§ 36.4304 Deviations; changes of identity.

A deviation of more than 5 percent between the estimates upon which a certificate of commitment has been issued and the report of final payment of the proceeds of the loan, or a change in the identity of the property upon which the original appraisal was based, will invalidate the certificate of commitment unless such deviation or change be approved by the Secretary.
§ 36.4305 Any deviation in excess of 5 percent or change in the identity of the property upon which the original appraisal was based must be supported by a new or supplemental appraisal of reasonable value: Provided, That substitution of materials of equal or better quality and value approved by the veteran and the designated appraiser shall not be deemed a “change in the identity of the property” within the purview of this section. A deviation not in excess of 5 percent will not require the prior approval of the Secretary.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 3703(c)(1))

§ 36.4306 Refinancing of mortgage or other lien indebtedness.

(a) Any loan for the purpose of refinancing (38 U.S.C. 3710(a)(5)) an existing mortgage loan or other indebtedness secured by a lien of record on a dwelling or farm residence owned and occupied or to be reoccupied if the refinancing loan is for the completion of major alterations, repairs or improvements to the property, by an eligible veteran as the veteran’s home, or in the case of an eligible veteran unable to occupy the property because of active duty status in the Armed Forces, occupied or to be reoccupied by the veteran’s spouse as the spouse’s home, shall be eligible for guaranty in an amount as computed under § 36.4302(a) provided that—

(1) The amount of the loan may not exceed an amount equal to 90 percent of the reasonable value of the dwelling or farm residence which will secure the loan, as determined by the Secretary.

(2) The dollar amount of discount, if any, to be paid by the veteran is reasonable in amount as determined by the Secretary in accordance with § 36.4313(d)(7)(i).