

Annual Income – Removing the Mystery

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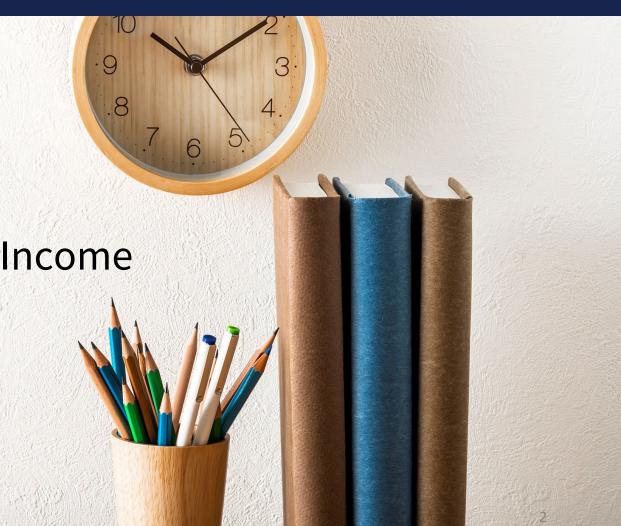
Today's Topics

Income Eligibility

Annual Household Income

Adjusted Annual Household Income

Q&A



Income Definitions

Annual Income

The income of all adult household members, not just parties to the note.

Adjusted Annual Income

The household's annual income minus certain qualified household deductions.

Repayment Income

The stable and dependable income used to calculate debt ratios and determine whether the applicant(s) can afford the home.

Eligibility Requirements



7 CFR Part 3555

Subpart D 3555.151 "Eligibility Requirements" What the "regulation" says.

(a) Income eligibility: At the time of loan approval, the household's adjusted income must not exceed the applicable moderate-income limit. The lender is responsible for documenting the household's income to determine eligibility for the SFHGLP.



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Chapter 9
Paragraph 9.3
"Annual Income"

What the "handbook" says.

"Annual income will include all eligible income sources from all adult household members, not just parties to the loan note. The annual income for the household will be used to calculate the adjusted annual household income. The adjusted annual income determines if the household is eligible for a guaranteed loan."

Adjusted Annual Income - Definition



7 CFR Part 3555

Subpart D 3555.10

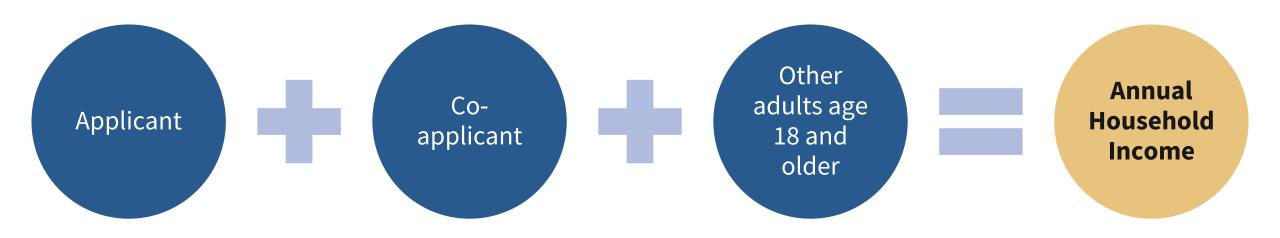
"Definitions and abbreviations"

What the "regulation" says.

Adjusted annual income. Income from all household members who live or propose to live in the dwelling as their primary residence for all or part of the ensuing 12 months. Adjusted annual income is used to determine whether an applicant is income-eligible for a guaranteed loan, or interest assistance, if applicable. Adjusted annual income provides for deductions to account for varying household circumstances and expenses. See 3555.152(c) for a complete description of adjusted annual income.

Total Household Income









Include ALL sources of income for ALL adult household members.



Review income documentation.



Types of income earned and its history. (salary/hourly, overtime, bonus, commission, self-employed, child support, unemployment, etc.)



Consider the time of year the applicant applies.

Calculation of Annual Income





Use the **gross amount**, before any payroll deductions, of base wages and salaries, overtime pay, commissions, fees, tips, bonuses, housing allowances and other compensations for personal services of all adult members of the household.

(Unless they meet the exclusion criteria of 3555.152(b)(2) and Attachment 9-A).



Documented cost of living allowances or wage increases that will be effective on or before loan closing, must be included in the annual income calculation.



Only include the <u>first \$480</u> of earned income from <u>adult full-time students</u> who are not the applicant, co-applicant, or spouse of an applicant.



Include the income of an applicant's spouse, unless the spouse has been <u>living apart</u> from the applicant for at least **three months**.

(For reasons other than military or work assignment.

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Court proceeding for divorce or legal separation have been commenced.)

Calculation of Annual Income

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An adult member that is currently unemployed but is seeking new employment must have their previous earnings included in the annual income.

• The previous earnings are not required to be included when there is documented evidence to support they are not seeking to be reemployed, such as a tendered resignation, official termination from previous employer, or a signed statement from the adult household member that they do not plan to pursue new employment.

Income verifications provided by the applicant that do not currently support historical earnings with the same employer.

Verified changes of income amounts or sources in the ensuing 12 months must be documented.

Calculation of Annual Income



Income sources that will not be received for the entire ensuing 12 months must continue to be included in annual income unless excluded under 3555.152(b)(5).

Annual income is the total of all income sources for a 12- month timeframe.

The Income Calculations, must state: the income source, the number of months receipt remaining for the ensuing 12- month timeframe, and the total amount to be received.

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Written, oral, or electronic verifications, and documents provided or prepared by third-party

Verifications or documents transmitted by or passed through an interested third party such as builders, real estate professionals, or sellers are not acceptable



Original forms replaced with Fax, photocopies, digital images and computer-generated documents

Altered documents are not acceptable







The lender is responsible for the integrity and accuracy of the information in the mortgage underwriting file.



Verification and documentation of household annual income will be retained in the lender's permanent case file.



Paystubs/earning statements must include adequate information to calculate income and include year-to-date earnings.



All Paystubs/earning statements that are dated no earlier than 30 days prior to their initial loan application date.



W-2 forms must include the most recent one-or-two years as applicable. W-2's must clearly identify the applicant and employer.

