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Reference

Fannie Mae Lender Letter LL-2021-12

Form SG370-X: MPF Xtra Reporting Change Notification

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MPF Xtra Advance Notice of Change to Investor Reporting Layout and Processes

On February 2, 2022, Fannie Mae issued an update to <u>Lender</u> <u>Letter LL-2021-12</u>, which provides updates to the effective dates of the Investor Reporting changes previously communicated in <u>MPF Announcement 2021-86</u>:

- Investor Reporting Changes
 - All Servicers will be required to report daily to the Master Servicer, Computershare, effective with March 2022 Mortgage Loan Activity. Although Fannie Mae has changed the effective date for Daily Reporting, the MPF Program will continue to require all Servicers report daily effective with March 2022 Mortgage Loan Activity.
- Loan Level Data File Format Updates
 - All Servicers will be required to use the Fannie Mae Loan Activity Report (LAR 96) format with the newly announced nine (9) additional fields.
 Effective: The MPF Program is communicating with Fannie Mae regularly and will provide further details at a later date.
- Updates to the P&I remittance cash reconciliation for A/A mortgage loans.
 - Effective: These changes are targeted to become effective after the implementation of Daily Reporting and LAR 96 format expansion. The MPF Program will communicate further details at a later date.

To help ease the transition, PFIs can begin submitting the LAR 96 as early as the March 2022 Mortgage Loan Activity reporting. However, until the MPF Program fully transitions, PFIs may continue reporting in the current MPF Xtra Layouts (Exhibit C and Exhibit D) for Daily Reporting.





Prior to using the LAR 96 file for reporting, Servicers must submit the MPF Xtra Reporting Change Notification (Form SG370-X) to the Master Servicer at least 15 days in advance of the first file submission.

Servicers can also begin testing the LAR 96 with the Master Servicer effective March 2, 2022 by completing one of the two testing options:

- Upload the test file to your respective ServicerConnect library with the naming convention of "test_file_LAR96". Once uploaded, then send a notification email to <u>servicerconnect@wellsfargo.com</u> with the subject line "Expanded LAR96 Format Validation Request".
- Should a service provider not have access to a ServicerConnect library, they can attached the test file to a notification email sent to <u>servicerconnect@wellsfargo.com</u> with the subject line "Expanded LAR96 Format Validation Request".

The Master Servicer will provide feedback within three (3) Business Days of receipt of the test file. The testing will focus on the file format and not the data content. The Master Servicer will not be reviewing the accuracy of the loan level data provided, but only reviewing and validating that the file is presented in the correct format including field layout. If Servicers have any questions during testing, please email servicerconnect@wellsfargo.com.

Has your institution considered the following when preparing for the upcoming changes:

- Have you contacted any applicable vendors, including your institutions CORE Provider to ensure they are aware of the new reporting requirements and have the necessary preparations in place to implement the changes?
- Have you updated your processes and procedures to align with the new reporting requirements?
- Have you familiarized yourself with the available MPF Xtra Investor Reporting resources:
 - o Frequently Asked Questions
 - o On-Demand Webinar

Other topics mentioned in the Fannie Mae announcement do not apply to MPF Xtra. To gain a full understanding of these topics, PFIs should review the entire Fannie Mae Lender Letter and any applicable Fannie Mae Servicing Guide chapters, forms, or exhibits noted in the announcements.

We appreciate your continued support of the MPF Program. Please contact the MPF Service Center with any questions.

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Lender Letter (LL-2021-12)

Updated: Feb. 2, 2022

To: All Fannie Mae Single-Family Servicers Advance Notice of Changes to Master Servicing Processes and Systems

This Lender Letter provides advance notice of upcoming changes to our Master Servicing processes and systems. These changes further simplify and streamline servicer reporting and will be introduced in a phased approach beginning September 2021.

