

## **PURPOSE:**

To establish written policies by which mortgage loans originated by Patriot Pacific Financial will be evaluated to assure the proper origination and processing of residential mortgage loans.

To establish senior management accountability for the quality control program, including proactively managing to a target gross defect rate and a target net defect rate in the "material" severity level defect category. The quality control function will be a prescribed and routine function of each of Patriot Pacific Financial' operations whether performed by Patriot Pacific Financial personnel or a contracted outside source.

To ensure that all loans comply with:

- Patriot Pacific Financial policies and procedures protecting Patriot Pacific Financial, the Wholesale Lender, FHA, VA, Fannie Mae (FNMA), Freddie Mac (FHLMC) from unacceptable risk, guard against errors, omissions and assure swift and appropriate corrective actions;
- b. Private insurer and guarantor requirements;
- c. Wholesale Lender guidelines and requirements;
- d. HUD FHA guidelines applicable to mortgage loan origination, including but not limited to:
  - i. HUD Handbook 4000.1
- e. VA guidelines applicable to mortgage loan origination, including but not limited to VA Lender Handbook 26-7:
- f. Adherence to Agency and regulatory requirements surrounding Tiered Pricing, Overages, Premium Pricing, Loan Originator Compensation, Qualified Mortgages and Ability to Re-pay;
- g. All Fair Lending laws including, but not limited to:
  - i. Fair Housing Act,
  - ii. Equal Credit Opportunity Act Regulation B
  - iii. Home Mortgage Disclosure Act Regulation C
  - iv. SAFE Mortgage Licensing Act Regulation G and Regulation H
  - v. Mortgage Acts and Practices Advertising Rule Regulation N
  - vi. Privacy of Consumer Financial Information Regulation P
  - vii. Fair Credit Reporting Act Regulation V
  - viii. Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act Regulation X
  - ix. TILA-RESPA Integrated Disclosure Rule Regulation Z



- x. Truth In Lending Act Regulation Z
- xi. Helping Families Save Their Homes Act of 2009 HFSH Act
- xii. USA Patriot Act Section 326 Consumer Identification Program
- h. Single Family Housing Guaranteed Loan Program (SFHGLP) Underwriting Guidelines for USDA RD loans;
- i. To identify inadequacies, errors, omissions, negligence, abuses or fraud relating to particular originating officers and processors involved in the lending process so that prompt corrective action can be taken by Patriot Pacific Financial;
- j. Determine and address the root cause of any deficiencies and identify potential internal and external control weaknesses;
- k. Alert Patriot Pacific Financial management to patterns of deficiencies with respect to mortgage process and personnel;
- I. Ensure timely and appropriate corrective action;
- m. Ensure the existence of required documentation (e.g., credit loan and appraisal information) that is the basis of the Wholesale Lender's underwriting decisions;
- n. Report to the Wholesale Lender immediately if Patriot Pacific Financial learns about any misrepresentation or possible breach of a selling warranty, including fraud;
- To evaluate, document and monitor the general quality of all loans originated and expand the scope of quality control reviews when fraudulent activity or patterns of deficiencies are identified;
- p. Patriot Pacific Financial will notify its Wholesale Lenders within 30 days of confirmation that one or more defects identified through the Quality Control (QC) file review process results in the loan being ineligible;
- q. To ensure that quality control vendors adhere to regulatory, agency and investor standards:
- To ensure that appraisals meet appraiser independence and generally accepted appraisal standards;
- s. Management will ensure that branch offices or employees are not engaging in false or misleading advertising practices.

### **GOVERNANCE AND SENIOR MANAGEMENT:**

Patriot Pacific Financial' Senior Management team believes that loan quality is fundamental to the success of the Company. Patriot Pacific Financial has built into its risk culture a commitment to produce loans with file data that is accurate, complete, meets Wholesale Lender eligibility and supports the Wholesale Lender's sound credit decisions. In order to measure the quality of loans originated, Patriot Pacific Financial



Senior has developed loan defect target rates for both pre-funding and post-closing.

### **DEFECT RATE**

Patriot Pacific Financial' Senior Management has established a 1% pre-funding1 gross target defect rate, <.5% post-closing gross target defect rate and a zero post-closing net target defect rate in the "material" severity level defect category based on Patriot Pacific Financial' credit risk needs and loss reserves. The target defect rates will be reevaluated as needed, or at a minimum annually, to ensure that it continues to meet Patriot Pacific Financial' needs.

## **DEFECT SEVERATING RATINGS**

Senior management has approved the following rating system to monitor the severity of adverse quality control (QC) findings:

- Material/Significant Material/Significant ratings are the highest severity level issued when defects are found. Material findings represent an unacceptable level of risk. Material defects include:
  - o Failing to ensure that the borrower meets applicable eligibility requirements in accordance with the Wholesale Lender, FHA, VA or Agency requirements;
  - o Failing to verify the credit worthiness, income and/or employment of a borrower in accordance with the Wholesale Lender, FHA, VA or Agency requirements;
  - Failing to verify the assets used by the borrower for down payment and/or closing costs, or to meet applicable reserve requirements, in accordance with the Wholesale Lender, FHA, VA or Agency requirements;
  - Failing to address property deficiencies identified in the appraisal affecting the health and safety of the occupants or the structural integrity of the property in accordance with the Wholesale Lender, FHA, VA or Agency requirements; and

For any finding which must be reported, Patriot Pacific Financial will identify what actions, if any, have been taken to attempt to mitigate or resolve each finding, determine the root cause and report any planned or pending follow-up corrective activities.

After properly investigating, Patriot Pacific Financial will report material deficiencies to the Wholesale Lender.

- Any findings of fraud or material misrepresentation will be immediately reported to the Wholesale Lender.
- Patriot Pacific Financial will report all other material findings no later than 30

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The term "pre-funding" is used throughout this Plan and is considered synonymous with pre-closing.



days after Patriot Pacific Financial has completed its own internal evaluation of the findings, or within 60 days of initial disclosure of the findings, whichever occurs first.

- Senior Management will review and respond to each instance of fraud, material misrepresentation, or Material Finding. Patriot Pacific Financial will identify the corrective and curative actions being taken, the timetable for completion, and any planned follow-up activities. Senior Management will discuss with responsible party(ies) in order to ensure correct action and to prevent similar Findings from occurring in the future.
- **Moderate** Moderate exceptions are defects that could cause Wholesale Lender's suspense but are typically alleviated or not severe enough to make the loan unsellable if unresolved.
  - Management will discuss all findings with the responsible party(ies) in order to determine root cause, ensure corrective actions are taken to prevent similar findings from occurring in the future.
- Minor/Insignificant/Low Minor/Insignificant/Low exceptions are the lowest severity level issued. These defects are small enough that they would not typically result in an investor suspense or eligibility violation. They do present an opportunity for Senior Management to determine procedure gaps and training needs. Minor deficiencies will be tracked and included in Patriot Pacific Financial' QC trend analysis.
- Informational/Acceptable Acceptable exceptions are informational and are used to clarify.
   An Informational/Acceptable finding indicates no perceived risk exist and is used for information purposes.

Once the quality control review has been conducted, initial review of the findings will be reported to the individual charged with Quality Control (QC Manager)<sup>2</sup> within 30 days of completion of the initial findings report.

The QC Manager will monitor the monthly defect rate and issues identified by both Patriot Pacific Financial' internal QC Reviewer and Patriot Pacific Financial' QC Vendor (if applicable). The QC Manager will review and provide to Senior Management monthly reports pursuant to this rating system and put into effect any actions necessary to investigate, resolve and report any deficiencies noted.

The QC Manager along with Executive Management will review and respond appropriately to each instance of fraud, material misrepresentation, or other material finding. Senior Management records will identify the actions taken by responsible managers, the timetable for completion and any planned follow-up activities. Patriot Pacific Financial has "zero tolerance" for any fraud discovered.

Should monthly QC reporting or review functions fall outside timeframes, Senior Management will allocate the appropriate resources to bring qualify control review up to date.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The QC Manager and Senior Management may be one in the same. The QC Manager, any QC Reviewers under their supervision, and Senior Management are, policy, separate and independent of the Production Unit of Patriot Pacific Financial Corp.