Review Attachment 9-A



Refer to Applicable Column



Retain All Documentation in the Permanent Case File



https://www.rd.usda.gov/files/3555-1chapter09.pdf

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Income and Documentation Matrix

Income guidance: 7 CFR 3555, Section 3555.152(a) and (b)

This matrix cannot cover every income/asset type, employment scenario, etc. USDA requires approved lenders to use sound judgment to make accurate and dependable analysis of income per 3555.152(a). Exclusions may apply under 3555.152(b)(5) and Attachment 9-D.

Considerations for Income Calculations

- Income used in Repayment Income calculations must be confirmed to continue a minimum of three years into
- If the income is tax exempt, it may be grossed up 25 percent.
- "Documentation Source Options" lists eligible documentation. Every item listed is not required unless otherwise stated. Lenders must meet the income verification documentation requirements outlined in this

Chapter.				
Income Type	Annual) (Repayment	
Adoption Assistance or Subsidy	Annual If the income will be the ensuing 12 months first \$480 of adoption subsidy assistance for grantee.	s, include the income or	Required Historincome must be retime of loan applicant the income, a o the amount o received each	eceived at the cation. ument: is currently receiving and f the income
			dates on the docu presumed to conti	mentation will be
Documentation Source Opt	ions:			

- · Benefit/Award letter to document the amount and duration of payments
- · Online payment schedule from the Agency, bank statements, etc.
- · Federal income tax returns or IRS tax transcripts with all schedules

Automobile Allowance	Include amounts documented on the pay statements as taxable gross earnings that will be received in the ensuing 12 months.	Required History: One year Continuance: Income will be presumed to continue unless there is documented evidence the income will cease. The amount of allowance that exceeds the expenditure may be included for repayment. If there is a monthly debt associated with the income (such as a car or equipment payment), this debt must continue to be included in the debt ratio calculation.
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Documentation Source Options:

- Paystub(s)/Earning statement(s)
- · Contract/agreement from employer to state terms and duration of payments
- · Federal income tax returns or IRS tax transcripts with all schedules

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NOT Included in Annual Household Income



Earned wage income of minors

Foster child/adult payments

Reimbursements for medical expenses

Income of dependents over 18 that are full time students (only count first \$480)

Temporary or sporadic income

Income with no recurring pattern

Lump sum payments

Earned income tax credits

Adoption assistance

Refunds for property taxes

Amounts paid by a State agency to a family with a disabled family member living at home

Student financial aid

Earnings of live in aids

Employer fringe benefit packages unless they are taxable income

SNAP benefits

Income Verification Requirements

Streamlined Documentation



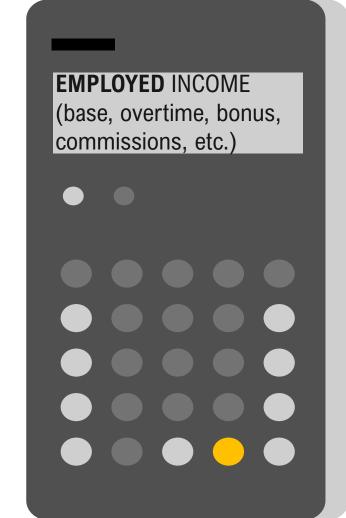
<u>1</u>recent paystub with YTD figure



Written VOE (may be electronically generated from employer or verification service if complete information is provided)



Verbal VOE (must be obtained within 10 business days of closing)



Full Documentation



Paystubs covering the most recent four weeks of earnings



W-2's for the most recent two tax years



Verbal VOE (must be obtained within 10 business days of closing)

Income Verification Requirements





2-years of signed individual <u>and</u> business tax returns with all schedules plus a recent profit and loss statement (not required to be audited)

<u>OR</u>

IRS transcripts with all schedules plus a recent profit and loss statement (not required to be audited)



Trend analysis for the applicant's business (Recommend use of Fannie Mae Form 1084, "Cash Flow Analysis" and Fannie Mae Form 1088, "Comparative Income Analysis")



Confirmation the business is operational within 30 days of loan closing





Tax returns for selfemployed borrowers must be copies of the original returns filed with the IRS and include all supporting schedules.



Lenders may substitute IRS transcripts obtained directly from the IRS with all supporting schedules.



Lenders must continue to obtain the most recent two years of returns as applicable.



USDA requires all applicants to be current on their income tax filings.

Applicants with approved IRS extensions for the current tax year may continue to be eligible if they are not delinquent on taxes owed.

Evidence of the extension and tax payment made, if applicable, must be retained in the lender's permanent loan file.

USDA does not require an applicant to file a return for the current tax year if the IRS schedule/deadline for that tax year has not passed (i.e. prior to April 15th).



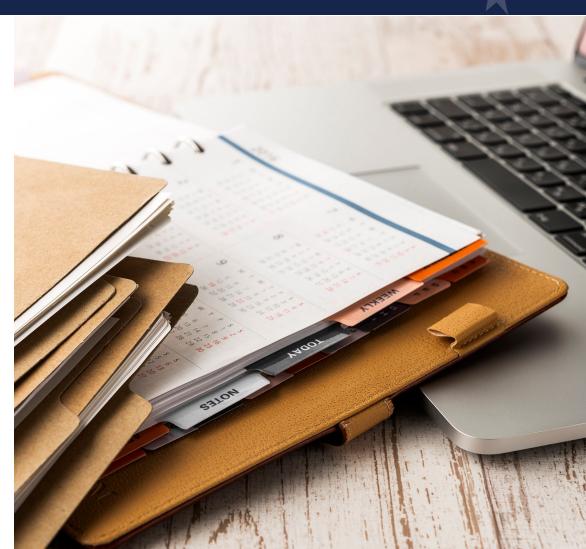
^{*}Refer to Attachment 10-A for IRS Taxes/Delinquency guidance*

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Income and asset documents and verifications cannot be greater than 120 days old at time of loan closing.

Divorce decrees, income tax returns, and other documents that do not expire, will continue to have the most recent or filed copy accepted.

Income and asset documents greater than 120 days old at the time of loan closing must be updated or re-verified to support applicant/household eligibility.



