

# Program Guide

# Verification of Employment Program

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# 1. SUMMARY

Citadel Servicing Corporation ("CSC") has developed a Verification of Employment ("VOE") Program ("Program") structured to be consistent with the CFPB's regulations in connection to ATR while the Borrower's qualifying income is documented with an employer's VOE.

This Program summary will examine and reference the ATR Regulations, bringing specific note to the lack of codification as to a minimum required amount of Third-Party Records (as defined therein) and the good-faith interpretation required in a loan's underwriting.

Further, this Program was developed to be wary of the additional lender and investor risks associated with associated income documentation and will outline the additional overlays and circumstances in which the program is reasonably deployed.



#### 2. BACKGROUND AND REGULATORY OVERVIEW

Citadel Servicing Corporation is a non-prime mortgage lender that makes loans consistent with the ATR and generally considered to be non-qualified mortgages. CSC currently has a Full Documentation program that is consistent with the requirements under ATR to utilize "Third-party record[s]" to document income "reasonably and [make a] good faith determination".

Under the eight-point test of ATR, the "Basis for Determination" under § 1026.43(c)(2)(i) is required to consider "[t]he consumer's current or reasonably expected income or assets". Specifically, a VOE is a document consistent with § 1026.43(c)(4).

Separately, the Applicant's employer meets the definition of a Third-Party Record in § 1026.43(b)(13):

Third-party record means:

i. A document or other record prepared or reviewed by an appropriate person other than the consumer, the creditor, or the mortgage broker, as defined in § 1026.36(a)(2), or an agent of the creditor or mortgage broker....

A VOE form, executed and prepared by the Applicant's employer would confirm, as a third-party record, a specific individual consumer's income and also carry a statement as to the current employment status. Said employment status can be supplemented via a Verbal Verification of Employment ("VVOE"), which may not be in writing under § 1026.43(c)(2)(ii):

For purposes of paragraph (c)(2)(ii) of this section, a creditor may verify a consumer's employment status orally if the creditor prepares a record of the information obtained orally;...



#### 3. PROGRAMS

Citadel Servicing Corporation has multiple programs available for transactions that document qualifying income. However, given the further reduction itemized below in required documentation for qualification, CSC will further differentiate this Program for the purpose of managing risk and pricing as addressed below.

The VOE Program will be limited to:

- Priced to the "A" & "A-" Tiers on the Non-Prime Matrix with rate adjustments of 0.250%;
- LTV will be -5% from program maximums;
- Two-year history required at the employer submitting the VOE;
- Customary VVOE within 72-hours of funding;
- No 4506-T requirement;
- U.S. Residents;
- Borrowers with a minimum credit depth, each paid as agreed:
  - o one (1) account rated for minimum of five years ( $\geq 5$ -years); and
  - o two (2) additional accounts rated for minimum of two years ( $\geq 2$ -years) each;

Note: Acceptable Mortgage Rating, even if not on credit, can contribute to this depth requirement;

- No credit events within the last five (5) years (i.e.: foreclosure, short sale, bankruptcy, deed-in-lieu);
- Minimum twenty-four (24) month recent mortgage required;
- No charge offs, collections, or tax liens within the last three (3) years;
- Owner Occupied transactions;
- SFR / Condo / Townhouse Property Types;
- No first-time home buyers;
- Reserve funds are not required;
- CSC's customary 7/23 or 30/30 programs;
- Minimum to maximum loan amount of \$250,000 to \$3,000,000;

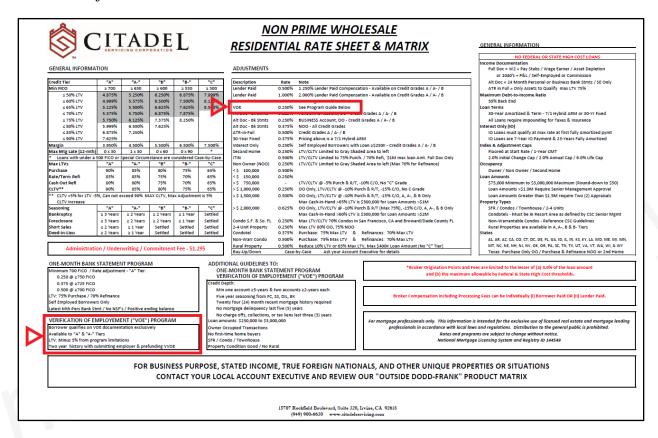


- Cash out is unlimited, unless otherwise limited specific within CSC's programs generally;
- Secondary Financing is not allowed;
- Property must be in good condition and conform to the area; and
- No rural properties.



# 4. PRICING MATRIX

Update to the Pricing Matrix with new "Verification of Employment ("VOE") Program" Section and Rate Adjustment:





# 5. UNDERWRITING GUIDELINES

Updated to CSC's Underwriting Guideline Book:

Add new content within Section 5 ("Income / Employment") in Subsection IV ("Income Documentation") under "Alternative Documentation / Bank Statements" header:

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#### 6. **DEFINITIONS**

Ability-to-Repay ("ATR"): An eight-point test as provided under §1026.43(c)(2) for measuring and determining of a mortgagor's reasonably expected ability to repay a mortgage according to its terms as documented by third-party records.

<u>Bank Statements</u>: Third party records of an applicant's account with a on a monthly basis from a bank or other financial institution (as example, such as a credit union) licensed to receive deposits and provide other financial services.

<u>CFPB</u>: The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau or any successor thereto.

<u>Official Interpretation</u>: Supplemental commentary published by the CFPB provided to add clarification and explanation to specific provisions and subsections of to a denoted or referenced Act.

Regulation X: Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act ("RESPA") of 1974, as amended, 12 CFR, Part 1024.

Regulation Z: Truth in Lending Act ("TILA"), as amended, 12 CFR, Part 1026.