## **COMPLIANCE WITH THE LAWS:**

In addition to the Fair Lending laws stated in the Purpose section of this Quality Control Plan; Patriot Pacific Financial is aware of, and in full compliance with federal, state, and local laws that apply to any of its origination, or other business practices.

Patriot Pacific Financial complies with any applicable law that addresses wrongful discrimination, appraiser independence, appraisals, real estate settlement procedures, borrower privacy, data/cyber security, escrow account administration, mortgage insurance cancellation, debt collection, credit reporting, electronic signatures or transactions, predatory lending, anti-money laundering (BSA/AML), terrorist activity (OFAC), ability to repay and the enforcement of any of the terms of the mortgage.

### Strengthening Counterparty Risk Management

In accordance with the "Helping Families Save their Homes Act of 2009" (HFSH Act), Patriot Pacific Financial will not allow participation in FHA programs any officer, partner, director, principal, manager, supervisor, loan processor, loan underwriter, or loan originator of Patriot Pacific Financial:

- Currently suspended, debarred, under a limited denial of participation (LDP), or otherwise restricted under similar provisions of any other Federal agency;
- Under indictment for, or has been convicted of, an offense that reflects adversely upon the Patriot Pacific Financial 's integrity, competence or fitness to meet the responsibilities of an approved mortgagee;
- Subject to unresolved findings contained in a Department of Housing and Urban Development or other governmental audit, investigation, or review;
- Engaged in business practices that do not conform to generally accepted practices of prudent mortgagees or that demonstrate irresponsibility;
- Convicted of, or who has pled guilty or nolo contendre to, a felony related to participation in the real estate or mortgage loan industry.
  - During the seven (7) year period preceding the date of the application for licensing and registration; or
  - At any time preceding such date of application, if such felony involved an act of fraud, dishonesty, or a breach of trust, or money laundering;
- In violation of provisions of the S.A.F.E. Mortgage Licensing Act of 2008 (12 U.S.C. 5101 et seq.) or any applicable provision of State law; or
- In violation of any other requirement as established by the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.



## **EXCLUSIONARY LISTS:**

Patriot Pacific Financial will determine that no one employed by Patriot Pacific Financial in origination or processing of mortgage loans is subject to a Limited Denial of Participation (LDP) and the System for Award Management (SAM) List, Federal Housing Finance Agency (FHFA) Suspended Counterparty Program (SCP). As part of the hiring process, the LDP, SAM and FHFA (SCP) lists will be reviewed to determine that no potential hire is listed on either list. Patriot Pacific Financial will periodically or at minimum semi-annually, validate employees against each list. Employees found to be on either of the lists are not permitted to manage, originate, process, underwrite or service loans Patriot Pacific Financial. The Company's HR Department will maintain documentation that all employees have been screened as described.

On all transactions, Loan Participants will be checked against the following:

- System for Award Management (SAM) List;
- HUD Limited Denial of Participation (LDP) List on all government loans;
- Freddie Mac Exclusionary List;
- Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons (SDN) List reported by the Department of Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC); and
- Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System (NMLS).
- FHFA Suspended Counterparty Program

Patriot Pacific Financial will not originate any loan with a loan participant on any of the above lists. Results will be retained in the loan file.

Loan Participants in a mortgage transaction may include, but are not limited to, the:

- Borrower(s)
- Seller(s) (excluding the seller of a Principal Residence),
- Listing Real Estate Agent,
- Selling Real Estate Agent,
- Loan Officer,
- Processor,
- Closing Agent,
- Title Company,
- Underwriter (validated by Wholesale Lender),
- Appraiser (validated by Wholesale Lender),



203(k) Consultant (validated by Wholesale Lender),

Patriot Pacific Financial will maintain documentation that supports each participant's eligibility.

## **TRAINING PROGRAM:**

Each new company employee will read and acknowledge Patriot Pacific Financial' Policy Guide before participating in any lending activity.

Policies and procedures of Patriot Pacific Financial will be made available to all employees. In addition, employees will be informed of changes in Wholesale Lender, and governmental agency requirements on a timely basis to assure compliance. Each branch will be provided access to all current regulations, manuals, circular letters, and program announcements for Wholesale Lenders, insurers, and government agencies under which lending activity are governed and in which the Company participates. Patriot Pacific Financial guidelines include all Wholesale Lender requirements, which are published and made available to all employees. Patriot Pacific Financial requires employees to conduct on-going training regarding Wholesale Lender guidelines, federal and state compliance requirements. Employee participation in training is tracked and monitored by Patriot Pacific Financial.

In accordance with the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network's final rule, Patriot Pacific Financial has developed and has implemented an Anti-money Laundering (AML) training program that is attended by all associates employed by Patriot Pacific Financial and annually thereafter as a part of the new employee orientation process.

### QC VENDOR:

Patriot Pacific Financial management is responsible for ensuring Patriot Pacific Financial only does business with responsible parties.

Patriot Pacific Financial may choose to outsource its post-closing QC to an approved QC Vendor. The QC Vendor and QC Auditor must be proficient in knowledge and use of all automated underwriting systems utilized by Patriot Pacific Financial and demonstrate competency in the review originated mortgage loans.

Patriot Pacific Financial understands that it remains accountable for work performed by the QC Vendor. Under a written agreement, Patriot Pacific Financial requires that the QC Vendor comply with Patriot Pacific Financial' QC policies and procedures, as described herein.

Patriot Pacific Financial has an audit process to ensure that their QC policies and procedures are followed by the QC Vendor staff, and that assessments and conclusions are recorded and consistently applied. The findings must be accurately recorded and consistent with the defects noted within Patriot Pacific Financial' system of record.

Additionally, Patriot Pacific Financial will review the QC Vendor's policies and procedures annually. Patriot Pacific Financial will validate the QC Vendor's monthly findings.



The QC Vendor will perform the following monthly post-closing audits on behalf of Patriot Pacific Financial:

- Standard Post-closing Audits (Retail production)
  - Random
  - Discretionary
- Targeted Post-closing Audits

## **QC VENDOR AUDIT**

Patriot Pacific Financial will test 10% of those loans reviewed by the QC Vendor. The 10% sample includes both loans for which the vendor identified defects and for which no defects were identified. The internal review will be completed and findings presented to Senior Management for review and corrective action, the QC process will be completed within 120 days.

All QC Vendor's employees are required to be fully trained in all Wholesale Lender Guidelines, HUD FHA Guidelines, HUD Handbook 4000.1 and all FHA Programs including but not limited to 203(b) and 203(k), HECM, VA Lender Handbook, FNMA and FHLMC. Lending policies and procedures of Patriot Pacific Financial, Wholesale Lenders, HUD, VA, FNMA and FHLMC must be made available to all QC Vendor employees. In addition, QC Vendor employees will be informed of changes in HUD, VA, FNMA, FHLMC, Wholesale Lender and governmental agency requirements on a timely basis to assure compliance.

Each QC Vendor office and employee will maintain copies of all current regulations, manuals, circular letters, and program announcements from HUD, VA, FNMA, Wholesale Lenders and government agencies under which lending activity is governed and in which Patriot Pacific Financial participates. Further, the QC Vendor must maintain a full time internal Quality Assurance program to ensure that all employees are kept up to date on any changes in policies or procedures, and follow the established QC process.

Patriot Pacific Financial will review and validate QC findings on a monthly basis to verify that the QC Vendor:

- follows HUD, VA, FNMA and FHLMC QC requirements and meets applicable QC time frames;
- uses the above-referenced severity rating and definitions for exceptions found in the QC review;
- reports a net defect rate;
- follows Patriot Pacific Financial' requirements for managing the severity rate, including not changing the initial findings;
- provides trend reporting reflecting loan level categories, branch and personnel;
- has a separate fraud investigation team that notifies Patriot Pacific Financial when fraud is identified through the QC review.