Income From Assets



Lenders must review asset information provided by applicant(s) and household members at the time of loan application

Net family assets with actual earnings

Use the **stated rate of interest** to calculate annual income

Net family assets that **do not earn** interest

Use a **current passbook savings rate** (verified through the lender's personal banking rates, online website, etc.) to calculate annual income

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Types of Income	

Adults	Minor
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Bob (Applicant) (full-time employment; \$20,000 joint checking/savings)

Lily

Jenny

(part-time

employment)

Sue (Co-Applicant) (full-time employment; \$20,000 joint checking/savings)

Grandpa Happy (SSI and 401k; \$70,000 joint checking & savings)

Ben

Sophie

Grandma Happy

(full-time college student)

Sam

(SSI and 401k; \$70,000 joint checking & savings)

Twins Lucy & Lucas

The "Happy" Family



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Adults	Minors	The Hanny Family's
Bob (Applicant) (full-time employment; \$20,000 joint checking/savings)	Jenny (part-time \$0 employment)	The Happy Family's Annual Income
Sue (full-time employment; \$20,000 joint checking/savings)	Lily	
Grandpa Happy (SSI and 401k; \$70,000 joint checking & savings)	Ben	
Grandma Happy (SSI and 401k; \$70,000 joint checking & savings)	Sophie	
Sam (full-time college student) Only first \$480	Twins Lucy & Lucas	

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The Happy Family's **Adjusted Annual Income** \$480 x 7 = \$3360 May also include verified childcare expenses Elderly deduction does not apply 00



Make sure to include:

Include: Income of all adult household members, including benefits received on behalf of minors.

Include: The first \$480 of earned income from adult full-time students who are not the applicant, co-applicant, or spouse of an applicant.

Include: \$0 for a business loss.

The Happy Family's **Annual Income**





Assets:

Include: Income from cumulative household non-retirement assets of \$50,000 or greater.

- Assets with actual earnings will use the stated rate of interest.
- Assets that do not earn interest will use a current passbook savings rate.
- ➤ Deduct any funds utilized for down payment, closing costs, pre-paids, etc. in the home purchase transaction PRIOR to calculating asset income.

The Happy Family's **Annual Income**





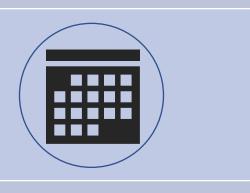
Exclude:

- Lump Sum or Sporadic Payments
- Section 8 Housing Vouchers
- Student Loans
- > SNAP Benefits
- Unreimbursed Employee Expenses

The Happy Family's **Annual Income**



Income Calculation Examples





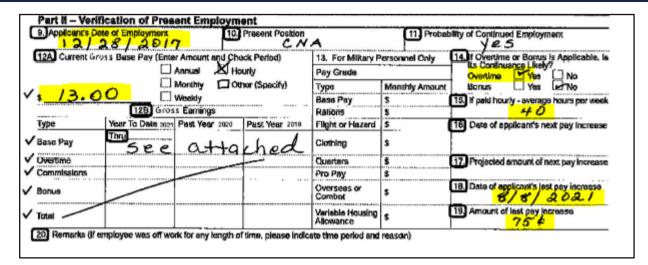


These are solely examples using the assumption that historical information is consistent with the current information being reviewed.

 There may be instances where historical information will need to be factored into the income calculations based on the information available to the underwriter. Although we have provided some examples in this training, Rural Development does not specify a sole method that the lender must use to calculate income.

It remains the approved lender's responsibility to review the complete income history to accurately calculate the income expected to be received in the ensuing 12 months, and to document their income calculations in their loan file to support their lending decisions.

Income Calculation



- ✓ Date of Hire 12/28/2017
- ✓ Recent pay raise
- ✓ OT to continue
- √ Paystub as of 11/4/2021

Totals		3,339.25		23,796.70
=	*	3,339.25	000	23,706.78
BIRTHDAY		8.00	13.00	104.00
VACATION PAY		24.00	13.00	312.00
HOLIDAY		8.00	13.00	104.00
OVERTIME		16.75	19.50	326.63
REGULAR		417.00	13.00	5,421.00
SHIFT DIFF		1.75	1.00	1.75
HOLIDAY		16.00	12 75	204.00
VACATION PAY		88.00	12.75	1,122.00
OVERTIME		2.75	19 13	52.61
SHIFT DIFF .75		1,595.75	0.75	1,196.84
OVERTIME		9.25	19 13	176.91
REGULAR		1,143.75	12.75	14,582.82
REGULAR		8.25	12.38	102.14

- Hourly pay \$13 x 40 = \$520 x 52 = \$27,040 yr
- OT/Shift Diff \$176.91 + \$1196.84 + \$52.61 + \$1.75 + \$326.63 = \$1754.74/10.133 = \$173.17 x 12 = \$2078.04
- Annual HHLD Income \$27,040 + \$2078.04 = \$29,118.04
- YTD paystub \$23,706.70/10.133 = \$2,339.55 x 12 = \$28,074.60

Income Calculation



Employ	ment					
Job Title: CSR Employment Status: ACTI		01.030.405.0 CSR I Mrkt (ACTIVE) 08/09/2021		Original Hire Date Total Time With E		08/09/2021 0 Years, 2 Months
Income Employ	ree Rate of Pay:	\$31,200.00		Last Amount of p	pay increase:	Data not provided
	ree Pay Frequency: rs. Worked / Pay Period:	Annual 80		Last Date of pay	increase:	Data not provided
Pay Cy	cle:	Biweekly				
Annual I	ncome Summary					
	Base Salary	Overtime	Commission	Bonus	Other	Total
2021	\$2,171.57	\$10.67	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,763.11	\$3,945.35

Control Number	Pay Period Sta Date		eriod End Date	Rate Type	FLSA		Pay Freque	ency
411904	Oct 17, 2021	Oct 3	30, 2021	Hourly	Non-Exem	pt	Bi-Weekly	
Earnings	Hours	Amoun	t Year	to Date	Deduction	on A	Amount	Year to Date
Bonus Direct Non Disc Incent	o.00	0	0.00	1306.40	GSA ANTHEN MEDICAL		75.00	150.00
Holiday	0.00	0	0.00	94.88	GSA ANTHEM MEDICAL Arr		0.00	75.00
Holiday Other	0.00	0	0.00	120.00	IVILDIOAL AII	Sais		
Non Discretionary Bor Prm	0.00		0.00	1.85				
Overtime	0.00	0	0.00	10.68				
Reg 2nd Shift - 10% P	rem 0.00	0	0.00	692.75				
Regular	63.80	9	57.00	4899.47				
Unpaid Authorized Tin Off	ne 0.00		0.00	0.00				
Unpaid Time Off Hour	ly 0.00	0	0.00	0.00				
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ŗ.	Gross	Fed. Tax	Soc. Sec.	Medicare	State Tax	Other Tax	Deduction	s Net Pay
Current	957.00	0.00	54.68	12.70	58 03	8 82	75.0	00 746 78

