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Prequalification Checklist

for First-Time Home Buyers



Credit Score

Ensure that you are aware of your credit history and that your credit report does not contain any errors. Regularly monitoring your credit can help you detect fraudulent charges and discrepancies, hence securing your positive credit history before applying.*

- Know your credit history.
- Ensure all payments are made on time or set up auto-payments.
- Avoid applying for too many loans and/or credit cards.
***Only a few tradelines are needed to build a good credit score.*

Income Verification

Have your income documents such as recent pay stubs, tax returns, and W-2 forms for the last two years.

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Employment Verification

Keep the contact information for your employer handy. Lenders often need this to verify employment. Avoid job hopping prior to the prequalification process as it could raise red flags for lenders.

- Keep employer contact information ready.
- Start and end dates of employment for the last two years.

List of Assets

Include anything of value like checking and savings accounts, 401k accounts, or investments. Maintain a list of all these accounts.

- Last two months of bank and investment statements.
**Be sure to include all pages even if blank.*

List of Liabilities

Accurate information about your current debts, such as car loans, student loans, and credit card debt, is essential. Be sure not to acquire any new debts before the home buying process as this could affect your prequalification.

- Provide most recent statements about current debts such as car loans, student loans, and credit card debt.
- Avoid taking up new debts before home buying.

Budget

Have a clear understanding of your current budget, which involves monthly expenditures. This helps in determining the mortgage payment you can afford.

- Plan for potential increases in expenses like utilities or property taxes.
- Understand you will have this mortgage payment for the next 30 years.

Prequalification Letter

Request a prequalification letter. This will gain you a competitive edge when house hunting. Prequalification is not a guarantee of loan approval.

- Request a prequalification letter.
- Request and sign a borrower's authorization form.



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