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\$2,500 down payment assistance for VLIP borrowers

- Eligible loan products: Home Possible® and HomeReady®
- Borrowers with qualifying income of less than or equal to 50% of the area median income (AMI)
- For purchase transactions only
- The full amount of the \$2,500 credit must be provided to the borrower and can be applied to down payment and closing costs, including escrows and MI premiums
- Available for loans delivered from 03/24 to 02/25



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ANO Fannie Mae's is to Feb 1, 2025. Freddie Mac's is to Feb 28, 2025

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Trust income

Fixed income

- Copy of fully executed trust agreement specifying fixed payment
- Copy of bank statements or equivalent showing receipt of fixed payment for most recent 1 year*
- Evidence of sufficient assets to support continuance*
- Use the fixed payment amount

Fluctuating income

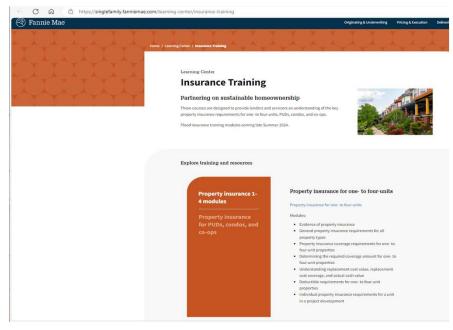
- Copy of fully executed trust agreement outlining payment terms
- Complete tax returns for most recent 2 years
- Evidence of sufficient assets to support continuance*
- Use a 24-month average based on the most recent 2 years' tax returns

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^{*}When the borrower is the trustee, a letter from the trustee is not acceptable

Property insurance requirements



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Flood insurance premium used for qualifying

If a flood insurance policy on the Mortgaged Premises shows a full risk premium and a discounted premium, the full risk premium, plus any fees and surcharges, must be used to calculate the housing expense-to-income and debt payment-to-income ratios.

Freddie Mac Seller/Servicer Guide impacts: Sections 5401.1 and 5401.2

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Fannie Mae - self-employed clarifications

Borrowers with less than a 25% interest in a business

- If business tax returns are provided, the lender is not required to analyze the viability of the business. The lender may focus solely on the borrower's proportionate share of business income as reflected on the Schedule K-1
- Income reported on Schedule K-1 can only be considered for qualifying if the lender verifies that the income was actually distributed to the borrower consistent with the level of business income being used to qualify, or the business has adequate liquidity to support the withdrawal of earnings

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Freddie Mac - self-employed clarifications

Self-employed history of less than 2 years:

- The borrower must have a combined 2-year history of receipt of income from the current selfemployment and the prior job in the same or similar occupation or industry
- The qualifying income must be determined by using the lesser of the stable monthly income from the new business or the stable monthly income earned in the previous occupation

Business structure changes:

• If the business structure changed in the last 2 years (e.g., change from a sole proprietorship to an S-corporation), there must be no change in the borrower's percentage of ownership interest in order for the current and prior business structures to be considered the same business

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Freddie Mac - income clarifications

Fluctuating hourly employment earnings and additional fluctuating employment earnings – calculation methods and analysis

- The degree of fluctuation and the length of receipt of the income must be considered when calculating income
- Evaluate the income trend and use the amount that is most likely to continue for the next 3 years
- Average the most recent year(s) and YTD income over the applicable number of months of required history (in certain instances, the calculation may be based on a shorter number of months if written justification and/or documentation is provided)
- The total number of months used in the calculation must be at least 12 months.

Freddie Mac Seller/Servicer Guide, Sections 5303.2 and 5303.3

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Freddie Mac - income trend analysis

- Degree of fluctuation ≤ 10%: The income trend is considered consistent. No additional analysis or documentation is required when calculating the qualifying income.
- Degree of fluctuation > 10% but ≤ 30%: No additional analysis or documentation is required when the increase is supported by the documented income breakdown and/or verification of pay raise.
- Degree of fluctuation > 30%: Additional analysis and documentation are required to determine income stability and develop an accurate calculation of qualifying income.
- **Declining trend:** Use the YTD income and do not include the previous higher level unless there is documentation of a one-time occurrence (e.g., injury) that prevented the borrower from working or earning full income for a period of time and evidence that the borrower is back to the income amount that was previously earned.
- Declining trend > 10%: Further analysis and additional documentation may be necessary to determine whether the income is currently stable. This analysis must include the reason for the declining trend and support that the current income has stabilized.

