantor** Key Principal or other Person executing a

- Payment Guaranty,
- Non-Recourse Guaranty, or
- any other Mortgage Loan guaranty.

**Synonyms**

- Guarantors

## K

**Key Principal** Person who

- controls and/or manages the Borrower or the Property,
- is critical to the successful operation and management of the Borrower and the Property, and/or
- may be required to provide a Guaranty.

**Synonyms**

- Key Principals
- Key Principal's

## P



## Person

Legal person, including an

- individual,
- estate,
- trust,
- corporation,
- partnership,
- limited liability company,
- financial institution,
- joint venture,
- association, or
- other organization or entity (whether governmental or private).

### **Synonyms**

- Persons
- Person's

## Property

Multifamily residential real estate securing the Mortgage Loan, including the

- fee simple or Leasehold interest,
- Improvements, and
- personal property (per the Uniform Commercial Code).

### **Synonyms**

- Properties
- Property's

## S

## Sponsor

Principal equity owner and/or primary decision maker of the Borrower (often the Key Principal or the Person Controlling the Key Principal).

### **Synonyms**

- Sponsors
- Sponsor's