

## MFM Bulletin: 011-2023

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**Subject:** Tax Return and Documentation Requirements

## **Tax Return Requirements**

Below are effective dates and documentation requirements for all loan programs when income tax returns are required for borrower qualification and/or program requirements.

Loan Application Date:	Note Date:	Age of Tax Return and Other Documentation Requirements:
Before 4/18/2023	<ul> <li>Freddie Mac: On or after 11/1/2022, but before 5/31/2023.</li> <li>Fannie Mae, FHA, VA, USDA: On or after 10/15/2022, but before 6/30/2022.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Most recent income tax return filed with IRS (2022, if filed).</li> <li>2021 returns are required.</li> <li>2020 returns (if 2022 returns are not filed AND AUS findings and/or program requires 2 years of returns).</li> </ul>
On or after 4/18/2023 to 10/15/2023	<ul> <li>Freddie Mac: On or after 5/31/2023, but before 11/1/2023.</li> <li>Fannie Mae, FHA, VA, USDA: On or after 4/18/2022, but before 12/31/2023.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>If borrower has not filed their 2022 tax returns with the IRS:</li> <li>2021 tax returns are required (and 2020 if AUS findings and/or program requires two years of returns.</li> <li>The following documentation is also required:</li> <li>Tax transcripts confirming that 2022 returns have not been filed.</li> <li>IRS tax forms 4868 and/or 7004 as evidence of filing of tax return extension.</li> <li>Copy of cancelled check or bank statement verifying payment of all 2022 income tax liability as per extension document.</li> </ul>
ALL	<ul> <li>Freddie Mac: On or after 11/1/2023.</li> <li>Fannie Mae, FHA, VA, USDA: On or after 12/31/2022.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>The most recent tax return must be no older than 2022.</li> <li>Use of filing extension for 2022 is not permitted.</li> <li>Proof of payment of all 2022 income tax liability (per return) is required.</li> </ul>

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## **Tax Transcripts**

As a reminder, tax transcripts are required for all loans being sold to private investors and tax returns are required in the following instances:

- Self-employed borrowers (BOTH personal and business returns are required)
- Rental income used to qualify
- Borrowers employed by family-owned companies
- Interest and dividend and/or capital gain income used to qualify
- Handwritten W-2s or 1099s
- VA with Commission Income over 25% used to qualify

Please contact the MFM Underwriting department (<u>underwriting@memberfirstmortgage.com</u>) if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you