The QC Vendor and Patriot Pacific Financial Internal QC will determine whether loan documents requiring signatures (other than blanket verification releases) were signed by the mortgagee or employee(s) of the mortgagee only after completion; and that all corrections were initialed by the mortgagee or employee(s) of the mortgagee. The QC Vendor and Patriot Pacific Financial Internal QC will verify that all documents, on which corrections appear, have been initialed by the borrower(s).

The QC Vendor Audit Report (Due Diligence Review), including the QC Vendor's response, is provided by the QC Manager to Senior Management on a monthly basis.

## **PRE-FUNDING QC:**

Because Patriot Pacific Financial is a mortgage broker and does not participate in the credit decision or prepare loan closing documents; the primary QC functions rest in the pre-funding QC stage.

A monthly pre-funding random sample and discretionary review will be completed. The discretionary review will focus on higher-risk loans. Pre-funding QC audits meet the standards established in agency handbooks, guidelines and/or seller servicer guides as well as standard industry guidelines for pre-funding audits. At minimum, Patriot Pacific Financial' pre-funding review will encompass at least 10% of the overall sample selections. Refer to Sample Selection Section for details on sampling.

Pre-funding QC reviews are expected to provide information that should prevent closing mortgage loans with significant defects such as misrepresentation, inaccurate data, or inadequate documentation.

Patriot Pacific Financial requires a 100% pre-funding audit on at least the first three (3) credit-qualifying loans received from a Patriot Pacific Financial Loan Originator.

Patriot Pacific Financial will utilize various third-party validation tools in identifying any fraud/misrepresentation on all loans submitted to the Wholesale Lender for underwriting.

Processors are responsible for reviewing and clearing any and all conditions pertaining to the validity of the loan information submitted to Patriot Pacific Financial. Failure to clear outstanding items without proper documentation violates Patriot Pacific Financial' QC policies.

Senior Management is responsible for performing reviews all loans referred by Processing if they cannot be reasonably assured the loan is free of defect and does not contain any type of misrepresentation.

Patriot Pacific Financial maintains internal QC processes, including fraud checks and loan origination system (LOS) hard stops to ensure that loans do not close with defects.

Patriot Pacific Financial maintains various internal QC checklists that are required to be used during the review process.

The pre-funding QC loan selection may include a sampling of loans with characteristics related to errors or defects identified in prior pre-funding and post-closing review results (for example, unsupported inaccurate disclosures). The Company will regularly re-evaluate its loan selection process to ensure its effectiveness, and may change frequently as a result of findings from prior reviews or changes in Patriot Pacific Financial' product mix, staffing, sources of business, or other risk factors.



Patriot Pacific Financial' Discretionary Pre-Funding audit will include all loans with the following higher risk characteristics:

- Unique processing techniques;
- 5-10 financed properties for Second Home and Investment transactions;
- all 3-4 unit properties;
- all 203k loans;
- any loan that has a VOE only as verification of employment/income (No paystubs or W-2's in the loan file);
- loans with complex income calculations (for example, rental income, self-employed, and short history of receipt of income);
- loans requiring use of non-standard processing (for example delayed financing, multiple financed properties, assets used as income, or manual reserve calculations);
- loans with multiple layers of credit risk, such as high LTV ratios, low credit scores, or high DTI ratios;
- When the borrower is currently employed by a party to the transaction (examples of this are when the borrower is employed by the mortgage broker, settlement agent, title company, realtor's office, etc.);
- loans originated or processed by newly hired loan officers or processors; and
- loans for which the feedback or results from third-party tools indicate potential areas of concern.

The above discretionary audit list may change depending upon decisions made by Senor Management based upon trends from reports or issues that may arise warranting a pre-funding review of a certain characteristics.

The pre-funding QC process incorporates a full file review to confirm that the following documents are present and complete to include the data relied upon in making the underwriting decision was adequately supported.

- Data entered into an automated underwriting system (AUS/Total Scorecard);
  - to include liabilities reconciliation
- Borrower social security number(s) used to verify borrower identity;
- Income calculations and supporting documentation;
  - to include income reconciliation with AU
- Employment verbal verification of employment;
- Assets needed to close or meet reserve requirements;



- to include asset reconciliation with AUS/Total Scorecard,
- Ability to Repay and QM requirements have been met;
- Appraisal or other property valuation data;
- Documentation of adequate mortgage insurance coverage; and,
- Documentation of borrowers residency history;
- Confirm compliance with Wholesale Lender's contractual terms and agreements, and origination documentation is eligible for delivery;
- Confirm compliance with HUD Handbook 4000.1 and that loans are, in all respects eligible for FHA Endorsement;
- Confirm compliance with VA Lender Handbook and that loans are, in all respects eligible for guaranty by the Veterans Administration;
- Confirm compliance with applicable Federal, State, and local laws and regulations;
- Confirm that no Loan Participants appears on the SAM List or the HUD LDP List on all government loans;
- Confirm that no loan participants appear on the Freddie Mac Exclusionary List;
- Confirm that no borrower, key principal, or principal is a "specially designated national and blocked person" shown on the list (SDN List) maintained by Department of Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC).

Patriot Pacific Financial will perform a data integrity check of AUS/Total Scorecard files. The Company may (dependent upon Wholesale Lender) independently verify the existence of the employer, current employment of borrowers, and data identifying the borrower, property, and mortgage. The Company may (dependent upon Wholesale Lender) also re-calculate income and assets, and verify the source of funds. The liabilities on the final application will be compared with the original residential mortgage credit report. If the transaction is a refinance, occupancy of the subject property will be verified. Patriot Pacific Financial may (dependent upon Wholesale Lender) verify the identity of the borrower directly with the Social Security Administration (SSA), IRS, employer, financial institution, or reliable third parties.

Patriot Pacific Financial may (dependent upon Wholesale Lender) validate and verify condo project documentation meets Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, FHA and VA eligibility criteria.

Patriot Pacific Financial will review, create and report a summary of issues and proposed corrective actions associated with any defects identified in the pre-funding QC report.

The pre-close reports will relay all defects noted within the loan file. Each defect will be rated in accordance with Senior Management approved severity levels.

Patriot Pacific Financial requires that all defects found during a pre-funding audit must be resolved prior to funding. Resolution of all "material" and the more severe "moderate" severity levels must be reviewed by Senior Management.



### Patriot Pacific Financial will:

- notify the business units responsible for implementing corrective actions to resolve defects;
- document the resolution of the defects;
- report to Senior Management on any defects and the resolution of defects on a monthly basis.

Patriot Pacific Financial will track all defects issued, resolution of all material and highest moderate defects, and the business units responsible for resolution in order to detect trends and identify the root causes of defects found monthly. On a monthly basis, Senior Management may direct appropriate remediation of trends throughout Patriot Pacific Financial and within specific business units.

The scope of review will be expanded as appropriate when fraud or patterns of deficiencies are uncovered.

## **POST-CLOSING QC:**

Due to Patriot Pacific Financial acting as a licensed mortgage broker, The Company does not participate in the underwriting or closing functions of the mortgage loan process. As such, Post-Closing quality control is a primary function of the Wholesale Lender. Patriot Pacific Financial will perform a limited post-closing review.

Patriot Pacific Financial may outsource its post-closing QC to an independent QC Vendor. The post-closing QC Vendor will be reviewed in accordance with the QC Plan and Patriot Pacific Financial' Vendor Management Program.

### **Timeliness**

QC Selections will be made within 30 days following the loan closing and the QC review of any
specific loan will be performed within 60 days of the sample selection. Reports to Senior
Management will be completed within 30 days of review completion. The overall QC cycle will
be completed within 90 to 120 days.

Regardless of the percentage of loans being reviewed, selections will be structured to comply with requirements of the stated in HUD Handbook 4000.1, USDA-RHS HB 1-3555 SFH Guaranteed Loan Program Technical Handbook, VA Lender Handbook as well as the Wholesale Lender.

### **Frequency**

• Quality Control review will be conducted at least monthly and will address one (1) month's activity.

### SAMPLE SIZE AND LOAN SELECTION

Patriot Pacific Financial will regularly re-evaluate its post- closing QC loan selection process to ensure its



effectiveness, and may change frequently as a result of findings from prior post-closing QC reviews or changes in Patriot Pacific Financial' product mix, staffing, sources of business, or other risk factors.

