

Freddie Mac Statement in Support of Transition to Secured Overnight Financing Rate for Single-Family Adjustable Rate Mortgages

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Freddie Mac supports the <u>Alternative Reference Rate Committee's</u> (ARRC) recommendation to replace the LIBOR index with a new index based on the Secured Overnight Financing Rate (SOFR). The transition will impact new purchases of hybrid ARMs once a SOFR-based product is implemented.

Freddie Mac will work closely with the ARRC, the Federal Housing Finance Agency, and other industry participants on a thoughtful and deliberate process to implement this recommendation within the home mortgage lending industry. We will also work with our clients, investors, and servicers to ensure a seamless transition for lenders and borrowers to SOFR-based ARMs by the end of 2021.

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