

FHA HOME BUYER CHECKLIST

1. Before You Apply

- ☐ Check your credit 🇺🇸
- ☐ Estimate your monthly budget
- ☐ Gather recent pay stubs 📄
- ☐ Gather W-2s and tax returns
- ☐ Gather bank statements
- ☐ Avoid opening new credit accounts
- ☐ Avoid large unexplained deposits

2. Get Pre-Approved

- ☐ Complete your loan application 📄
- ☐ Review your maximum purchase price and monthly payment
- ☐ Discuss down payment options
- ☐ Review your estimated monthly housing costs
- ☐ Receive your FHA pre-approval letter

3. Find Your Home

- ☐ Hire a knowledgeable Realtor®
- ☐ Search within your approved budget
- ☐ Tour homes
- ☐ Make an offer
- ☐ Negotiate terms
- ☐ Sign the purchase contract 📝

4. Loan Processing

- ☐ Submit requested documents quickly
- ☐ Discuss the best time to lock your interest rate ✓
- ☐ Provide any explanations for recent credit inquiries or bank deposits (if requested)
- ☐ Order the appraisal
- ☐ Review homeowner's insurance options
- ☐ Complete any remaining lender requirements

5. Before Closing

- ☐ Review Closing Disclosure
- ☐ Confirm your final cash needed to close
- ☐ Schedule utilities
- ☐ Complete final walkthrough
- ☐ Bring identification
- ☐ Obtain cashier's check or wire funds 💰

6. Closing Day

- ☐ Sign loan documents
- ☐ Receive your keys 🗝️
- ☐ Keep copies of all paperwork
- ☐ Set up automatic mortgage payments
- ☐ Celebrate your new home!

Tips Box

FHA Buyer Reminders

- ✓ Keep making payments on time.
- ✓ Don't finance furniture or vehicles before closing.
- ✓ Don't change jobs without talking to your lender.
- ✓ Respond to document requests quickly.
- ✓ Ask questions whenever something isn't clear.
- ✓ Avoid opening or closing credit accounts before closing.

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