### **Random Post-Closing Audits:**

Patriot Pacific Financial will ensure that a sampling of loans originated during a period is of sufficient size. Each report will document how the random sample size and selections were determined.

- A 10% sample of originated and/or underwritten loans will be reviewed for quality control by either Patriot Pacific Financial Internal QC or QC Vendor.
- Each quality control review performed by Patriot Pacific Financial Internal QC or QC Vendor will document how the sample size and selections were determined.

The monthly loan selection criteria will be based on mortgage product type and the source of origination; to include:

•	Conventional Conforming	10%
•	Conventional Jumbo	10%
•	FHA	10%
•	VA	10%
•	USDA	10%

Each Patriot Pacific Financial Loan Originator is represented within the selection criteria above.

Within the above selection criteria, loans originated by Patriot Pacific Financial Loan Originators are selected first to ensure 10% of their loans are audited.

The FHA QC sample size will comply with the following balance of pre-funding and post-closing reviews:

Type of review	% of FHA QC Sample Size
Pre-Funding Review	10% or less
Post-Closing Review	90% or more

### **Discretionary Post-Closing Audits**

The above selection criteria is also used in the monthly Patriot Pacific Financial discretionary audit.

### **Additional Discretionary Audits**

Senior management may require additional discretionary audits if they determine there are gross errors, patterns of underwriting deficiencies or a breach in company policy in the prior months' audits which may include the following:

• Individual Patriot Pacific Financial Employee(s)

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- High risk loans (e.g., Self-employed borrower(s))
- Specific loan products

Patriot Pacific Financial will aggressively audit and pursue any acts of misrepresentation. If a loan is transferred to another mortgagee, Patriot Pacific Financial will be notified by that mortgagee and Patriot Pacific Financial will audit the defaulted loan.

### **AUTOMATED UNDERWRITING**

- For loans underwritten through an Automated Underwriting System (AUS) or Total Scorecard,
  Patriot Pacific Financial Internal QC or QC Vendor will confirm that all AUS/Total Scorecard
  Verification Messages/Approval Conditions that appear in the AUS/Total Scorecard
  Underwriting Findings report were satisfactorily resolved and adequately supported by
  appropriate documentation.
- Patriot Pacific Financial Internal QC or QC Vendor will verify the accuracy and integrity of the information used to support the lending decision for any mortgage loans selected for a QC review.
- The Quality Control sample will include loans that fairly represent the percentage of loans underwritten through an automated underwriting system (AUS/Total Scorecard).
- Patriot Pacific Financial Internal QC or QC Vendor will verify that the correct information has been entered into the automated underwriting system/Total Scorecard, to include:
  - Data identifying the borrower(s),
  - o Property,
  - Loan Amount,
  - o Income,
  - Assets, and source of funds.
- Copies of the assessment by the automated underwriting system/Total Scorecard will be maintained within the loan file in addition to the normal documentation required for an FHA or Agency mortgage transaction.
- Whenever the automated underwriting system/Total Scorecard cannot "ACCEPT" or "APPROVE" the application, the basis of the automated underwriter system/Total Scorecard's decision on the loan must be documented and retained.
- Referred Applications Any FHA loan that receives a "Refer" decision, Patriot Pacific Financial Internal QC or QC Vendor will verify that applications are manually underwritten by the Wholesale Lender FHA DE Underwriter before a final decision is made on the application.
- Overrides Patriot Pacific Financial Internal QC or QC Vendor will verify that if a manual



downgrades or overrides are applied, that no patterns of illegal discrimination against loan applicants are revealed and that the downgrade or override was proper.

When information obtained through the re-verification process differs from the information utilized in the underwriting of the loan, The Wholesale Lender may re-underwrite the loan to verify that the loan remains eligible as delivered to Fannie Mae.

Additional information can be found in ADDENDUM A: Loan Prospector/Desktop Underwriter.

### **Red Flag Messages**

Red flag messages found on the Automated Underwriting System (AUS) or alerts created by sources other than the AUS are reviewed. Specifically, Patriot Pacific Financial Internal QC and/or QC Vendor will investigate and report to Patriot Pacific Financial management any finding of fraud associated with credit report red flags, including the following issues:

- active duty alerts,
- fraud alerts on the credit report,
- all credit report/supplements are not in the file,
- personal information not consistent with initial application,
- social security number is not valid or different from the loan application,
- address consistency,
- employment cannot be verified,
- employment inconsistency,
- no credit,
- credit habits are inconsistent with income/employment,
- all trade lines opened consistently or are new,
- all accounts recently paid in full,
- refinance of recently obtained loan,
- length of time on credit bureau file inconsistent with age,
- recent inquiries from other mortgage companies,
- aka or dba indicated,
- credit freeze,
- evidence of alterations,
- death index alert, and



- bankruptcy liens or judgments
- occupancy validation.

## **STREAMLINE REFINANCES**

Streamline and VA Interest Rate Reduction Loans (IRRRL) refinances are included in the random sample selected for QC testing by Patriot Pacific Financial Internal QC or QC Vendor; however Streamline Refinances and IRRRLs will comprise a very small portion of the sample unless streamline refinances and IRRRLs are a significant proportion of Patriot Pacific Financial production. Reviews will be limited to the functions performed when originating such loans and confirmation that the loan was eligible for streamline processing.

### **REJECTED LOANS**

Although Patriot Pacific Financial does not make a credit decision to approve or deny a loan, the Company will review a random sample of the total loans rejected by the Wholesale Lenders. The rejected loan audit will be finalized within 90 days from the end of the month that the loans were rejected (denied).

Patriot Pacific Financial' review of rejected files will concentrate on the following areas:

- Ensuring that the reasons given for rejection were valid;
- Ensuring that each rejection has the concurrence of an officer or senior staff person of the Wholesale Lender, or a committee chaired by senior staff person or officer of the Wholesale Lender with sufficient approval authority;
- Ensuring that the requirements of the Equal Credit Opportunity Act (ECOA) are met and documented in each file;
- Ensuring that no civil rights violations are committed in the rejection of applications; and where discrimination may be noted, Senior Management is advised and immediate corrective action is taken.

Where possible discrimination is noted, Patriot Pacific Financial must take immediate corrective action to ensure its operations comply with applicable state and federal fair lending laws.

Patriot Pacific Financial will document the methodology used to review rejected applications, the results of each review, and any corrective actions taken as a result of the review Findings.



## **EARLY PAYMENT DEFAULT**

In addition to the loans selected for routine quality control reviews Patriot Pacific Financial Internal QC or QC Vendor will review on a monthly basis all loans that are originated by Patriot Pacific Financial that become 60 days or more past due in the first six months following the Note Date or within 60 days from the end of the month in which Patriot Pacific Financial was notified of the delinquency. The loan will be carefully evaluated to determine the presence of any fraud or other deficiency.

The primary objectives of the early payment default review are to identify loans that are "non-investment" quality, determine the reason for default, and identify possible fraud issues. Patriot Pacific Financial Internal QC or QC Vendor will determine the reason the loan went into default and report to Patriot Pacific Financial Senior Management. Patriot Pacific Financial has chosen to retain documentation for a period of at least three (3) years regarding the early payment default review, including a review by Patriot Pacific Financial Internal QC and/or QC Vendor's findings, corrective actions taken, along with procedural information (as specified in HUD Handbook 4000.1 and Fannie Mae 2019 Selling Guide.) Additional information on Early Payment Default reviews is located in ADDENDUM E: Early Payment Defaults.

