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NOTICE TO ALL CUSTOMERS

Extension of Temporary COVID-19 Policies and New Requirements for Self-Employed Borrowers

The agencies have extended the temporary requirements related to Verification of Employment and Appraisal flexibilities per the dates noted below:

Temporary Flexibilities for Verification of Employment (COVID-19)

The temporary policies allowing the Verification of Employment to be completed directly by a supervisor or manager remains in effect as follows:

- Conventional and Jumbo loan applications dated on or before December 31, 2020;
- FHA, USDA and VA loans closing on or before December 31, 2020;

Temporary Flexibilities for Appraisal Products (COVID-19)

The temporary policies allowing lenders to obtain an exterior-only inspection or desktop appraisal on the subject property during the pandemic remain in effect as follows:

- Conventional and Jumbo loan applications dated on or before December 31, 2020;
- FHA appraisals with an effective date on or before December 31, 2020. Note that as of November 1, 2020, an Exterior-Only Appraisal Inspection is the only other alternative option on FHA mortgages.
- USDA loans closing on or before December 31, 2020.
- VA loans (until further notice)

New Requirements for Self-Employed Borrowers

Due to the pandemic's continuing impact on businesses throughout the country, the agencies now require lenders to obtain three (3) months of business bank account statements instead of two (2) months in order for lenders to assess any impact to business revenue, operations, the demand for the products or services offered by the business as a result of COVID-19. These changes are effective with loan applications "finaled" to FLCBank on or after November 23, 2020.

To access our Temporary Policies Related to COVID-19 (version 23) for complete requirements [click here](#).