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Rental income updates

Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac – Old Guidelines	Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac – New Guidelines
No evidence was required to ensure the lease was in effec	 Form 1007/1000 or 1025/70 must support the income reflected on the lease agreement OR Evidence the terms of lease have gone into effect 2 months' bank statements, copies of cancelled checks, or electronic transfers of rent payments OR Copy of security deposit and 1st month's rent check with proof of deposit
Freddie Mac – Old Guidelines	Freddie Mac – New Guidelines
Newly Executed Lease Agreements or No Rental History –	Newly Executed Lease Agreements or No Rental History –
Lease must be for at least one year.	Lease must have the first payment due no later than the 1st payment on the subject mortgage.
	Transferring leases must be current and fully executed in the property seller's name as the landlord.
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Freddie Mac – use of rental income

RENTAL INCOME

We have updated our rental income requirements to provide additional flexibility as follows:

Source of rental income	Requirement update				
Subject Investment Property (purchase transaction)	Permitting use of rental income to qualify when the Borrower rents their Primary Residence, provided the rental payment is documented. Previously, rental income could be used to qualify only when the Borrower owned their Primary Residence.				
	 Permitting an exception to the requirement that the Borrower must rent or own their Primary Residence (i.e., be on the Mortgage or the lease) to apply to at least one Borrower when multiple Borrowers share their Primary Residence. Previously, all Borrowers on the subject transaction were required to own their Primary Residence, regardless of whether they resided together. 				
Subject Investment Property (purchase transaction) and Primary Residence being	Permitting the full amount of net rental income to be used to qualify as long as at least one Borrower has a minimum of one year of investment property management experience. Previously, all Borrowers were required to have the one-year investment property management experience.				
converted to an Investment Property					

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Freddie Mac - calculation of rental income

Source of rental income	Requirement update					
Property owned as a rental property during the entire prior calendar year	Permitting the following exception to the requirement to annualize (i.e., divide by 12) the net income or loss reported on Schedule E; the qualifying income may be established based on the number of days in service on Schedule E provided that:					
	The property was out of service for any time period during the prior year, and					
	The Mortgage file contains documentation of an event such as a renovation, as supported by a reduced number of days in use and repair costs on Schedule E					
Property purchased or converted to a rental property later in the prior calendar year	Permitting for the income used for qualifying to be based on the number of months after the purchase or conversion date. Previously, the net income or loss reported on Schedule E was required to be annualized.					
	 Permitting the following exception to the above requirement: the qualifying income may be established based on the number of days in service on Schedule E, provided that: 					
	The property was out of service for a period of time after the purchase or conversion, and					
	The Mortgage file contains a documentation of an event such as a renovation, as supported by a reduced number of days in use and repair costs on Schedule E					

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Miscellaneous updates

Income from non-arm's length employment

- Freddie Mac will now permit use of IRS wage and income transcript for the most recent year in lieu of tax returns
- Documentation must validate prior year's earnings from current employment and support current income level

Social Security retirement and disability

- Freddie Mac expanded its documentation requirements to permit IRS Form 1099-SSA and pages 1 & 2 of the most recent tax return
- For jointly filed returns with an individual not on the transaction, additional documentation is required

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Rent-related credits

- Fannie Mae updated its rent credit with an option to purchase to permit more than 12-month rent credit to be used
- Documentation required includes rent verification documentation, including bank statements evidencing rental payments and terms outlined in rent/purchase agreement

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Reconsideration of value (ROV)

Lender responsibilities

- Establish a ROV process for borrowers to appeal an appraisal when it is believed the opinion of value is unsupported, deficient or reflects discriminatory practices
- Provide a ROV disclosure at time of loan application and again with the appraisal report
- Complete its appraisal review before initiating the ROV process
- Designate an underwriter or subject matter expert to review the ROV request to validate the request contains sufficient information
- Utilize a standardized format to communicate with the appraiser
- Forward the appraisal report, along with findings, to the appropriate appraisal licensing agency or regulatory board if material deficiencies are not corrected by the appraiser
- Ensure all documentation related to the ROV are retained in the loan file

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NAR settlement



https://www.nar.realtor/the-facts

How do the NAR settlement and the realtor commission changes affect the mortgage industry?

- Partnership with Realtors
- Educating borrowers
- Review of buyer agreement
- Compliance
- Interested party contributions

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NAR settlement

• If my borrower signs a buyer agreement indicating that they will pay 2% commission prior to signing a contract, must we verify an additional 2% of assets?

 Do you think the effects of the NAR settlement will hurt first-time homebuyers?





Lately I have had cases where base hourly pay is being averaged over 1 to 2 previous years as opposed to just using current hourly rate income. Is this being pushed by the agencies?



Can a borrower receive a gift of equity from a trust?