## AREAS OF INVESTIGATION FOR POST-CLOSING

### **Required Documentation**

All loan files must contain the proper credit documents (including, but not limited to):

- Automated Underwriting System (AUS)/Total Scorecard data
- Summary of loan features
- Certificate of Eligibility (COE), DD214, 1880 and VA Exempt Status on VA loans
- IRRRL Worksheet on VA Streamline refinance program
- VA Interest Rate Comparison on VA IRRRL program
- Net Tangible Benefit worksheet on cash out refinances, including IRRRLs, or as required by state law
- Uniform Residential Loan Application (URLA)
- Credit report(s) (tri-merge format unless program allows a different format)
- Validation of outstanding debt obligations
- Verification of employment for at least two (2) years
- Validation of Self-employed Borrowers income calculations
- Executed 4506-T on all files
- Verification of down payment, closing costs, and reserve funds
- Borrower's source of funds (to include validation of gift letters and donor ability)



- Borrower Occupancy
- Applicable VA eligibility documents (VA loans)
- Appraisal, except for Homepath or non-credit qualifying refinance transactions.
- Property Flipping restrictions
- Escrow instructions
- Purchase agreement (if applicable)
- Title documents
- Signed explanation letters
- Evidence of repairs completed
- Regulatory documentation
- FHA or VA disclosures
- Nearest Living Relative disclosure (VA)

## **Documentation Review and Verification**

### **Credit Report**

• Unless required by the Wholesale Lender, it is the responsibility for the Wholesale Lender to obtain a new credit report in the same form as the original credit report used to approve the Mortgage, including a Residential Mortgage Credit Report (RMCR), a Tri-Merged Credit Report (TRMCR), or, when appropriate, a business credit report for each Borrower whose loan is selected for QC review. Patriot Pacific Financial will not have access to this new credit report.

### Credit Documents

- Documents maintained within the loan file are to be reviewed for sufficiency and subject to re-verification.
- All re-verification documentation will be retained in by Patriot Pacific Financial or QC Vendor. If re-verification is obtained by the QC Vendor, the QC Vendor will provide Patriot Pacific Financial with the results of the re-verification findings and make the documents assessable to Patriot Pacific Financial along with the re-verification documentation for at least three (3) years from the date of the review.
- For all post-closing reviews, Patriot Pacific Financial must analyze the validity and sufficiency
  of all documents contained in the loan file. Patriot Pacific Financial must re-verify, in writing
  or electronically if available. Examples of items that must be re-verified include, but not
  limited to:



- Borrower(s) employment or other income;
  - Use of IRS Form 4506-T Transcripts may be obtained during the loan origination process for all income types used in the Wholesale Lender's underwriting process (personal and business, if applicable). If the appropriate IRS transcripts were obtained during processing these transcripts may be used. Ordering new transcripts will not be necessary.
  - Patriot Pacific Financial Internal QC or QC Vendor must reconcile the transcript information received from the IRS with the income documents in the loan file.
- Assets;
  - Deposits,
- Gift letters;
- Other sources of funds.
  - Sources of funds must be acceptable as well as verified.
- Alternate credit sources, and
- Mortgage Payments or rental payments.
- If the written re-verification is not returned to Patriot Pacific Financial Internal QC or QC Vendor, a documented attempt will be made to conduct a telephone re-verification. If the original information was obtained electronically or involved alternative documents, a written re-verification will still be attempted.
- Any discrepancies will be explored to ensure that the original documents (except blanket verification releases) were completed before:
  - Being signed,
  - Were as represented,
  - Were not handled by interested third parties, and
  - All corrections were proper and initialed.
- All conflicting information in the original documentation should have been resolved before the complete file was submitted to the underwriter.
- Discrepancies in documentation during pre-funding reviews must be resolved prior to closing.

### <u>Appraisals</u>

Patriot Pacific Financial adheres to Appraiser Independence Requirements (AIR). Patriot Pacific Financial will follow the requirements of the Wholesale Lender. At no time will any production employee of Patriot Pacific Financial. Employees neither directly nor indirectly influence or attempt to influence the development, reporting, result, or review of an appraisal though coercion, extortion, collusion,



compensation, inducement, intimidation, bribery, or in any other manner.

Compliance with Appraisal Independence Rule is validated through post-closing QC by Patriot Pacific Financial Internal QC or QC Vendor. If Patriot Pacific Financial has reason to believe that an AMC or Appraiser is violating applicable laws or otherwise engaging in unethical conduct, Patriot Pacific Financial will promptly refer the matter to the applicable State AMC or Appraiser licensing agency or other relevant regulating body.

Refer to ADDENDUM C: Appraisals for details on Desk and Field Reviews.

### **Occupancy**

- For all loans secured by a principal residence that are selected via the random selection process (and for loans selected through the discretionary selection process, as applicable) the post-closing QC review will include verification of owner-occupancy.
- Occupancy of the property as a primary or secondary residence, which is a lower risk loan, is verified through fraud databases to determine if the mortgagor transferred the property; a possible indication of a "straw buyer" or "flip".
- Patriot Pacific Financial Internal QC or the QC Vendor will review the property insurance policy
  and other documentation contained within the file (for example, appraisal, income tax
  returns or transcripts) to confirm that there are no indicators that the property is not the
  borrower's principal residence.
- In cases where the occupancy of the subject property is suspect, Patriot Pacific Financial Internal QC or QC Vendor will attempt to determine whether the mortgagor is occupying the property. In cases where Patriot Pacific Financial Internal QC or QC Vendor is unable to obtain sufficient documentation regarding occupancy of the property, a third party will be contracted to perform an occupancy inspection.
  - Failure of the mortgagor to occupy the property may be an indication that the loan contains other problems. If it is found that the mortgagor is not occupying a property mortgaged as owner-occupied, Patriot Pacific Financial will report in writing, to the Wholesale Lender.
  - Other similar loans with unclear occupancy will be flagged for review.

### **Underwriting Decisions**

As a licensed mortgage broker Patriot Pacific Financial does not participate in the underwriting function of the mortgage loan process. As such, Post-Closing quality control review of underwriting decisions is a primary function of the Wholesale Lender. Patriot Pacific Financial will perform a limited post-closing review.

 FHA - Direct Endorsement loans selected for a quality control review must be reviewed by the Wholesale Lender for compliance with HUD underwriting requirements, sufficiency of documentation and the soundness of underwriting judgments.



- VA VA Automatic and LAPP loans selected for a quality control review must be reviewed by the Wholesale Lender for compliance with VA underwriting requirements, sufficiency of documentation and the soundness of underwriting judgments.
- Agency (FNMA or FHLMC) or Investor Delegated Loans selected for a quality control review
  must be reviewed by the Wholesale Lender for compliance with Agency underwriting
  requirements, sufficiency of documentation and the soundness of underwriting judgments
- Data integrity Underwriting decisions are reviewed to ensure conformity, accuracy and ability to repay:
  - For loans underwritten through an Automated Underwriting System (AUS) (DU, LP or Total Scorecard), determine whether discrepancies are within tolerance permitted;
  - o If discrepancies are outside AUS tolerances, the Wholesale Lender must manually perform a comprehensive risk assessment using the documentation required by the AUS to determine if the loan meets the Agency, FHA and VA manually underwritten loans.
  - Calculation of house payments/monthly income ratio;
  - o Calculation of total monthly debt/monthly income ratio;
  - Two (2) years verified employment;
  - Likelihood of continued employment;
  - Whether additional credit was granted and considered in qualifying when the Borrower's credit report reveals inquiries within the previous 90 day period;
  - Adequate mortgage insurance coverage was obtained;
  - Loan amount not to exceed maximum allowable amount;
  - Loan to value (LTV) ratio not to exceed maximum allowed for loan type;
  - Sufficiency of original documentation and reliability of underwriting judgments;
  - Determine if the loan was processed and closed according to the details provided in the real estate purchase contract, reflected on the Closing Disclosure and according to the Closing Instructions;
  - Ensure that all conflicting information and discrepancies in the areas of employment, source of funds, liabilities, and credit were resolved and properly documented in writing.
  - For origination and underwriting, the Wholesale Lender must validate all data elements submitted through the AUS/Total Scorecard, and FHA Connection, and validate that documentation exists in the loan file to support all data used to underwrite the Mortgage.
  - $\circ$  For endorsement, the Wholesale Lender must validate all data elements submitted



