

# Your closing



You've chosen a mortgage. Now it's time to select and work with your closing agent.

Once you've applied for a mortgage, you may feel like you're done. But mortgages are complicated and you still have choices to make.

## 1. Shop for mortgage closing services

Once you've decided to move forward with a lender based on the Loan Estimate, you are ready to shop for the **closing agent** who gathers all the legal documents, closes the loan, and handles the money involved in your purchase. After you apply for a loan, your lender gives you a list of companies that provide closing services. You may want to use one of the companies on the list. Or, you may be able to choose companies that are not on the list if your lender agrees to work with your choice. The seller cannot require you to buy a title insurance policy from a particular title company.

### Closing agent

In most of the country, a settlement agent does your closing. In other states, particularly several states in the West, the person is known as an escrow agent. And in some states, particularly in the Northeast and South, an attorney may be required.

### RESEARCH STARTER

When you compare closing agents, look at both cost and customer service.

- Ask your real estate professional and your friends. These people may know companies they would recommend. Be sure to ask how that company handled problems and if they have a good reputation.

### IN THIS SECTION

1. Shop for mortgage closing services
2. Review your revised Loan Estimate
3. Understand and use your Closing Disclosure

### TIP

Settlement services may feel like a drop in the bucket compared to the cost of the home. But in some states borrowers who shop around may save hundreds of dollars.

- Review the list of companies your lender gave you. Select a few companies on the list and ask for references from people who recently bought a home. Ask those people how the company handled problems that came up during the transaction.

## Title insurance

When you purchase your home, you receive a document most often called a deed, which shows the seller transferred their legal ownership, or “title,” to the home to you. **Title insurance** can provide protection if someone later sues and says they have a claim against the home. Common claims come from a previous owner’s failure to pay taxes or from contractors who say they were not paid for work done on the home before you purchased it.

Most lenders require a **Lender’s Title Insurance** policy, which protects the amount they lent. You may want to buy an **Owner’s Title Insurance** policy, which protects your financial investment in the home. The Loan Estimate you receive lists the Owner’s Title Insurance policy as optional if your lender does not require the policy as a condition of the loan.

Depending on the state where you are buying your home, your title insurance company may give you an itemized list of fees at closing. This itemized list may be required under state law and may be different from what you see on your Loan Estimate or Closing Disclosure. That does not mean you are being charged more. If you add up all the title-related costs your title insurance company gives you, it should match the totals of all the title-related costs you see on your Loan Estimate or Closing Disclosure. When comparing costs for title insurance, make sure to compare the bottom line total.

## Home inspector and home appraiser

When you are considering buying a home, it is smart to check it out carefully to see if it is in good condition. The person who does this for you is called a **home inspector**. The inspector works for you and should tell you whether the home you want to buy is in good condition and whether you are buying a “money pit” of expensive repairs. Get your inspection before you are finally committed to buy the home.

A home inspector is different from a **home appraiser**. The appraiser is an independent professional whose job is to give the lender an estimate of the home’s market value. You are entitled to a copy of the appraisal prior to your closing. This allows you to see how the price you agreed to pay compares to similar and recent property sales in your area.

## 2. Review your revised Loan Estimate

When important information changes, your lender is required to give you a new Loan Estimate that shows your new loan offer.

It is illegal for a lender to quote you low fees and costs for its services on your Loan Estimate and then surprise you with much higher costs in a revised Loan Estimate or Closing Disclosure. However, a lender may change the fees it quotes you for its services if the facts on your application were wrong or changed, you asked for a change, your lender found you did not qualify for the original loan offer, or your Loan Estimate expired.

Here are common reasons why your Loan Estimate might change:

- You decided to change loan programs or the amount of your down payment.
- The appraisal on the home you want to buy came in higher or lower than expected.
- You took out a new loan or missed a payment and that has changed your credit.
- Your lender could not document your overtime, bonus, or other income.

### THE TALK

If your Loan Estimate is revised you should look it over to see what changed. Ask your lender:

**“Can you explain why I received a new Loan Estimate?”**

**“How is my loan transaction different from what I was originally expecting?”**

**“How does this change my loan amount, interest rate, monthly payment, cash to close, and other loan features?”**

### 3. Understand and use your Closing Disclosure

You've chosen a home you want to buy and your offer has been accepted. You've also applied for and been approved for a mortgage. Now you are ready to take legal possession of the home and promise to repay your loan.

At least three days before your closing, you should get your official **Closing Disclosure**, which is a five-page document that gives you more details about your loan, its key terms, and how much you are paying in fees and other costs to get your mortgage and buy your home.

Many of the costs you pay at closing are set by the decisions you made when you were shopping for a mortgage. Charges shown under "services you can shop for" may increase at closing, but generally by no more than 10% of the costs listed on your final Loan Estimate.