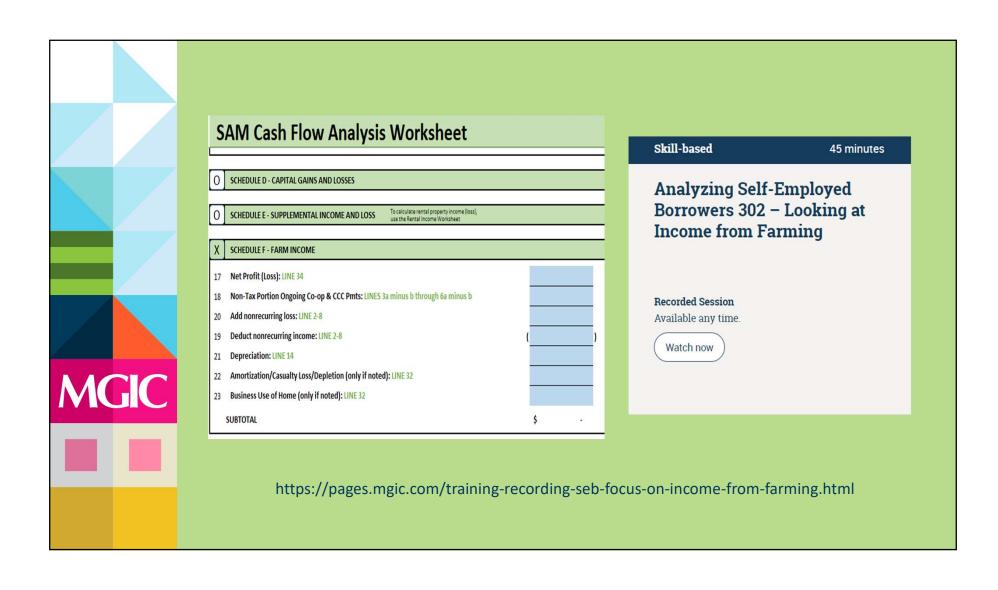
Are funds received from a nonborrowing purchaser considered gift funds?



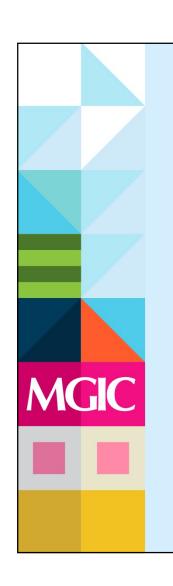
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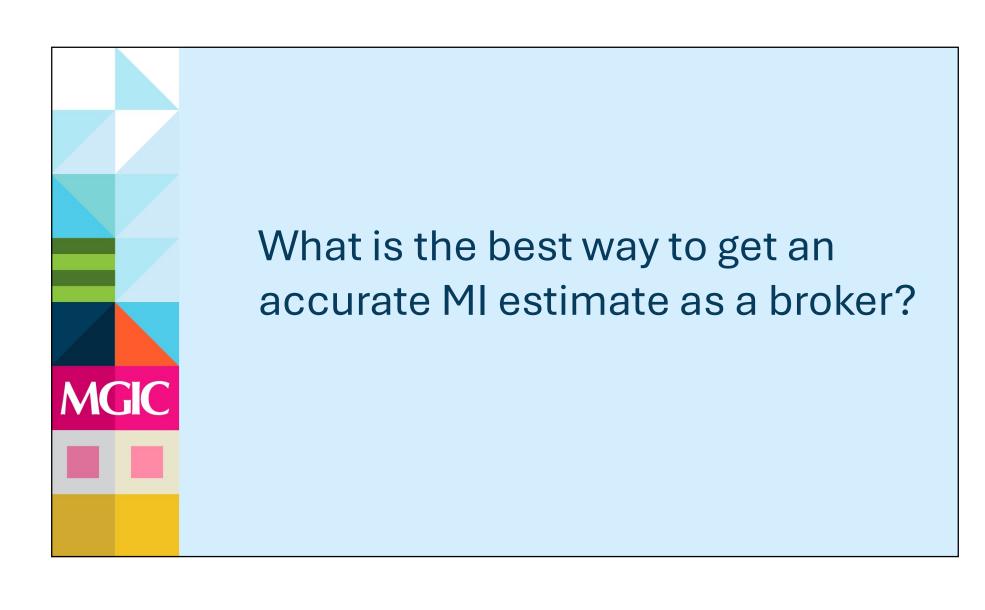


When closing a refinance and title and warranty reflects the borrower as married, but they are actually divorced, is there a requirement for a new deed to be recorded at closing to reflect the borrower as single?



How can we document liquidity when there is none on the tax returns?

When reviewing 3 months of business bank statements, specifically what do we need to look for?







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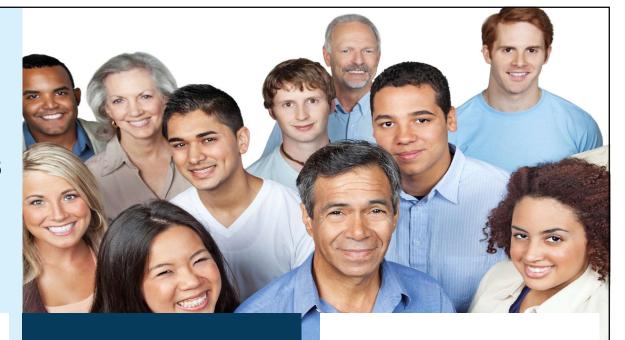
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