

## INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 1, 2022 TO: All Origination Staff

FROM: Craig Timmins, Managing Director RE: Guideline Change on DSCR Loans

Effective immediately, the following guideline changes will be put in place on business purpose/DSCR loans:

- 1. Verification of the seasoning of funds to close is not required on loans of 70% LTV and below or if the amount to close does not exceed \$100,000 at any LTV.
- 2. Verification of the seasoned funds includes the borrower's bank statement for the most recent full month
- 3. When the loan has a DSCR < 1.00, reserves will not be required to make up the difference between the rental amount and the PITIA payment.
- 4. Reserves will not be required on loans over 75% LTV. (Note: This will be updated on the next rate sheet.)

Below is a red-line version of the guidelines:

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Funds to close are to be properly verified on purchase-money transactions and where applicable on rate / term refinances. Verification of funds is not required for cash-out refinances.

- The source of funds for closing should be reflected on the loan application.
- Verification of acceptable source of funds is required for all funds paid OUTSIDE of escrow / closing, which may be reflected as a credit on the purchase contract, escrow instructions or closing statement.
- Verification of the seasoning of funds to close is not required on loans of 65% or less <u>for Non-Prime and 3-Month Bank Statement programs</u>. <u>Verification of the seasoning is not required on loans of 70% or less for Business Purpose/DSCR loans</u>.

The account(s) serving as the source of funds must be verified for loans-to-value greater than 65%. Verification of the seasoned funds for Non-Prime and 3-Month Bank Statement programs may include the following:

- Copy of the borrower's bank statements for the most recent two (2) months OR
- A VOD reflecting a current and average balance for the most recent two (2) months.

The account(s) serving as the source of funds must be verified for loans-to-value greater than 70%. Verification of the seasoned funds for Business Purpose/DSCR loans may include the following:

- Copy of the borrower's bank statements for the most recent month OR
- A VOD reflecting a current and average balance for the most recent month.

\* A maximum variance of 1% of the subject loan amount is allowable for the necessary funds-to-close versus the final asset statements.

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Acra calculates the DSCR by dividing (a) the sum of annual principal, interest, real estate taxes, property insurance, and homeowner's / condominium association fees (collectively, "PITIA") by (b) the lesser of (i) annual in-place rent or (ii) market rent.

Acra can accept short term rentals with 12-month ledgers from condotel management companies, property managers, AirBnB, VRBO, etcetera as documentation for actual rents. Properties qualifying with short term rentals are limited to 75% & 70% LTV / CLTV for Purchase or Refinance transactions respectively.

If the Applicant has had forbearance or mortgage lates within the last 12-months, Tenant occupied properties will require documentation of (i) timely receipt for the prior two (2) months rental payments or (ii) 12-months of subject's payment in reserve, which may be from transaction's cash-in-hand.

The minimum rental income required is outlined in the Program Matrix. However, in the instance that the gross rental income is less than the calculated PITIA (i.e. DSCR is less than 1.0 : 1.0), the amount of reserves would be equal to the difference required to achieve the 1.0; 1.0 ratio times 12 (calculating to a full year's worth of the difference).

NOTE: Where the borrower is qualifying utilizing the subject property's actual or market cashflow under a business purpose transaction, borrower must execute with loan docs a Business Purpose Attestation (Exhibit 8).