7126.03

Year to Date

122.80

427.86

100.07

354.01

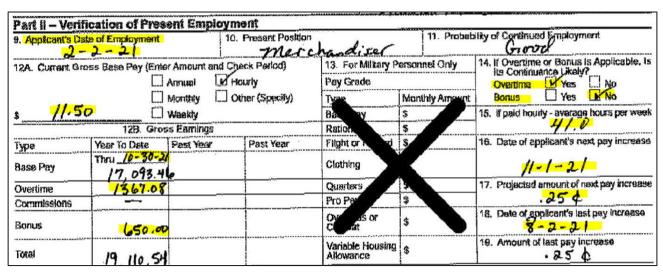
69.00

225.00

5827.29

- Borrower DOH: 8/9/2021
- Annual Salary: \$31,200
- Bonus/OT/shift diff: \$1306.40 + \$1.85 + \$10.68 + \$692.75 = \$2011.68/2.74 = \$734.19 x 12 = \$8810.28
- Annual Income \$31,200 + \$8810.28 = \$40,010.28

Income Calculation



Employee Number 9D-0030284	Social Security Number ***-**-0284	Pay Rate 11.50 HW	Period End 10/23/2021	Stub Number D26417
		Hours	Amount	YTD
*** EARNINGS ***				
REGULAR WAGES		40.00	460.00	16,271.46
OVERTIME WAGES		3.60	62.10	1,336.03
VACATION WAGES		0.00	0.00	90.00
BONUS WAGES		0.00	0.00	650.00
Holiday Wages		0.00	0.00	272.00
*** TAX DEDUCTIONS ***				
Federal W/H			22.12	803.05
Social Security Tax			30.20	1,080.21
Medicare Tax			7.06	252.60
KY State W/H			20.20	756.18
KYWHICO W/H			5.22	186.23
*** DEDUCTIONS ***				
HEALTH CARE			35.00	1,197.05
SUPPLEMENTAL BENEFITS			0.00	318.76
VOLUNTARY LIFE			0.00	44.98
UNUM LONG TERM DISABILITY			0.00	28.60
EMPLOYEE SALES			0.00	205.10
401-K (CO. MATCHING) EMPLOYEE			31.33	31.33
*** DIRECT DEPOSITS ***				
			370.97	13,715.40

- Hourly rate \$11.75 x 40 = \$470.00 x 52 = \$24,440.00
- OT/Bonus \$1367.08 + \$650 = \$2017.08/8.96 = \$225.12 x 12 = \$2701.45
- Total Annual HHLD Income \$24,440.00 + \$2701.45 = \$27,141.45

BFS Income Calculation

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Cash Flow Analysis (Form 1084)

3.	Schedule C -	Profit or	Loss	from I	Business:	Sole	Proprietorship
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a.	Net Profit or (Loss)	(+/-)	(+/-)
b.	Nonrecurring Other (Income) Loss/Expenses	(+/-)	(+/-)
C.	Depletion	(+)	(+)
d.	Depreciation	(+)	(+)
e.	Non-deductible Travel and Meals Expenses	(-)	(-)
f.	Business Use of Home	(+)	(+)
g.	Amortization/Casualty Loss	(+)	(+)

Business Loss	Include zero in annual income for a	Lenders must analyze Federal tax returns	
	business loss.	to determine the appropriate business	
		loss. Depreciation, depletion, business	
		use of home, and other paper deductions	
		may be allowed to be added back to the	
		net profit/loss. Lenders may refer to	
		Fannie Mae Form1084 or comparable	
		self-employed analysis form for	
		assistance.	
		A business loss must be deducted from	
		repayment income prior to entering stable	
		and dependable income in the GUS	
		application and/or loan application.	

Documentation Source Options:

- · Federal income tax returns or IRS tax transcripts with all schedules (for businesses with less than a two-year history, review all available data)
- YTD Profit and Loss (not required to be audited)

SCHEDULE C (Form 1040)

Profit or Loss From Business

OMB No. 1545-0074

Department of the Treasury
Internel Revenue Service (99)

Attach to Form 1040, 1040-SR, 1040-NR, or 1041; partnerships generally must file Form 1065.

Name C	or proprietor					Social	security number (SSN)			
A	Principal business or profession, including product or service (see instructions)					B Ente	B Enter code from Instructions			
С	Business name. If no separate business name, leave blank,						D Employer ID number (EIN), (see instr.)			
E	E Business address (including suite or room no.) ▶									
	City, town or post office, state,									
F	Accounting method: (1)	Cash	(2) Accrual (3)		Other (specify)					
G	Did you "materially participate"	in the oper	ation of this business du	uring 2	020? If "No," see instructions for lin	it on los	ses X Yes No			
н	If you started or acquired this	business du	ring 2020, check here							
I	Did you make any payments in	n 2020 that	would require you to file	Form	(s) 1099? See instructions		Yes No			
J	If "Yes," did you or will you file	required Fo	rms 1099?	$x_1 = x_2$			Yes No			
Part	I Income									
1	Gross receipts or sales. See in Form W-2 and the "Statutory of				his income was reported to you on	1	53,436			
2	Returns and allowances .			p 12		. 2				
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1	5 W W W		20 V.5		3	53,436			
4	Cost of goods sold (from line 4	12)		e. e.		4				
5	Gross profit. Subtract line 4	from line 3		5 .		5	53,436			
6	Other income, including federa	al and state	gasoline or fuel tax cred	lit or re	fund (see instructions)	6				
7	Gross Income. Add lines 5 a	nd 6		0.123		7	53,436			
Part	II Expenses. Enter expenses.	enses for b	usiness use of your l	nome	only on line 30.					
8	Advertising	8		18	Office expense (see instructions)	18				
9	Car and truck expenses (see			19	Pension and profit-sharing plans	. 19				
	instructions)	9		20	Rent or lease (see instructions):					
10	Commissions and fees .	10		а	Vehicles, machinery, and equipment	20a	47			
11	Contract labor (see instructions)	11		b	Other business property	_	45			
12	Depletion	12		21	Repairs and maintenance					
13	Depreciation and section 179 expense deduction (not			22	Supplies (not included in Part III)		409			
	included in Part III) (see			23	Taxes and licenses	23				
	instructions)	13		24	Travel and meals:					
14	Employee benefit programs			а	Travel	24a				
	(other than on line 19)	14		b	Deductible meals (see					
15 16	Insurance (other than health)	15		25	instructions)					
a	Interest: (see instructions): Mortgage (paid to banks, etc.)	40-		26	Wages (less employment credits)	25				
b	Other	16a		27a	Other expenses (from line 48) .		1,666			
17	Legal and professional services	17	-	b	Reserved for future use	27a	1,000			
28			none une of home. Add	_	through 27a	_	2,167			
29					anoogn 27a	29	51,269			
30					s elsewhere. Attach Form 8829	123	02,202			
	unless using the simplified me									
	Simplified method fliers only	y: enter the	total square footage of:	(a) yo	ur home:					
	and (b) the part of your home	used for bus	iness:		. Use the Simplified	·				
	Method Worksheet in the instr			r on lir	ie 30	. 30				
31	Net profit or (loss). Subtract	line 30 from	line 29.							
 If a profit, enter on both Schedule 1 (Form 1040), line 3, and on Schedule SE, line 2. (If you checked the box on line 1, see instructions). Estates and trusts, enter on Form 1041, line 3. 						31	51,269			
	If a loss, you must go to line 32.									
32	If you have a loss, check the box that describes your investment in this activity. See instructions.									
	• If you checked 32a, enter the loss on both Schedule 1 (Form 1040), line 3, and on Schedule SE, line 2. (If you checked the box on line 1, see the line 31 instructions). Estates and trusts, enter on Form 1041, line 3. 32a									
	 If you checked 32b, you must attach Form 6198. Your loss may be limited. 									