- through FHA Connection and validate that documentation exists in the loan file to support all data used to endorse and insure the Mortgage.
- Patriot Pacific Financial Internal QC or QC Vendor will report all Findings to Senior
   Management, and to the Wholesale Lender where appropriate.
- Patriot Pacific Financial will retain the results of each review and corrective actions taken as a result of review Findings.
- Patriot Pacific Financial Internal QC or QC Vendor will confirm:
  - That adequate support for the underwriting decision is contained in the loan file;
  - That all applicable supporting documentation is in the loan file and validated for accuracy, completeness, signatures, dates and evidence that document was not handled by any interested third party:
    - Verifications of employment,
    - Verification of deposit,
    - Verification of mortgage or rental history,
    - Gift letters are reviewed to assure there is a relationship to the Donor, a statement that no repayment is required, and funds are deposited into the Borrower's account.
    - Credit reports- copies of each credit report obtained on the borrower(s) will be maintained within the loan file.
  - Patriot Pacific Financial Internal QC or QC Vendor will also verify Social Security Numbers through a third party source or directly with the SSA to validate the borrowers' identity
  - Self –Employed Borrowers
    - Documentation required by AUS or loan program will be maintained within the file, to include but not limited to financial statements, tax returns, and the appropriate type of credit report for a self-employed individual.
  - Loan file has properly documented the source of funds for the required investment,
     the acceptability of that source, and any obligation to repay the funds.
  - Confirms that appropriate requirements made by the Wholesale Lender Underwriter were obtained prior to closing.
    - If debt ratios exceed Wholesale Lender product limits, confirm a review was conducted to ensure that there were sufficient and properly documented compensating factors.
  - The original loan application (FNMA 1003/URLA) is reviewed for completeness, accuracy, omissions, Government Monitoring Information signatures, NMLS numbers



and dates.

- Information on the original application will be compared against the final application and all credit reports to determine that all required information was provided and utilized in the underwriting of the loan including all assets, liabilities and judgments.
- HECM transactions for those borrowers who choose to forego the face-to-face interview loan application, HECM Counseling or both, may be performed by telephone.
- HECM transactions Documentation is examined to confirm that:
  - the expiration date on the Certificate of HECM Counseling has not expired;
  - any referral fees paid are reasonable for the service provided and disclosed in the loan file; and
  - the potential HECM borrower was given a list of five HECM counseling agencies in their area, and one was within driving distance, if applicable; and
  - the toll-free phone numbers for the following agencies were given to the borrower at the time of application:
    - AARP Foundation Network,
    - National Foundation for Credit Counseling, and
    - Money Management International
- Positive evidence of any required counseling will be required on all low to moderate income loans. This evidence will be a certificate showing the borrower(s) have completed such education and/or the copies of the appropriate pages from the workbook.

### **Condition Clearance and Closing**

All loans, will be closed in the name of the Wholesale Lender. All documents will be reviewed for strikeouts, alterations, and whiteouts; none of which are permitted. Any technical corrections made by a borrower(s) must be initialed. Changes to the APR, finance charge, loan terms and the rescission notice are not acceptable changes.

Each loan selected for a quality control review will be reviewed to determine whether:

- Conditions which were required to be satisfied prior to closing were in fact met prior to closing;
- The Seller was the owner of record, or was exempt from the owner of record requirement in accordance with HUD or Agency regulations;
- The closing and legal documents are accurate and complete (subject to Wholesale Lender



providing complete copies). The following list reflects the most common closing documents reviewed. The following list is not intended to be all-inclusive, additional documents will be reviewed based on loan level complexity. The Wholesale Lender is responsible for each document, Patriot Pacific Financial will review the available documents for due diligence purposes.

- NOTE reviewed to verify the accuracy of the loan amount, interest rate, amount of monthly payment, date of first payment, date of last payment, late charge amount, date of rate change (if adjustable), address and signatures of borrowers.
- MORTGAGE or DEED OF TRUST reviewed to verify the accuracy of the loan amount, interest rate, date of first payment, maturity date, address, legal description, borrower name, signatures of the borrower(s), acknowledgements, consistency with other documents in the file and recording date.
- o **RIDERS TO NOTES AND MORTGAGES (when applicable)** reviewed for dates, rate, P&I, Patriot Pacific Financial' name and address, first payment date, maturity date, loan amount, mortgagors name (typed and signed), initialed corrections, consistency with all other documents in the file and all other items specific to the particular Rider used.
- CLOSING DISCLOSURE reviewed for accurate loan terms, proper fee placement and accuracy, license information.
- SUBORDINATIONS reviewed to verify that a Subordination Agreement was prepared on any subordinated second mortgage. The Subordination Agreement must be prepared, approved by the Title Company and properly recorded. QC will review the loan to determine CLTV limitations are properly applied and meet Agency/Investor guidelines.
- DEED reviewed for name, proper execution, address, legal description, acknowledgments and recording date. In the case of an assumption, the Assumption Agreement and closing statement are reviewed for proper execution, legal description, balance being assumed, date of assumption, acknowledgments and recording date.
- MORTGAGE INSURANCE CERTIFICATES, LOAN GUARANTY CERTIFICATES and PRIVATE MORTGAGE INSURANCE CERTIFICATES — Each particular Certificate shall be reviewed for correct case/loan number, names reflected exactly as they appear on mortgage, address, loan amount, Patriot Pacific Financial 's name and address, program type (PMI) and correct renewals.
- TITLE INSURANCE BINDER and/or POLICY reviewed to assure the correct amount, Patriot Pacific Financial is properly insured, the countersignature of issuer, the correct legal description, encroachments, easements, the title currently in Borrowers' names, liens removed-released, any unexpected and all taxes paid for



latest year payable.

- FLOOD CERTIFICATION/INSURANCE To ensure that appropriate flood insurance requirements have been met; flood determination, certificates, surveys, appraisals and lender certifications are reviewed to verify that Flood Maps were checked.
- UNDERWRITER APPROVAL reviewed for accuracy as well as any conditions of closing.
- OCCUPANCY Determine that occupancy is clear and consistent throughout the documents.
- EXPRIED DOCUMENTATION The QC review will verify that at the time the loan closed, all documents were current, including credit and appraisal documents. Expiration periods may vary based on applicable to loan program and/or document. The QC Reviewer must be versed on expiration criteria.

## PROCEDURAL COMPLIANCE IN PRODUCTION:

In addition to a review of a loan documentation (credit, property and closing), other areas of Patriot Pacific Financial' operations will be reviewed, reported to Senior Management and corrected if deficient.

### Fair Lending

Patriot Pacific Financial Internal QC or QC Vendor will verify that Patriot Pacific Financial' operations are in compliance with the various fair lending laws including the following:

- Fair Housing Act;
  - Fair housing violations or instances of discrimination must be reported to HUD's
     Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity (FHEO) immediately.
  - Fair housing violations and complaints may be reported online using the HUD Form 903 Online Complaint, contacting HUD's local FHEO Regional Office or by calling the Fair Housing Complaint Hotline at 1-800-669-9777.
- Equal Credit Opportunity Act (15 U.S.C. §1691 et seq.);
- Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act (12 U.S.C. § 2601 et seq.); and
- Federal Truth in Lending Act (15 U.S.C. §1601 et seq.).

Refer to ADDENDUM L: Fair Lending Procedural Requirements for additional information.

### Tiered Pricing, Overages, and Premium Pricing

The QC review will ensure that Patriot Pacific Financial is in compliance with the Department's requirements concerning Tiered Pricing, Overages and Premium Pricing. Refer to ADDENDUM O: Tiered Pricing Procedural Requirements for additional information



### **Minimum Loan Amounts**

Patriot Pacific Financial is prohibited from setting minimum loan amounts.

### Fair Housing Poster and Equal Housing Opportunity Logo

Patriot Pacific Financial must verify that a fair housing poster is prominently displayed in Patriot Pacific Financial' corporate office and any branch offices that deal with Borrowers and the general public. Patriot Pacific Financial must verify that the Equal Housing Opportunity logo is prominently displayed on all documents, including both hard copy and electronic documents, distributed by Patriot Pacific Financial to the public.

### **Advertising**

Patriot Pacific Financial must review all advertisements generated by Patriot Pacific Financial or on its behalf to verify compliance with Federal, State, Agency, HUD/FHA, USDA-RHS and VA advertising requirements. Patriot Pacific Financial must take prompt corrective action upon discovering any violation of advertising requirements.

