



# HomeOwnership Announcement

September 1, 2022

## Suspension of Tax Transcript Policy

As a result of the IRS delays in processing transcripts, MassHousing will allow the flexibility in the collection of federal tax documentation. Lenders may collect the previous three years of signed Federal Tax Returns and a signed 4506-C at closing in lieu of the tax transcripts. Tax returns may only be used for W-2 income-based wage earners. Tax transcripts are required for all **self-employed** borrowers or required by the AUS.

The temporary flexibility to use tax returns in lieu of the IRS Tax Transcripts applies to all loan programs effective immediately. A re-evaluation of the policy will take place at the end of the calendar year to determine the need for continuance of this flexibility.

As a reminder,

- Lenders continue to be responsible for the validity of the income used to qualify the borrower(s) and validation of FTHB status.
- Lender to ensure tax returns are signed by the borrower(s) and collect a signed 4506-C at closing.
- The loan must be documented and underwritten as required by Agency guideline standards and MassHousing overlays.

Thank you for your continued business. Please call 888- 843-6432 option 1, 4, or email [homeownership@masshousing.com](mailto:homeownership@masshousing.com) or your Relationship Manager for assistance.

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