Feb. 2, 2022

- Update the effective date for the changes described in
 - o Streamline investor reporting with LSDU self-serve capabilities
 - o <u>2022 cash simplification changes</u>
 - o <u>Guaranty fee relief after four months delinquency</u>

Sept. 29, 2021

Announce effective dates for Cash Simplification changes

Jun. 16, 2021

- Reimbursement of gross servicing fee and guaranty fee for mortgage loans with a payment deferral
- Elimination of servicer's advance payment of UPB at foreclosure
- <u>Streamline investor reporting with LSDU self-serve capabilities</u>
- 2022 cash simplification changes
- <u>Guaranty fee relief after four months delinquency</u>

Reimbursement of gross servicing fee and guaranty fee for mortgage loans with a payment deferral

When a mortgage loan with a completed payment deferral, COVID-19 payment deferral, or disaster payment deferral later matures or is paid-in-full, we currently reimburse the servicer for applicable servicing fees, guaranty fees, and excess servicing fees through a credit to the servicer's custodial account, as stated in <u>F-1-05</u>, Expense Reimbursement. With this Lender Letter, once a payment deferral is completed, the servicer will be able to obtain advance notice of the reimbursable amounts by utilizing Fannie Mae Connect[™] or the Loan Servicing Data Utility (LSDU) application. Specifically, these amounts will be available in the Fannie Mae Connect DARTS Delinquency Modification and Payment Deferral Closed Report and LSDU's Loan Data Search.

For applicable mortgage loans that are paid-in-full or matured, we will provide the reimbursement amounts for scheduled/scheduled (S/S) and scheduled/actual remittance type mortgage loans via two new adjustment types: PD Servicer Reimbursement Gree and PD Servicer Reimbursement Grees Sfee. For actual/actual (A/A) remittance type mortgage loans, we will continue to provide a shortage/surplus adjustment through existing adjustment types.

Effective: These changes are effective with the September 2021 mortgage loan activity reporting.

Elimination of servicer's advance payment of UPB at foreclosure

We are eliminating the requirement for servicers to advance payment of outstanding scheduled UPB upon completion of the foreclosure for all S/S remittance type mortgage loans for which we bear the foreclosure loss risk or which are shared risk with us being responsible for marketing the property. For applicable mortgage loans, we will no longer draft outstanding scheduled UPB reported on the Loan Activity Report (LAR). Additionally, our investor reporting system will now reimburse advanced P&I through new adjustment types: FCL Reimbursement Adv Principal and FCL Reimbursement Adv Interest, which will be netted against the respective P&I drafts. There are no other related changes to investor reporting requirements, and the servicer must continue to follow existing investor reporting requirements for S/S remittance type mortgage loans.

NOTE: The servicer may also access additional resources for these updates on our <u>website</u>.

Effective: These changes are effective with the September 2021 mortgage loan activity reporting.

Streamline investor reporting with LSDU self-serve capabilities Updated Feb. 2

We will be introducing Master Servicing Portfolio Manager, a loan servicing management tool that allows servicer self-service and oversight in managing master servicing performance, portfolios, and loan activity.

In addition, we will make certain enhancements to create additional functionality in LSDU and retire SURF[™] in conjunction with these updates. We will enhance LSDU to allow submission of all LAR types individually or in bulk for original submission or correction of a previous submission, as well as to allow for submission of REMIC whole loan files and files involving mortgage loans requiring changes pursuant to the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. Servicers will be able to access LSDU for loan and cash information and to submit files.

NOTE: For detailed information about LAR types refer to the <u>Investor Reporting Manual</u>.

Effective: The rollout of the Master Servicing Portfolio Manager tool will begin by the second quarter of 2022. The enhancements to LSDU are targeted to become effective after the implementation of the changes described in <u>Guaranty fee relief after four</u> <u>months delinquency</u>. We will communicate further details at a later date.

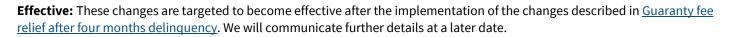
2022 cash simplification changes Updated Feb. 2

We are changing the reporting due date for summary reporting mortgage loans, expanding the transaction type 96 (LAR) format, and changing P&I remittance requirements for summary reporting A/A remittance type mortgage loans.

Reporting due date for summary reporting mortgage loans

For summary reporting mortgage loans, regardless of remittance type, servicers will be required to submit a LAR 96, reporting borrower payment activity, no later than the first business day after the servicer processes the payment transaction in its system. If no payment is received from the borrower, a LAR 96 must still be reported by the twenty-second calendar day of the month of the reporting period. If the twenty-second calendar day falls on a weekend or holiday, the LAR 96 is due on the preceding business day. Corrections to reported activity and any additional activity must be reported by the first business day after the servicer processes the activity in its system but no later than 8 p.m. Eastern Time on the first business day of the month following the reporting period.

