

• CHECK YOUR • CREDIT REPORTS and CREDIT SCORES

Before you get in touch with a lender, do a little homework on your own.



WHAT IS A CREDIT REPORT?

A credit report is a breakdown of your previous and on-going loans such as car loans, student loans, and also open lines of credit such as credit cards.

WHAT IS A CREDIT SCORE?

A credit score is a determining factor in your approval of a mortgage loan and the accompanying interest rates. A good credit score increases your chances of getting approved and gives you a good deal on interest payments.



Agencies such as TransUnion and Experian can collect information for your credit report and compute for your credit score. Upon getting your credit report, you could check for errors – such as a lowered card limit, or a debt that should have been removed from the credit report due to age and are still listed – so that you know that all information that you would give to the lender is accurate and would up your chances of getting pre-approved.

GET YOUR DOCUMENTS • READY •

The process is quite simple because all you have to do is round up all the documents that the lenders require. The list may be long but your lender will tell you which documents need to be sent off first and which will not be needed. These documents are namely:

1

Personal Information

If you don't have time to check your credit report yourself, your lender may do it for you. You just have to give copies of identification such as your passport or driver's license and also your Social Security number.



2

Proof of income

These are W-2 statements from the past two years, tax returns, pay stubs, and other documents that show income like alimony, bonuses, pensions, social security, etc. If you are self-employed, you may need to give them a profit & loss statement.



3

Asset information

This includes bank statements, information on other investments such as stock, bond, and retirement accounts, and if a relative or friend is giving you money, you have to provide a gift letter.



How To Get Pre-Approved For A Home Mortgage Loan

(It's Easier Than You Think!)