The Closing Disclosure breaks down your closing costs into two big categories:

#### YOUR LOAN COSTS

- The lender's **Origination Costs** to make or "originate" the loan, along with application fees and fees to underwrite your loan. **Underwriting** is the lender's term for making sure your credit and financial information is accurate and you meet the lender's requirements for a loan.
- Discount points—that is, additional money you pay up front to reduce your interest rate.
- Services you shopped for, such as your closing or settlement agent and related title costs.
- Services your lender requires for your loan. These include appraisals and credit reports.

#### OTHER COSTS

- Property taxes.
- Homeowner's insurance premiums. You can shop around for homeowner's insurance from your current insurance company, or many others, until you find the combination of premium, coverage, and customer service that fits your situation. Your lender will ask you for proof you have an insurance policy on your new home.
- Any portion of your total mortgage payment you must make before your first full payment is due.
- Flood insurance, if required.

#### RESEARCH STARTER

Get tips, a step-by-step checklist, and help with the rest of the documents you'll see at closing at [consumerfinance.gov/owning-a-home](https://consumerfinance.gov/owning-a-home).

## What is your Closing Disclosure?

The five-page Closing Disclosure sums up the terms of your loan and what you pay at closing. You can easily compare the numbers to the Loan Estimate you received earlier. There should not be any significant changes other than those you have already agreed to.

Take out your own Closing Disclosure, or review the example here. Double-check that you clearly understand what you'll be expected to pay—over the life of your loan and at closing.

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#### Loan terms

Review your monthly payment. Part of it goes to repay what you borrowed (and may build equity in your new home), and part of it goes to pay interest (which doesn't build equity). Equity is the current market value of your home minus the amount you still owe on your mortgage.

#### Costs at Closing

Be prepared to bring the full "Cash to Close" amount with you to your closing. This amount includes your down payment and closing costs. The closing costs are itemized on the following pages.

*This form is a statement of final loan terms and closing costs. Compare this document with your Loan Estimate.*

### Closing Disclosure

<b>Closing Information</b> <b>Date Issued</b> 4/15/2013 <b>Closing Date</b> 4/15/2013 <b>Disbursement Date</b> 4/15/2013 <b>Settlement Agent</b> Epsilon Title Co. <b>File #</b> 12-3456 <b>Property</b> 456 Somewhere Ave Anytown, ST 12345 <b>Sale Price</b> \$180,000	<b>Transaction Information</b> <b>Borrower</b> Michael Jones and Mary Stone 123 Anywhere Street Anytown, ST 12345 <b>Seller</b> Steve Cole and Amy Doe 321 Somewhere Drive Anytown, ST 12345 <b>Lender</b> Ficus Bank	<b>Loan Information</b> <b>Loan Term</b> 30 years <b>Purpose</b> Purchase <b>Product</b> Fixed Rate  <b>Loan Type</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Conventional <input type="checkbox"/> FHA <input type="checkbox"/> VA <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Loan ID #</b> 123456789 <b>MIC #</b> 000654321
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Loan Terms	Can this amount increase after closing?
<b>Loan Amount</b>	\$162,000 <b>NO</b>
<b>Interest Rate</b>	3.875% <b>NO</b>
<b>Monthly Principal &amp; Interest</b> <small>See Projected Payments below for your Estimated Total Monthly Payment</small>	\$761.78 <b>NO</b>
Does the loan have these features?	
<b>Prepayment Penalty</b>	<b>YES</b> • As high as \$3,240 if you pay off the loan during the first 2 years
<b>Balloon Payment</b>	<b>NO</b>

Projected Payments		
Payment Calculation	Years 1-7	Years 8-30
Principal & Interest	\$761.78	\$761.78
Mortgage Insurance	+ 82.35	+ —
Estimated Escrow <small>Amount can increase over time</small>	+ 206.13	+ 206.13
<b>Estimated Total Monthly Payment</b>	<b>\$1,050.26</b>	<b>\$967.91</b>

<b>Estimated Taxes, Insurance &amp; Assessments</b> <small>Amount can increase over time See page 4 for details</small>	\$356.13 a month	<b>This estimate includes</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Property Taxes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Homeowner's Insurance <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: Homeowner's Association Dues <small>See Escrow Account on page 4 for details. You must pay for other property costs separately.</small>
		<b>In escrow?</b> YES YES NO

Costs at Closing	
<b>Closing Costs</b>	\$9,712.10 Includes \$4,694.05 in Loan Costs + \$5,018.05 in Other Costs – \$0 in Lender Credits. See page 2 for details.
<b>Cash to Close</b>	\$14,147.26 Includes Closing Costs. See Calculating Cash to Close on page 3 for details.