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Adjusted Annual Household Income

Refer to HB-1-3555, "Attachment 9-A", Pages 22 – 23 for information on applicable deductions such as:

- Dependents
- Child Care Expenses
- Elderly Household
- Care of Family Members with Disabilities
- Child support and private school tuition are <u>not</u> eligible deductions.

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Adjusted Annual Income Deductions

3555.152(c)

Dependent Deduction: 3555.152(c)(1)

- \$480 deduction per eligible dependent at the time of loan application
- Applicants with shared custody may include their child(ren)

Documentation Source Options:

- Certify to the household number on Form RD 3555-21
- List all household members and ages in Borrower Information page in GUS and Attachment 9-B, or the lender's Uniform Transmittal Summary, (FNMA Form 1008/Freddie Mac Form 1077), or equivalent.

Child Care Expenses: 3555.152(c)(2)

- · Care for children age 12 and under
- Care is necessary to enable a family member to work, seek employment, or attend school
- Calculate anticipated child care expenses for the ensuing 12 months
- Applicants that have not placed their child into care or have no evidence to support payments, deposits, or registration fees are ineligible for this deduction

Documentation Source Options:

- Utilize income tax returns, receipts, or third- party verifications provided by a licensed childcare facility or provider on letterhead that 1. Identifies the child enrolled, 2. Date of enrollment, 3. Payment due, and 4. Payment history
- Relatives or non-licensed private individuals who provide care must also provide evidence of payments made (i.e. canceled checks, money order receipts, bank statements, etc.)
- Child support payments and school tuition (K − 8) are not eligible deductions
- Attachment 9-G is an available option to document childcare expenses, but may not be used alone when additional documentation is required per this section to verify payment (i.e. relatives and private individuals)
- Calculations must be included on the Income Calculation Worksheet

Adjusted Annual Household Income



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3555.152(c)

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Does not count for pregnancy. Child must be born at time of application.

Child Care Deduction



Child Care Expenses: 3555.152(c)(2)

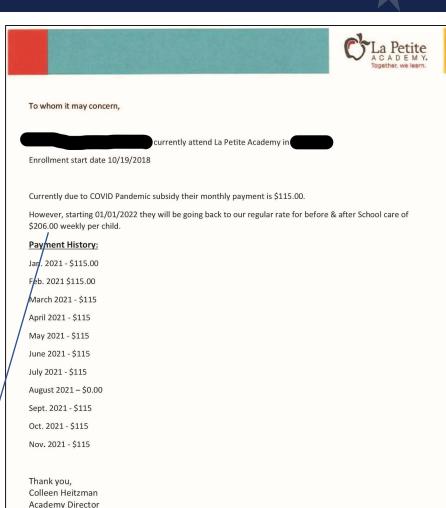
- Care for children age 12 and under
- Care is necessary to enable a family member to work, seek employment, or attend school
- Calculate anticipated child care expenses for the ensuing 12 months
- Applicants that have not placed their child into care or have no evidence to support payments, deposits, or registration fees are ineligible for this deduction

Documentation Source Options:

- Utilize income tax returns, receipts, or third- party verifications provided by a licensed childcare facility or provider on letterhead that 1. Identifies the child enrolled, 2. Date of enrollment, 3. Payment due, and 4. Payment history
- Relatives or non-licensed private individuals who provide care must also provide evidence of payments made (i.e. canceled checks, money order receipts, bank statements, etc.)
- Child support payments and school tuition (K − 8) are not eligible deductions
- Attachment 9-G is an available option to document childcare expenses, but may not be used alone when additional documentation is required per this section to verify payment (i.e. relatives and private individuals)
- · Calculations must be included on the Income Calculation Worksheet

Calculation for Child Care

LaPetit Academy
2 Children @ \$206/week per child = \$412 x 52 weeks = \$21,424 annually



La Petite Academy (253)952-6607

Disability Expenses



Disability Expenses: 3555.152(c)(3)

- Deduction for eligible expenses that exceed three percent of the annual income
- Eligible expenses: 1. allow the disabled individual or another household member to work, 2. are non-reimbursable by insurance or other sources, and 3. do not exceed the income earned by the person who is working due to the care provided
- Examples include but are not limited to daily living assistance, wheelchairs, ramps, adaption needs, workplace equipment, etc.
- Utilize documentation to estimate anticipated annual expenses

Documentation Source Options:

- Third party verifications for caregivers/agencies for the dates, costs, and fees
- Receipts, itemized income tax returns, and other evidence to support the deductions
- Calculations must be included on the Income Calculation Worksheet