Patriot Pacific Financial must maintain copies of any advertising device Patriot Pacific Financial produces, or that is produced on Patriot Pacific Financial' behalf. Patriot Pacific Financial must retain samples of the advertising reviewed as well as the results of each review, and any corrective actions taken as result of the review. Material will be retained for a period of two (2) years.

### Home Mortgage Disclosure Act (HMDA)

Patriot Pacific Financial does not make credit decisions and does not file an annual HMDA Report. The Company will ensure that data is collected and provided to the Wholesale Lender for their accurate HMDA reporting.

### **Ineligible Participants**

Patriot Pacific Financial Internal QC or QC Vendor will verify that Patriot Pacific Financial is ensuring that none of the participants in a mortgage transaction (excluding the seller of a principal residence) is debarred or suspended, or is under an LDP for the program and jurisdiction. Patriot Pacific Financial will at least on a semi-annual basis verify that no current Patriot Pacific Financial employee is shown on the LDP, SAM or FHFA SCP list. Should it be determined that a mortgage applicant is found to have a delinquent federal debt, additional review and processes are necessary in order to be eligible for a new mortgage debt (eligibility is influenced by repayment arrangements, extenuating circumstances and the age of the debt).

# **DISCLOSURES/COMPLIANCE:**

The following disclosures are reviewed for completeness, compliance, accuracy, errors or omissions, signatures and dates:

• Integrated Disclosures and RESPA notices (Loan Estimate, Changed Circumstance, Closing



Disclosures (Seller Included) Initial Escrow Account Disclosure),

- Right of Rescission (refinance),
- ARM disclosures,
- Balloon disclosures,
- Flood Notice,
- State specific disclosures,
- Required FHA and VA disclosures.

### Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act (Regulation X)

Patriot Pacific Financial Internal QC or QC Vendor will verify that Patriot Pacific Financial is in compliance with the provisions of RESPA (Regulation X) including, but not limited to:

- Distributing the "Your Home Loan Toolkit" to mortgage applicants;
- Providing applicants with Loan Estimate (based on agreement with Wholesale Lender) of settlement costs relating to obtaining a mortgage no later than three (3) business days after gathering the six (6) pieces of information that constitutes an application;
- Disclosing business relationships with affiliated entities;
- It is the responsibility of the Wholesale Lender to disclose the transfer of servicing.

Refer to ADDENDUM N: Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act (RESPA) for additional information.

## Truth in Lending Act (Regulation Z)

Patriot Pacific Financial Internal QC or QC Vendor will verify that Patriot Pacific Financial is in compliance with the provisions of TILA (Regulation Z) including, but not limited to:

- Verifying that appropriate ARM Disclosure has been provided, if applicable;
- Testing loan to determine if loan is considered a High Cost and High Priced Mortgage Loan;
- Validating loan has met requirements of Ability to Repay and Qualified Mortgage;
- Verifying that Appraiser Independence Rules have been followed;
- It is the responsibility of the Wholesale Lender to provide applicants with their Closing Disclosure no later than three (3) specific business days prior to consummation; and
- It is the responsibility of the Wholesale Lender to ensure the Right of Rescission disclosure has been provided correctly, if applicable.

### Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act (ESIGN)

The ESIGN Act defines electronic signatures as "any electronic sound, symbol, or process attached to or logically associated with a contract or record and executed or adopted by a person with the intent to sign



the record." Patriot Pacific Financial will follow this definition of electronic signature with the exception that FHA will not accept an electronic signature that is solely voice or audio. Digital signatures are a subset of electronic signatures.

The electronic signature process is outsourced to Patriot Pacific Financial' Document Vendors and will be used by Patriot Pacific Financial for electronically signing authorized documents in order to ensure the document is presented to the signatory before an electronic signature is obtained.

Patriot Pacific Financial Internal QC or QC Vendor will validate that all required steps of the electronic signature process were followed:

- Intent to sign was established; the signer certified the document as true, accurate, and correct at the time of execution.
- Authentication requirements were met by validating the identity of the individuals as a part in the transaction with borrower provided data or with data maintained by an independent source.
- Attribution was performed to verify the identity of the individual with their signature through established means.
- Credential Loss Management is maintained using an acceptable loss management control to ensure the security of all issued credentials.
- Integrity of records is maintained using industry standards encryption to ensure that documents cannot be altered once signed electronically. An audit trail showing any alterations will be maintained.

### REPORTING OF POST-CLOSING QC:

Patriot Pacific Financial will review all the QC Vendor post-closing QC reports, and create a summary of issues identified by the QC Vendor and proposed corrective actions associated with any defects identified in the QC vendor's report. If material errors are found, the errors must be corrected, and all affected documents and systems must be updated and resubmitted to AUS, as applicable.

Business units responsible for implementing corrective actions to resolve defects will be notified by Senior Management. Patriot Pacific Financial will document the resolution of the defects.

Senior Management is responsible for notifying the Wholesale Lender if a loan is found to be ineligible or has AUS/Total Scorecard data errors. Additionally, Senior Management must notify the Wholesale Lender immediately of any discovery of material misrepresentation. Patriot Pacific Financial will track all QC issues identified, corrective actions, and business units responsible for remediation on a master spreadsheet that is updated on a monthly basis in order to detect trends and root cause(s) of defects. Patriot Pacific Financial will report on any such trends to Senior Management on a monthly basis so that management may direct appropriate remediation of trends throughout Patriot Pacific Financial and within specific business units.

Quality Control reports will incorporate:

• A measure of quality of originations,



- evaluate performance against requirements and goals,
- confirm compliance with policies and procedures,
- address the effectiveness of processes and controls,
- identify actionable items,
- track effectiveness of actions taken,
- feed individual compensation and performance plans, and
- predict Patriot Pacific Financial' risk exposure.

## **RISK MITIGATION REPORTING:**

Patriot Pacific Financial' Senior Management handles all quality assurance, early payment default (EPD), and repurchase audits requested by Wholesale Lenders. Senior Management is responsible for retrieving the 60 day seriously delinquent information from Wholesales Lenders to identify all new EPDs. All findings resulting from quality assurance audits are reported to Senior Management.

### **ACTION PLAN TO REMEDIATE RISKS:**

Each defect noted in the QC Review will be reviewed and either cleared or appropriately explained and documented. In either case, corrective action will be taken to prevent recurring defects, repurchase requests or other risks.

In order to appropriately address each defect, it is necessary to identify the root cause of each defect. Should the root cause be the result of untrained personnel, Patriot Pacific Financial will provide either group or one-on-one training.

A loan quality performance scorecard will be provided to each origination channel, origination unit (branch, region) and department. Each individual in the origination process (loan officer, processor, underwriter, appraiser, closer and funder) will be provided an individual loan quality performance scorecard.

Should errors be the result of a process, policy, control or system issue; Patriot Pacific Financial will look at the possibility of system wide changes in controls, processes, or policy.



### **AUDIT REVIEW OF THE QC PROCESS:**

Patriot Pacific Financial has an audit process to ensure that their QC policies and procedures are followed by the Company, and that assessments and conclusions are recorded and consistently applied. Patriot Pacific Financial must review its loan performance data to identify any patterns of non-compliance. The findings must be accurately recorded and consistent with the defects noted in Patriot Pacific Financial' system of record.

## Reporting

Patriot Pacific Financial must document the methodology used to review patterns of non-compliance, the results of each review, and any corrective actions taken as a result of review Findings. Patriot Pacific Financial may use Wholesale Lender Scorecards to assist with identifying patterns.

Pre-funding and post-closing findings are reported to business units and Senior Management within 30 days of the review. Reports are useful internal management tools for evaluating and monitoring the quality of the mortgage loan production. The final report must be issued within 60 days from the date the initial review Findings were reported to Senior Management. The QC Reports are designed to:

- Distinguish between defects related to compliance with Federal, State, or local laws and regulations and underwriting and eligibility defects.
- Cover pre-funding and post-closing QC findings and trends while identifying loan defects that require specific corrective action.
- Report results of the resolution efforts to Senior Management and others within the Patriot Pacific Financial' operations.
- Identifying sample sizes, time period covered, and applicable volumes which support sample size.
- Documenting the resolution of the defects.
- Identify Patriot Pacific Financial' defect rate for each severity rating.
- Identify the defect rate trending over time.
- Identify the root cause trending by categories and sub-categories.