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Closing Disclosure, page 1. The most important facts about your loan are on the first page.

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#### Total Loan Costs

Origination charges are fees your lender charges to make your loan. Some closing costs are fees paid to the providers selected by your lender. Some are fees you pay to providers you chose on your own.

#### Prepays

Homeowner's insurance is often paid in advance for the first full year. Also, some taxes and other fees need to be paid in advance.

## Closing Cost Details

Loan Costs	Borrower-Paid		Seller-Paid		Paid by Others
	At Closing	Before Closing	At Closing	Before Closing	
<b>A. Origination Charges</b>	<b>\$1,802.00</b>				
01 0.25 % of Loan Amount (Points)	\$405.00				
02 Application Fee	\$300.00				
03 Underwriting Fee	\$1,097.00				
04					
05					
06					
07					
08					
<b>B. Services Borrower Did Not Shop For</b>	<b>\$236.55</b>				
01 Appraisal Fee to John Smith Appraisers Inc.					\$405.00
02 Credit Report Fee to Information Inc.		\$29.80			
03 Flood Determination Fee to Info Co.	\$20.00				
04 Flood Monitoring Fee to Info Co.	\$31.75				
05 Tax Monitoring Fee to Info Co.	\$75.00				
06 Tax Status Research Fee to Info Co.	\$80.00				
07					
08					
09					
10					
<b>C. Services Borrower Did Shop For</b>	<b>\$2,655.50</b>				
01 Pest Inspection Fee to Pests Co.	\$120.50				
02 Survey Fee to Surveys Co.	\$85.00				
03 Title – Insurance Binder to Epsilon Title Co.	\$650.00				
04 Title – Lender’s Title Insurance to Epsilon Title Co.	\$500.00				
05 Title – Settlement Agent Fee to Epsilon Title Co.	\$500.00				
06 Title – Title Search to Epsilon Title Co.	\$800.00				
07					
08					
<b>D. TOTAL LOAN COSTS (Borrower-Paid)</b>	<b>\$4,694.05</b>				
Loan Costs Subtotals (A + B + C)	\$4,664.25	\$29.80			
<b>Other Costs</b>					
<b>E. Taxes and Other Government Fees</b>	<b>\$85.00</b>				
01 Recording Fees Deed: \$40.00 Mortgage: \$45.00	\$85.00				
02 Transfer Tax to Any State			\$950.00		
<b>F. Prepays</b>	<b>\$2,120.80</b>				
01 Homeowner’s Insurance Premium ( 12 mo.) to Insurance Co.	\$1,209.96				
02 Mortgage Insurance Premium ( mo.)					
03 Prepaid Interest ( \$17.44 per day from 4/15/13 to 5/11/13 )	\$279.04				
04 Property Taxes ( 6 mo.) to Any County USA	\$631.80				
05					
<b>G. Initial Escrow Payment at Closing</b>	<b>\$412.25</b>				
01 Homeowner’s Insurance \$100.83 per month for 2 mo.	\$201.66				
02 Mortgage Insurance per month for mo.					
03 Property Taxes \$105.30 per month for 2 mo.	\$210.60				
04					
05					
06					
07					
08 Aggregate Adjustment	- 0.01				
<b>H. Other</b>	<b>\$2,400.00</b>				
01 HOA Capital Contribution to HOA Acre Inc.	\$500.00				
02 HOA Processing Fee to HOA Acre Inc.	\$150.00				
03 Home Warranty Fee to XYZ Warranty Inc.	\$750.00			\$750.00	
04 Home Warranty Fee to XYZ Warranty Inc.			\$450.00		
05 Real Estate Commission to Alpha Real Estate Broker			\$5,700.00		
06 Real Estate Commission to Omega Real Estate Broker			\$5,700.00		
07 Title – Owner’s Title Insurance (optional) to Epsilon Title Co.	\$1,000.00				
08					
<b>I. TOTAL OTHER COSTS (Borrower-Paid)</b>	<b>\$5,018.05</b>				
Other Costs Subtotals (E + F + G + H)	\$5,018.05				
<b>J. TOTAL CLOSING COSTS (Borrower-Paid)</b>	<b>\$9,712.10</b>				
Closing Costs Subtotals (D + I)	\$9,682.30	\$29.80	\$12,800.00	\$750.00	\$405.00
Lender Credits					

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## Escrow

An escrow or impound account is a special account where monthly insurance and tax payments are held until they are paid out each year. You get a statement showing how much money your lender or mortgage servicer plans to require for your escrow or impound account.

You also get an annual analysis showing what happened to the money in your account. Your lender must follow federal rules to make sure they do not end up with a large surplus or shortage in your escrow or impound account.