Elderly Household Deduction



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Adjusted Annual Income Deductions

3555.152(c)

Elderly Household Deduction: 3555.152(c)(4)

- Applicant or Co-Applicant is age 62 or older
- One \$400 deduction allowed

Documentation Source Options:

Certify to date of birth on Form RD 3555-21 and the loan application

Medical Expenses: 3555.152(c)(5) (Elderly and Disabled Households Only)

- Deduction for eligible expenses that exceed 3 percent of the annual income for entire family
- Definition of elderly family is in 3555.10
- Utilize documentation to estimate anticipated annual expenses

Documentation Source Options:

- Itemized tax return documents
- Receipts for insurance premiums, prescriptions, dental and eye exams, eyeglasses, medical/health products
 or apparatus, hearing aids, visiting or live in care providers
- Calculations must be included on Attachment 9-B, or the Uniform Transmittal Summary, (FNMA Form 1008/Freddie Mac Form 1077), or equivalent.

Medical Expenses



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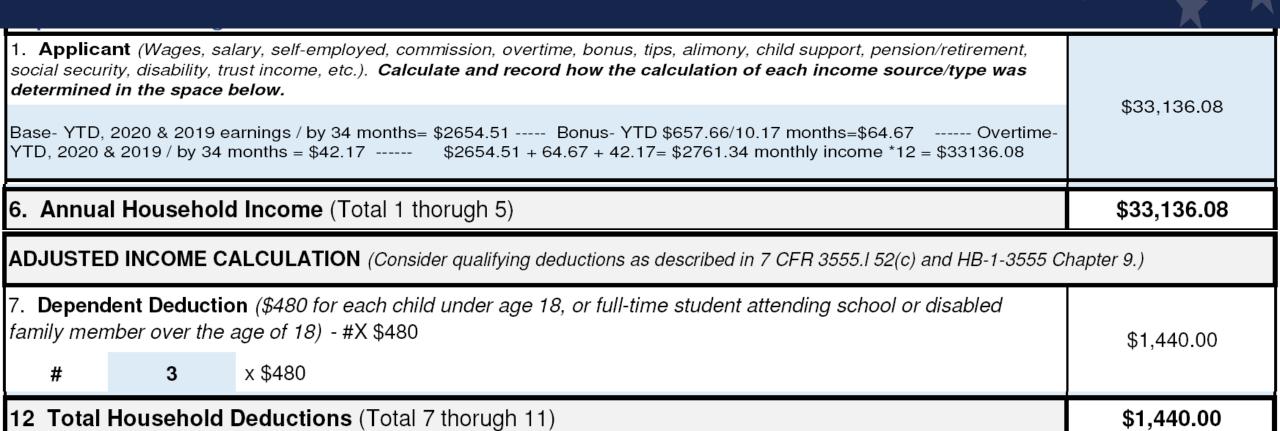
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Showing your calculations.

13. Adjusted Annual Income (Item 6 minus item 12)



\$31,696.08

Income cannot exceed Moderate Income Limit to be eligible for SFHGLP

Moderate Income Limit: \$0.00 State: County:



1

Assets

Has personal non-retirement liquid asset funds of at least 20% 2

Resources

Can pay all closing costs (plus the 20% down) associated with the loan

3

Ratios

Meets qualifying ratios of no more than 28% PITI and 36% TD when applying the 20% down payment



Credit

Demonstrates qualifying credit for such a loan



Loan Terms

Conventional loan is 30-year fixed rate loan without PMI



Certification

Lender and applicant certify applicant is not eligible for conventional credit by signing the 3555-21



The applicant has a history of overtime, with a substantial amount received year to date. However, the VOE states the overtime is unlikely to continue. Do I need to include overtime in the annual income calculation?



Annual income is calculated based on what is expected to be received in the ensuing 12 months. If there is a history of overtime, it would need to be considered by the underwriter when calculating annual income. Ultimately it is the approved lender's responsibility to review the complete income history to determine what is expected to be received in the ensuing 12 months and to document the permanent loan file to support their lending decisions.





Does the IRS child tax credit need to be included in the annual income calculation?



No, tax credits, including the Child Tax Credit are not included in the Annual income calculation.





Is per diem considered in annual income calculations?



If the per diem is taxable income, then it must be included in annual income. If the per diem is non-taxable income, it is considered reimbursement and therefore not included in annual income.





We have a borrower that is divorced and has joint custody of a child that is only claimed on the tax returns as a dependent every other tax year. Can we consider this child a household member for the calculation of family size and income eligibility?



Applicants with shared custody may include their children as household members and receive the \$480 per child deduction.





Are there exceptions or waivers to the maximum income limits?



No, there are no exceptions or waivers to the maximum income limits.





Is foster care income included in the annual income?



No, foster care income is not included in the annual or repayment income.





An adult household member is currently unemployed, do we need to consider any income for them?



An adult member that is currently unemployed but is seeking new employment must have their previous earnings included in the annual household income. The previous earnings are not required to be included when there is documented evidence to support, they are not seeking to be reemployed, such as a tendered resignation, official termination from previous employer, or a signed statement from the adult household member that they do not plan to pursue new employment.





How is a business loss for a self-employed applicant considered?



A business loss is counted as zero in annual household income, not as a reduction to annual income.

https://www.rd.usda.gov/resources/usda-linc-training-resource-library/loan-origination

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New**

- COVID-19 FAQs
- Capital Financial Requirements for Non-Regulated Lenders

Documents & Resources

- 1. 3555 Handbook (PDF)
- 2. 3555 Regulation 7 CFR 3555 (PDF)
- 3. FAQ Loan Origination (PDF)
- 4. Form RD 3555-21 Request for Loan Guarantee (PDF)
- 5. GRH Loan Checklist -- Attachment 15-A (PDF)
- 6. Manual Submission Job Aid (PDF)
- 7. GRH Income Worksheet -- Attachment 9-B (PDF)
- 8. Guaranteed and Annual Fee Calculation Guidance (PDF)
- 9. Income Matrix (PDF)
- 10. Refinance Matrix (PDF)
- 11. Sample Worksheet for Calculating Maximum Loan (PDF)



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Manual File Submission Process

To be used for loan types not supported by GUS

The following guidance provides a process for <u>manual file submissions</u> that will assist Rural Development in expediting loan application requests, while also protecting applicants' personal information.