### Reports include:

- Management Summary of subject loan;
- copies of all documents in question;
- copies of all re-verification and responses;
- Management Summary;
- Severity Code Recap;



- Discrepancy Summary by:
  - o Branch
  - Originator
  - Processor
  - Underwriter (if information is provided by Wholesale Lender)
  - Closer (if information is provided by Wholesale Lender)
  - Funder (if information is provided by Wholesale Lender)
  - Appraiser (if information is provided by Wholesale Lender)
  - Loan Type

A master report package will be maintained which contains the Loan Audit Reports. Loan level management summaries will be distributed to the business unit responsible to obtain a written response to the findings. Actions taken to correct deficiencies will be fully documented on the management summary provided for each loan. Management will modify policies and procedures to address identified patterns of deficiencies or fraudulent activities. Patriot Pacific Financial will report to the investor, government agency (HUD or VA), Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac any violation of law or regulation, false statements, material defect or program abuses within 30 days of discovery.

### **Material Finding Action Plan**

Patriot Pacific Financial Senior Management must review and respond to each instance of fraud, material misrepresentation, or other Material Finding. Patriot Pacific Financial' final report will be provided monthly and must identify the corrective and curative actions required to be taken, the timetable for completion and any planned follow-up activities.

Patriot Pacific Financial will immediately self-report to the Wholesale Lender, Agency, FHA, USDA-RHS or VA any findings of fraudulent activity.

### Follow up

Patriot Pacific Financial must discuss all Findings with responsible party(ies) in order to ensure corrective action and to prevent similar Findings from occurring in the future.

### **CALIBRATION**

Post-acquisition, Endorsement or Guaranty of file reviews by Wholesale Lender provide opportunities to leverage Patriot Pacific Financial' QC results but also to augment Patriot Pacific Financial' review results. Patriot Pacific Financial seeks to ask the question "In our QC review, did we find the same thing that our



Investor or one of the Agencies found." This question can be answered through the calibration of loan file reviews.

Calibration of loan file review provides Patriot Pacific Financial with a level of certainty about financial exposure from loan process quality errors. When highly calibrated, Patriot Pacific Financial' internal QC results will provide an early warning system about what other secondary market investors, insurers or guarantors might think about the quality of a specific transaction or population of loans. Calibration also provides a greater degree of certainty in Patriot Pacific Financial' QC results and allows greater flexibility in reviewing different samples.

Patriot Pacific Financial complete this process through either Transaction-Level or Sample Level. Which process will be used will be a decision based upon risk levels established by Senior Management.

### Transaction-Level Calibration

- Loans that both originations review Should Patriot Pacific Financial' QC loan file review incorporate a loan that was also reviewed by Agency, FHA or VA; no further review will be necessary. The results of each review will be compared and any differences noted. If necessary, correction in the QC review process may be necessary.
- Intentionally selecting files to review A QC review will be performed on a population of loans that the Agency, FHA or VA has selected for review and then the results are compared. Where necessary, the QC review process may be corrected.

### Sample-Level Calibration

Consideration will be given to the loan file reviews Patriot Pacific Financial completes on a
monthly basis and the loan review data provided by outside investors and Agencies. The
aggregated data will be reported to Senior Management.

## **RECORD KEEPING:**

Patriot Pacific Financial will retain all quality control review results, including all selection criteria, review documentation, findings, and actions taken to mitigate or resolve findings, for a period of three (3) years from the initial QC review or from the last action taken to mitigate findings. Records will be maintained at the Corporate Office in a manner that will allow documentation to be provided to the Wholesale Lender or Examiner upon request.



## ADDENDUM A: Loan Prospector/Desktop Underwriter

Special Requirements for Loan Prospector/Desktop Underwriter

The quality control auditor will meet the below mentioned requirements for this Plan with respect to automated underwriting systems (AUS). This includes sampling, data integrity, reverification, underwriting, and appraisal requirements.

The quality control auditor will complete a ten (10%) percent representative sample of all government backed loans and ten (10%) percent of conventional loans from the entire closed loan population of the Company. This selection shall include traditional underwriting files and AUS files.

When a file is identified as AUS "Accept" in the selected sample, the following steps will be completed by the quality control auditor:

by the investor is not available to the Company at the time of the quality control audit. The quality control auditor will use a data source the Company warrants as being the final data electronically submitted to the investor. This data source could be a computer generated loan application and transmittal, a "screen-print," or a data file from the Company's exporting software. The information from this data source will be compared to data in the file and reverification documents obtained by the quality control auditor. Furthermore, the quality control auditor will use reasonable efforts to determine that accuracy of data that has been submitted to the investor in connection with a loan transaction subject to quality control auditing. Information categories that will be checked include, but are not limited to, borrower, property, transaction, financing, capacity and other miscellaneous items required by the investor. Any discrepancies or inconsistencies shall be reported as findings in the quality control report.

When files are identified as AUS "Refer" and "Caution," the Plan's quality control audit procedures are to be implemented and any discrepancies or inconsistencies shall be reported as findings in the quality control report.



# **ADDENDUM B: Credit Reports**

Reverification of the borrower's credit history will be performed by the Wholesale Lender.



## **ADDENDUM C: Appraisals**

- At minimum, Patriot Pacific Financial will include the following areas in their QC review of the property appraisal:
  - The appraisal data;
  - The overall quality of the appraisal.
  - o Validation of Appraiser Independence Rule
- Each appraisal will be reviewed for flood zone information (map number and date). All reviews of an appraisal will be documented

## Field Review

Field Reviews will be performed by Wholesale Lender.



## ADDENDUM D: HUD/FHA QC Elements

The Company shall implement the following elements as part of this Plan:

### Independence / Qualified Staff

Personnel (Patriot Pacific Financial and QC Vendor) must be properly trained & qualified to conduct the QC reviews. Staff will be independent of all Loan Administration process and have no direct loan processing, origination, or underwriting responsibilities or any chain of reporting or management directly connected to Loan Administration staff. (4000.1 V A2)

Patriot Pacific Financial and QC Vendor will maintain a list of all training provided to staff, including a summary of the content covered. (4000.1 V A 2b)

Patriot Pacific Financial assumes full responsibility for QC Vendor's compliance with FHA requirements, will ensure a valid contractual agreement is in place defining the roles and responsibilities of each party and complies with FHA requirements. (4000.1 V A 2a)

Access to FHA Guidance – Patriot Pacific Financial and QC Vendor will provide all Loan Administration and QC staff with access to current FHA guidance including Handbooks, Mortgagee Letters, Frequently Asked Questions, and other guidance issued by FHA. (4000.1 V A2b)

### Restricted Participation

On a semi-annual basis, Patriot Pacific Financial will confirm it verified, through each of the following systems, that the designated employees and/or Affiliates listed below were permitted to participate in FHA programs. If any of the designated employees and/or Affiliates are found to be ineligible, they are restricted from participating in FHA programs.

Patriot Pacific Financial will verify employee eligibility for all Officers, Partners, Directors, Principals, Managers, Supervisors, Loan Processors, Loan Originators, and all other employees and Affiliates participating in HUD programs for or on behalf of Patriot Pacific Financial, using the System for Award Management System (SAM) Excluded Parties List and the Limited Denial Participation (LDP) list. (4000.1 V A2b)

Patriot Pacific Financial will verify that all employees and Affiliates participating in HUD programs for or on behalf of Patriot Pacific Financial are registered under the National Mortgage Licensing System and Registry (NMLS), unless excluded from NMLS requirements by law or regulation.

Patriot Pacific Financial will maintain documentation that supports each employee's eligibility.

### Rejected Mortgage Applications

Patriot Pacific Financial will review a random statistical sample of rejected applications within 90 days from the end of the month in which the decision was made. Reviews must be conducted monthly and ensure that:

- reasons given for rejection were valid,
- each rejections has the concurrence of an officer of someone with sufficient approval