Bonus Income

Know the hurdle. Know the plan. Let's Tag Team This Deal!

Earn bonuses, commission or overtime? Here is how it can count toward qualifying and what to send.

Bonus income can help you qualify when it is documented and likely to continue. Underwriters generally look at your history, so having the right paperwork ready keeps your file moving.

HOW IT WORKS

1 GATHER YOUR W-2S

Collect two years of W-2s showing bonus, commission or overtime.

2 PULL RECENT PAY STUBS

Provide pay stubs for the most recent 30 days with year-to-date totals.

3 CONFIRM WITH YOUR LOAN OFFICER

Your loan officer confirms how your income is counted under your loan program.

DOCUMENTS TO GATHER

- [ ] Two years of W-2s showing bonus, commission or overtime.
- [ ] Pay stubs covering the most recent 30 days and year-to-date totals.
- [ ] A written verification of employment from your employer, when requested.
- [ ] Your most recent two years of tax returns, if your income is commission-based.

QUICK ANSWERS

Q Can bonus income help me qualify for a mortgage?
Often, yes, when it is documented and likely to continue. Requirements vary by loan program and investor guidelines, and your loan officer will confirm how your income is counted.

Q How long a history of bonuses do I need?
Many programs look for a two-year history, with exceptions in some situations. Your loan officer will confirm what applies to your file.

Q What if my bonus changed from year to year?
Underwriters review whether the income is stable, increasing or declining. A declining amount may be averaged or counted differently, depending on the program.

Q Will my employer be contacted?
Your employer may be asked to confirm your job, pay and whether bonus income is expected to continue.

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