Manual file submissions take a significant amount of Agency time to process. As a result, we feel it is important to collaborate with lenders to ensure applications are reviewed, and Conditional Commitments issued, as quickly as possible. While we encourage lenders to submit files via the Guaranteed Underwriting System (GUS), manual file submissions are necessary for loan types not supported in GUS, such as the Streamlined Assist Refinance product and certain Pilot programs.

What Do I Need to Do?

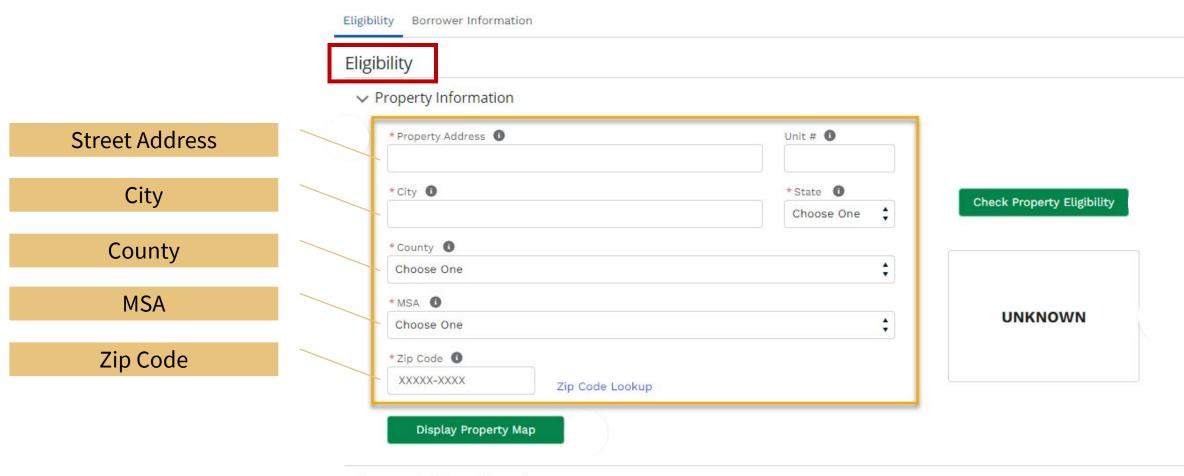
To expedite manual file submissions, please follow the 2-step instructions below to upload documents directly into GUS, even though the file will <u>not</u> be a final submission in GUS.

STEP 1: Required GUS Entries

In GUS, the lender will enter, at a minimum, the following items:

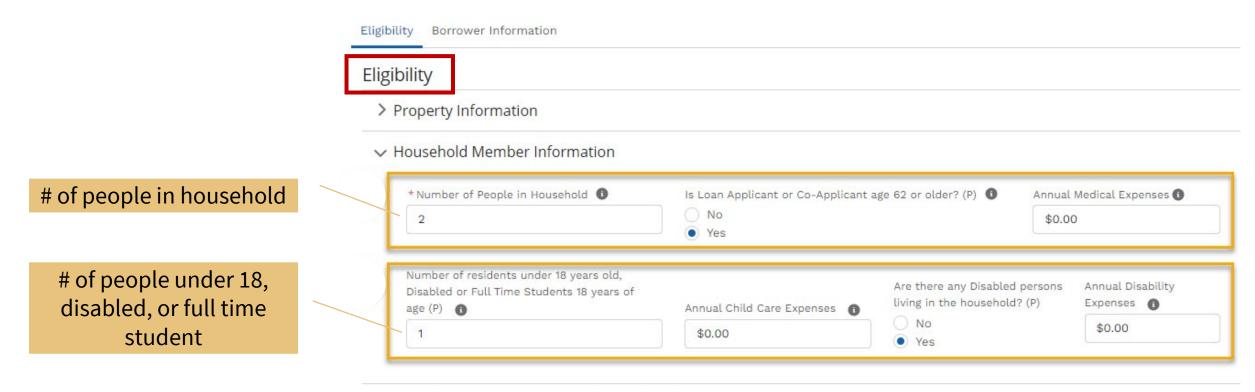
- a. "Eligibility" Page Enter the following data points:
 - Subject Property Address (Street)
 - Subject Property Address (City)
 - Subject Property Address (State)
 - Subject Property Address (County)
 - Subject Property Address (MSA)
 - Subject Property Address (Zip Code)
 - Household Income
- b. "Borrower" Page Enter the following data points for at least one applicant:
 - Borrower First Name
 - Borrower Last Name
 - Borrower Social Security Number
- "Application Documents" Page Upload all required documents as indicated on Attachment 15 A: https://www.rd.usda.gov/sites/default/files/rd-sfh-attachment15achecklist.pdf
 Additional guidance on uploading documents is found in the GUS user guide, located in
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- Lenders should <u>not</u> order or reissue credit reports in GUS or run SAVE for manual file submissions using this process.





> Household Member Information





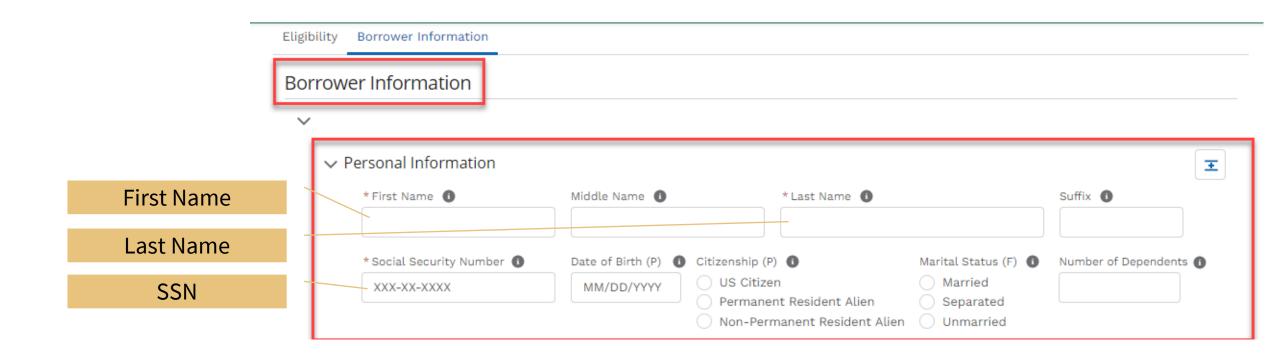
> Monthly Gross Income For All Household Members



