# **Tulsa County Home Finance Authority First Home Program**

# **Income and Sales Price Limits**

## **Income Limits**

Program qualifying income considers the income of borrowers and their spouses (regardless of spouse's occupancy of the primary residence and whether or not a party to the loan) AND all household members 18 years of age or older (related or unrelated).

To determine the number of people in the household include everyone who will live in the home as their principal residence.

Non-Target	Non-Target	Targeted	Targeted
1 - 2 Person HH	3 or more Person HH	1-2 Person HH	3 or more Person HH
\$86,600	\$99,590	\$103,920	

## **Sales Price Limits**

The sales price must include everything paid by the buyer or on the buyer's behalf.

Non-Target Areas	Targeted Areas
\$510,939	\$624,481

#### CALCULATING INCOME

Program qualifying income considers the income of borrowers and their spouses (regardless of spouse's occupancy of the primary residence and whether or not a party to the loan) AND all household members 18 years of age or older (related or unrelated). When calculating Program Eligibility Income, there are two types of income to consider – income from an employer and income from all other sources. **Include all income unless specifically listed as excluded in this guide.** 

# Calculating Income from an Employer

Determine whether the Borrower receives **base pay only** or a combination of **base pay and additional income** from an employer.

# Calculate "Base Pay from an Employer"

## Regular Hours/Pay

- 1. Determine frequency of income weekly, bi-weekly, semi-monthly, etc.
- 2. Identify documentation needed to support payment frequency and calculation.
- 3. Apply Calculation (Base Wage x Hours Worked in a Pay Period) x (# of Pay Periods Per Year)
- 4. This should approximate the annualized YTD on VOE or paystubs. If not, check for additional pay, such as overtime, bonus, shift differential, etc. (Employers don't always break this out on the VOE).
- 5. See additional guidance on calculating base pay from an employer.

Hourly pay	Bi-weekly pay	Semi-Monthly pay
Multiply the pay per hour by the number of hours worked per week. Multiply total by 52 weeks a year.	Multiply the bi-weekly pay by 26.	Multiply the semi-monthly pay by 24.
Example:	Example:	Example
1. \$15 per hour x 40 hours a week = \$600	1. \$1,200 every two weeks x 26 pay	1. \$1,300 semi-monthly pay x 24 pay
2. \$600 x 52 weeks a year = \$31,200	periods a year = \$31,200	periods a year = \$31,200
3. \$31,200 / 12 = \$2,600 gross monthly	2.\$31,200 / 12 months = \$2,600 gross	2. \$31,200 / 12 months = \$2,600 gross
base pay	monthly base pay	monthly base pay

## Irregular Hours/Pay

- 1. Annualize YTD Earnings total.
- 2. Average prior year's earnings total, if available, (or provide documentation and explanation to support not using the prior year's earnings.) Divide the resulting number by the number of months and days worked, and then multiply that number by 12 months to get total average pay from an employer.
- 3. See additional guidance on calculating base pay from an employer.

## Calculate "Additional Pay from an Employer":

- 1. In the Earnings section of paystub or VOE, look for additional income earned that <u>is not</u> included in **base**. (Sick, vacation, holiday, etc. is generally included in **base**.)
- 2. Add up all additional income that is included in the YTD Earnings Total and <u>not part</u> of **base**.
- 3. Average prior year's earnings total, if available, (or provide documentation and explanation to support not using the prior year's earnings.). Divide the resulting number by the number of months and days worked, and then multiply that number by 12 months to get an average of **additional pay from an employer**.
- 4. See additional guidance on calculating additional pay from an employer.

#### TYPES OF INCOME

Determine if there are other sources of income, apart from wages from an employer.

## Wages from an Employer

Base Pay	
Definition/Inclusions	Exclusions
Regular Hours/Pay: Borrower is scheduled for the same number of hours per pay period. Gross salary or wage income from part-time, full-time, or seasonal work with regular hours/pay	Income no longer available
Irregular Hours/Pay: Variable hours, seasonal work, etc., such as nursing, restaurant, construction, retail or part-time work with varied hours or pay.	

#### Guidance

- Borrowers can't manipulate income (quit job, etc.) to become eligible.
- Include all income, including sick, holiday and vacation pay.
- Average current YTD and prior year's earnings total, if available, (or provide documentation and explanation to support not using the prior year's earnings.). The most recent federal income tax return may also be used for this purpose.
- Income documentation is required, and could include, but is not limited, to, paystubs, VOE, tax returns, W-2's, etc.
- Seasonal work requires the same documentation for variable pay as outlined above, but should also include any unemployment benefits, if applicable.
  - 1099s, tax returns, and/or verification from unemployment office to verify unemployment benefits

Additional Income from an Employer			
Definition/Inclusions	Exclusions		
	One-time (non-recurring) income; i.e., income received once that does not have a history and is unlikely to reoccur in the future.		
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#### Guidance

- Documentation of additional pay could include, but is not limited to, paystubs, VOE, etc.
- Average current YTD and prior year's earnings total, if available, (or provide documentation and explanation to support not using the prior year's earnings).
- Always use an average for overtime (unless employer and income history verifies OT was for one-time, special project, etc.), commissions, bonuses, shift differentials, and sick/vacation/holiday pay (if not already included in base pay).
- Include all income that is included in the YTD Earnings Total on a paystub or on a VOE.
- Any income that is determined to not be included in YTD Earnings Total (for example, employer-paid benefits or matches, such as an HSA match) does not have to be included in the Program Eligibility Income calculation.

