



Homebuyer Tax Preparation Checklist

Gather Financial Documents

- Collect the last two years of tax returns (both federal and state).
- Gather W-2 forms, 1099s, K-1s, and other income documentation.
- Have proof of deductions such as student loan interest, childcare expenses, or work-related costs.
- Obtain bank statements and investment account summaries if applicable.

Review Your Income and Deductions

- Ensure all income is reported accurately, including part-time or freelance work.
- Verify that deductions are legitimate and match supporting documentation.
- Avoid excessive write-offs if self-employed to maintain qualifying income for the mortgage.

Understand the Tax Implications of Home Buying

- Research potential tax benefits of homeownership, including mortgage interest deductions and property tax deductions.
- Factor in property taxes to your overall budget for home expenses.
- If a first-time buyer, check eligibility for homebuyer tax credits in your state or region.

Organize Your Documents for Lender Review

- Keep a well-organized file with your financial documents for lender requests.
- Double-check that IRS transcripts match your filed tax documents.
- File an amendment (if necessary) to fix errors on previously filed returns.

Evaluate Debt-to-Income Ratio (DTI)

- Review taxable income to ensure you meet lender DTI requirements.
- Reduce unnecessary debt before applying for a mortgage.
- Stay mindful of tax balances owed to prevent complications with approval.

Consult the Experts

- Reach out to an Impact Tax Pro for advice on how filing taxes may affect your homebuying process.
- Work with a mortgage officer to ensure all tax-related documents align with lender expectations.
- Review changing tax laws to ensure you take advantage of any homebuyer benefits.

File on Time

- File your taxes early or on time—lenders often need the most recent returns.
- If filing late, provide detailed documentation and explain your delay to the lender.



Get Pre-Approved with Confidence

- Review all tax documents alongside your pre-approval application.
- Ensure discrepancies between taxes and lender-reported info are resolved before submitting an application.

By following this checklist, you'll be prepared for tax season and confidently move forward in the homebuying process!

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