Eligibility Borrower Information			
Eligibility			
✓ Monthly Gross Income For All Hou	usehold Members		
Enter the current monthly gross inco	me of all adult household members re	equired to determine annual household income eligibility	
Primary Borrower (P)			
Base 🕦	Commission (1)	Overtime (1)	
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Military Entitlements 🕦	Bonus 🐧	Other 1	
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
All Other Monthly Income Received by A Household (1) \$0.00	dult Members of the	Check Income Eligibility	
Total Household Income			
\$0.00			
Allowable Adjustments		UNKNOWN	
\$0.00			
Adjusted Household Income			
\$0.00			

Total Household Income





<u>Don't</u> order or reissue credit report

Don't run SAVE

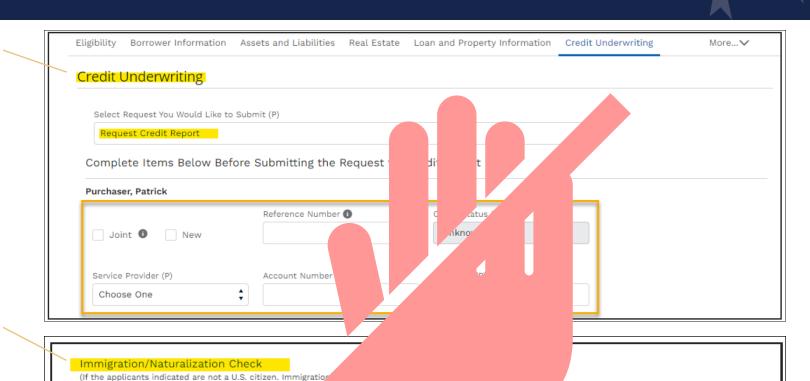
→ Patrick Purchaser

Select Immigration Form

Lender Contact Person

Initial Verification via SAVE

CIS Form I-766 "Employment Authorization (▼



Alien/USCIS Number

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Lender Contact Phone Number

Document Expiration Date

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Lender Contact Phone Extension

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Input data into GUS



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An applicant has enough liquid assets to put 20% down and pay all closing costs. However, the total debt ratio will exceed 36%. Is the applicant eligible?



Yes, the applicant qualifies since the cumulative criteria from HB-1-3555, Chapter 8, cannot be met.





Do liquid funds in a self-employed applicant's business account count towards the conventional credit test?



No, business assets that are held in specifically designated business accounts do not count against the conventional credit test.





An applicant claimed interest income on their tax return, but current assets are less than the \$50,000 threshold. Does interest income need to be included in annual income?



No, net family assets that do not exceed a cumulative total of \$50,000 are not required to be considered in the annual income calculation





What figure is used to determine the balance on a checking or savings account?



Lenders must use the lessor of the current balance or previous months ending balance.





An applicant has one \$150 deposit in the last 60 days that is outside of their payroll. Do we need to question it when they are below the income limit?



All individual deposits that are not attributed to wages or earnings need to be investigated. The guaranteed loan program is an income-based program and any unrecognized deposits should be reviewed to determine it is not undisclosed income. There is no tolerance or percentage of income that may be utilized to disqualify deposits from further consideration.





If an applicant does not need funds to close, are we required to verify assets?



Yes, assets must be verified, regardless if they are required for funds to close or not. Assets may affect income eligibility (Chapter 9) and applicant eligibility (Chapter 8).





The guideline for obtaining bank statements for checking, savings, and money market accounts indicates we are to obtain two months of the most recent statements. Is that considered most recent upon submission to Rural Development or the application date?



The most recent statements obtainable at the time of submission to Rural Development





Is obtaining a Verification of Deposit sufficient documentation of assets?



No, the verification of assets needs to include two months of recent bank statements, a Verification of Deposit with one recent bank statement, or alternate evidence (statement printouts) to support account activity and balances.





Are tax transcripts required for all borrowers?



IRS transcripts are required for all household members in addition to the documentation option selected by the lender, with the exception of children under the age of 18 and Full-time students age 18 and up that are not the applicant, co-applicant, or spouse. Lenders must require each adult household member as applicable to complete and sign IRS Form 4506-T or IRS Form 4506-C for the previous two tax years at the time of loan application. The 4506-T/4506-C must be used to request full transcripts with all schedules.





Is SSI for a minor child included?



Yes, Social Security received by the applicant on behalf of a minor child is counted in Annual income and may be used in Repayment income if it is expected to continue at least three years into the mortgage.





What about income from kids under 18?



Only the income of household members that are 18 and over are counted in the Annual income calculation.





If there is income from an adult in the household who isn't on the application, where do we put that on the 1003?



This is not on the 1003 but will be entered in GUS in the "Eligibility" tab, "Monthly Gross Income for All Household Members" drop down.

For Manual submissions, the lender may use Attachment 9-B, or the Uniform Transmittal Summary, (FNMA FORM 1008/FREDDIE MAC FORM 1077), or equivalent to document their income calculations.





If a borrower is married but the couple is separated, can they be left out of the calculation?



Include the income of an applicant's spouse, unless the spouse has been living apart from the applicant for at least three months (for reasons other than military or work assignment), or court proceedings for divorce or legal separation have been commenced. Evidence to support living apart for three months may include, but is not limited to, an apartment lease, bills, or bank statements in their name alone delivered to a different address, etc. This guidance applies to domestic partners, significant others, and fiancée's that are currently living with the applicant as a household/family unit. This guidance does not apply to adult dependents age 18 and up.



For Self Employed Borrowers -what documentation is needed when underwriting between Jan 1 to April 15 when prior year 1040 has not been filed? Do you need P&L and balance sheet for previous year and YTD for current year? Do you need to re-validate within 10 days like a salaried borrower.



- Federal Income tax return for the most recent 2 years with all schedules and a recent profit and loss statement previous year and current YTD P &L.
- Lenders may utilize Fannie Mae Form 1084 "Cash Flow Analysis," 1088 "Comparative Income Analysis," or a comparable self-employment evaluation form(s), and Attachment 9-E of the HB-1-3555 to assist in the calculation of self-employment income.
- Confirmation the business is operational, obtained within 30 days of the note date/loan closing.
 Documentation may include evidence of a website, additional internet documentation, licensing bureau certification, etc.

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