#### Self-Employment/Business Income **Definition/Inclusions** Guidance Determine gross annual income. Individuals who earn their • Use a two-year average from the most recent federal income tax returns. income through conducting • Self-employment income documentation is required, and may include, but is not limited, to: a trade or business that Tax form Schedule C, most recent two years they directly operate YTD Profit & Loss Statement instead of working for an Tax form Schedule K-1 (Form 1120S) employer who pays them a • Request additional supporting documentation (i.e., current balance sheet and income statement) salary or a wage. when necessary. · Deduct out-of-pocket business expenses such as office rent, telephone, etc., which are generally tax-deductible items. Include all entertainment and travel expenses, private retirement contribution plans, and property or equipment depreciation. These items are generally tax-deductible, but must be added back for the Program Eligibility Income calculation if starting with the net income amount. • If a net loss, use \$0. Do not subtract the loss from the Program Eligibility Income calculation. • Use caution with large variations in income (whether increase or decrease) when averaging two years' income. The determination in these cases should be documented and supported by the underwriter.

<b>Definition/Inclusions</b>	Exclusions	Guidance
Income from: trusts, annuities, dividends, royalties, interest earned from non-retirement accounts (savings, checking, money market, investments, mutual funds, etc.)	<ul> <li>One-time lump sum payments</li> <li>Investments in retirement accounts (IRAs, VIPs, 403(b)'s, 401(k)'s)</li> <li>Any cash withdraws from retirements accounts</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Always check tax returns for income from financial assets.</li> <li>Include average of periodic payments, including recurring, lump-sum payments.</li> <li>Where assets after closing exceed \$5,000, calculate interest income based on the greater of actual income or imputed income based on the current passbook savings rate, as determined by HUD.</li> </ul>

Insurance or Benefit Payments				
Definition/Inclusions	Exclusions	Guidance		
Periodic payments derived from:  • Long-term care insurance  • Disability insurance  • Pensions  • Death benefits	Do not include one-time, lump-sum payments.	Include periodic insurance or benefit payments at current level.		

Government Transfer Payments		
Definition/Inclusions	Exclusions	Guidance
Government transfer payments involve payments for which no current services are performed and are a component of personal income.  Retirement benefits Disability benefits Income maintenance benefits Pensions Veterans benefits Unemployment insurance compensation	<ul> <li>Food stamps</li> <li>Government-paid child care paid directly to the provider</li> <li>Foster care income</li> <li>Section 8 vouchers</li> </ul>	Include all sources of this income at current level. Do not gross up.

Investment Property Net Rental Income			
Definition/Inclusions	Exclusions	Guidance	
Income from an Investment Property	Potential roommate income or rental income of future duplex or accessory dwelling unit	<ul> <li>Monthly Gross Rent - Vacancy Loss = Gross Adjusted Rent</li> <li>Gross Adjusted Rent - PITI and maintenance costs = Net Rental Income. If rental</li> </ul>	

Definition/Inclusions	Exclusions	Guidance
Child support, child care, medical support, alimony, spousal maintenance	Court-ordered support not received; must document support was not received	<ul> <li>Use average of actual support received.</li> <li>Review divorce/child support agreement.</li> <li>Check with county social service agency to determine whether any payment adjustments have been made since the original payment schedule.</li> <li>Cross-check payment schedule with bank statements, etc.</li> </ul>

Regular Cash Contributions				
Definition/Inclusions	Exclusions	Guidance		
Regular cash contributions from non-resident(s)		Check bank statements for regular cash contributions. Include all regular cash contributions from non-residents.		

Employee Allowances				
Definition/Inclusions	Exclusions	Guidance		
Car, cell phone, per diems, etc.	Do not include any car, cell phone, travel per-diem, etc.			

<b>Custodial Account Income</b>		
Definition/Inclusions	Exclusions	Guidance
Unearned income paid to children age 20 or younger, who live with the Borrower(s) 50% of the time or more	<ul> <li>529 plans</li> <li>Accounts where someone other than the parents are named as custodian.</li> <li>Unearned income of adult dependents age 21 or older</li> </ul>	Include all custodial account income.

Other Sources of Income			
Definition/Inclusions	Exclusions	Guidance	
Contract-for-deed interest income     Any other sources of income as identified or represented in the loan file and applicable documentation.	<ul> <li>Loans; scholarships; grants and tuition reimbursement;</li> <li>Earned Income Tax Credit refund payments; health insurance premium reimbursements (deducted from gross pay) and any out-of-pocket expense (co-pays, etc.) reimbursements</li> <li>One-time lump sum (non-reoccurring) payments from:         <ul> <li>Inheritances</li> <li>Insurance settlements</li> <li>Lottery winnings</li> <li>Gambling winnings</li> <li>Capital gains</li> <li>Liquidation of assets</li> <li>Settlements for personal loss</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Always include other sources of income not specifically excluded.</li> <li>For contract-for-deed interest income, include interest portion of payments per the terms of the agreement/contract.</li> </ul>	