NOTE: Aligned with the current process, we will continue to record activity for the last LAR 96 successfully processed.



LAR 96 format expansion

The LAR 96 summary reporting format will be expanded to include the data displayed in the following table.

Data Element	Description
Date of Last Full Payment	The date the last fully paid installment was received from the borrower.
Full LPI Date	The LPI date for the loan. Month and year must agree with the month and year
	reported in LAR 96 position 24 (LPI date).
Mortgage Principal and Interest	The P&I portion of the borrower's regular installment payment for the reporting time
Amount	period.
Mortgage Taxes and Insurance Amount	The T&I (i.e., escrow) portion of the borrower's regular installment payment for the
	reporting time period.
Trial Period Plan Payment Amount	For borrowers in the trial period plan of a modification, the amount of the trial
	payment for the reporting time period.
Deferred UPB	The amount of the deferred (non-interest bearing) portion of the UPB.
Escrow Balance Amount	The balance of funds held in escrow for the loan, including taxes and insurance.
Curtailment Date	The date of the curtailment. Up to twenty curtailments can be recorded during the
	reporting time period.
Principal Curtailment Amount	The curtailment amount applied to the interest bearing portion of the UPB. Up to
	twenty curtailments can be recorded during the reporting time period.

Effective: These changes are targeted to become effective after the implementation of the changes described in <u>Guaranty fee</u> relief after four months delinquency. We will communicate further details at a later date.

P&I remittance for summary reporting A/A mortgage loans

To simplify the servicer's responsibilities for remitting a P&I payment for an A/A remittance type mortgage loan, we will automatically initiate a draft of the remittance amount from the servicer's custodial account within 48 hours. This change will align to remitting requirements for summary and detailed reporting A/A remittance type mortgage loans and will also eliminate the monthly shortage/surplus balance reconciliation using *Schedule 3 – Reconciliation of Shortage Surplus* (Form 472). Once the change becomes effective, we will settle-up any outstanding shortage/surplus balances at that time. There are no remitting changes for any other remittance types.

Effective: These changes are targeted to become effective after the implementation of the changes described in <u>Reporting due</u> <u>date for summary reporting mortgage loans</u> and <u>LAR 96 format expansion</u>. We will communicate further details at a later date.

Guaranty fee relief after four months delinquency Updated Feb. 2

In <u>LL-2020-13</u>, we informed servicers that at a future effective date to be determined, we will update our policies to provide that immediately after an MBS mortgage loan is four consecutive months delinquent, servicers will no longer be required to advance guaranty fees. We are now providing more information and an effective date for these changes, which will apply to all S/S remittance type mortgage loans in MBS pools that are 120+ days delinquent, regardless of whether we or the servicer bears the foreclosure loss risk.

For S/S remittance type mortgage loans where we bear the foreclosure loss risk, in the Loan Reporting Cycle that an S/S MBS mortgage loan becomes 120+ days delinquent, we will place the mortgage loan in the Stop Delinquency Advance process. No monthly guaranty fee will be drafted during the Stop Delinquency Advance process unless the servicer reports a movement in the LPI date and actual UPB to reflect the receipt of a full contractual payment from the borrower. Guaranty fee relief ends upon exiting the Stop Delinquency Advance process.



For S/S remittance type mortgage loan where the servicer bears the foreclosure loss risk, in the Loan Reporting Cycle that an S/S MBS mortgage loan becomes 120+ days delinquent, we will inform the servicer that the loan has guaranty fee relief. No monthly guaranty fee will be drafted unless the servicer reports a movement in the LPI and Actual UPB to reflect the receipt of a full contractual payment from the borrower. At that point, we will draft the guaranty fee associated with the payment.

Effective: These changes are effective with the June 2022 cash remittance cycle (based on May 2022 loan activity reporting).

Servicers who have questions about this Lender Letter should contact the Future of Servicing mailbox at <u>future_of_servicing@fanniemae.com</u>. Have Guide questions? Get answers to all your policy questions, straight from the source. <u>Ask Poli</u>.

Let your voice be heard! We want your feedback on our policy communications to help us improve the clarity of new and updated policy and understand any implications to borrowers. Click below to take a short survey regarding this Lender Letter.

