

# A REALTOR'S GUIDE TO MORTGAGE



### **PRE-QUALIFICATION 101**

# Always have clients get pre-qualified before house hunting.

This helps to identify a price range, down payment amount, and set realistic expectations.

### Always submit a pre-qualification letter with the offer.

The offer will look more attractive to the seller.

### Borrowers can easily apply online.

They will need to verify aspects of their finances and history, such as income and employment, assets, and credit.

### A pre-qualification can take as little as 15 minutes.

Our online application makes it quick and easy, as long as the borrower provides all necessary information.

# A mortgage pre-qualification is best qualified by pulling credit.

This likely affects the borrower's credit score, however, very little.

### **GOOD TO KNOW**

- The minimum down payment is not always 20%.
  Clients may qualify for loan types with 0% down.
- Buyers should never make big purchases, open or close credit lines, or change jobs during the loan process.
- Credit scores of 720+ have the best chance at better mortgage terms, but lower scores still have options too.
- Down-payment gifts can be accepted for some loan types.
- Down payment assistance programs are available for qualified buyers.

### THE HOME-BUYING PROCESS







2. House Hunting



3. Offer Accepted



4. Loan in Processing



5. Appraisal



6. Loan in Underwriting



7. Final Loan Approval



8. Close



# MORTGAGE MENU

We have a product to fit virtually any situation.



### CONVENTIONAL

For borrowers with good credit and a stable income. They can usually afford a down payment.



#### FΗA

Great for first-time homebuyers. 3.5% down payment with gift funds accepted, flexible credit requirements, and sellers can help with closing costs.



### VA

For active service members, veterans, and surviving spouses. 100% financing with little to no down payment, and flexible credit requirements.



#### USDA

For low-to-moderate-income borrowers. Must be in a designated, USDA-qualified area. 0% down payment.





For borrowers who need a loan larger than the area's conforming loan limits. More strict requirements such as a higher credit score and a larger down payment.



### DOWN PAYMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Typically a first-time homebuyer that needs help with a down payment and closing costs. Income limits may apply.

We also offer Construction, Renovation, NON-QM, Manufactured Home Loans, HELOC and Second Mortgages.

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- · First-Time Homebuyers Guide

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Automated In-Process Communications

**Digital E-Closing** 



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