Details of your closing costs appear on page 2 of the Closing Disclosure.



### USE YOUR CLOSING DISCLOSURE TO CONFIRM THE DETAILS OF YOUR LOAN

Circle one. If you answer no, turn to the page indicated for more information:

The interest rate is what I was expecting based on my Loan Estimate. **YES / NO** (see page 10)

I know whether I have a prepayment penalty or balloon payment. **YES / NO** (see page 7)

I know whether or not my payment changes in future years. **YES / NO** (see page 7)

I see whether I am paying points or receiving points at closing. **YES / NO** (see page 9)

I know whether I have an escrow account. **YES / NO** (see above)

### Calculating Cash to Close

Closing costs are only a part of the total cash you need to bring to closing.

### Summaries of Transactions

The section at the bottom of the page sums up how the money flows among you, the lender, and the seller.

**Calculating Cash to Close** Use this table to see what has changed from your Loan Estimate.

	Loan Estimate	Final	Did this change?
Total Closing Costs (J)	\$8,054.00	\$9,712.10	YES - See Total Loan Costs (D) and Total Other Costs (I)
Closing Costs Paid Before Closing	\$0	-\$29.80	YES - You paid these Closing Costs before closing
Closing Costs Financed (Paid from your Loan Amount)	\$0	\$0	NO
Down Payment/Funds from Borrower	\$18,000.00	\$18,000.00	NO
Deposit	-\$10,000.00	-\$10,000.00	NO
Funds for Borrower	\$0	\$0	NO
Seller Credits	\$0	-\$2,500.00	YES - See Seller Credits in Section L
Adjustments and Other Credits	\$0	-\$1,035.04	YES - See details in Sections K and L
<b>Cash to Close</b>	<b>\$16,054.00</b>	<b>\$14,147.26</b>	

**Summaries of Transactions** Use this table to see a summary of your transaction.

BORROWER'S TRANSACTION			SELLER'S TRANSACTION		
<b>K. Due from Borrower at Closing</b>	<b>\$189,762.30</b>		<b>M. Due to Seller at Closing</b>	<b>\$180,080.00</b>	
01 Sale Price of Property	\$180,000.00		01 Sale Price of Property	\$180,000.00	
02 Sale Price of Any Personal Property Included in Sale			02 Sale Price of Any Personal Property Included in Sale		
03 Closing Costs Paid at Closing (J)	\$9,682.30		03		
04			04		
<b>Adjustments</b>			05		
05			06		
06			07		
07			08		
<b>Adjustments for Items Paid by Seller in Advance</b>			<b>Adjustments for Items Paid by Seller in Advance</b>		
08 City/Town Taxes to			09 City/Town Taxes to		
09 County Taxes to			10 County Taxes to		
10 Assessments to			11 Assessments to		
11 HOA Dues 4/15/13 to 4/30/13	\$80.00		12 HOA Dues 4/15/13 to 4/30/13	\$80.00	
12			13		
13			14		
14			15		
15			16		
<b>L. Paid Already by or on Behalf of Borrower at Closing</b>	<b>\$175,615.04</b>		<b>N. Due from Seller at Closing</b>	<b>\$115,665.04</b>	
01 Deposit	\$10,000.00		01 Excess Deposit		
02 Loan Amount	\$162,000.00		02 Closing Costs Paid at Closing (J)	\$12,800.00	
03 Existing Loan(s) Assumed or Taken Subject to			03 Existing Loan(s) Assumed or Taken Subject to		
04			04 Payoff of First Mortgage Loan	\$100,000.00	
05 Seller Credit	\$2,500.00		05 Payoff of Second Mortgage Loan		

### Loan Disclosures

Page 4 breaks down what is and is not included in your escrow or impound account. Make sure you understand what is paid from your escrow account and what you are responsible for paying yourself.

#### Additional Information About This Loan

##### Loan Disclosures

**Assumption**  
If you sell or transfer this property to another person, your lender  will allow, under certain conditions, this person to assume this loan on the original terms.  will not allow assumption of this loan on the original terms.

**Demand Feature**  
Your loan  has a demand feature, which permits your lender to require early repayment of the loan. You should review your note for details.  does not have a demand feature.

**Late Payment**  
If your payment is more than 15 days late, your lender will charge a late fee of 5% of the monthly principal and interest payment.

**Negative Amortization** (Increase in Loan Amount)  
Under your loan terms, you  are scheduled to make monthly payments that do not pay all of the interest due that month. As a result, your loan amount will increase (negatively amortize), and your loan amount will likely become larger than your original loan amount. Increases in your loan amount lower the equity you have in this property.  may have monthly payments that do not pay all of the interest due that month. If you do, your loan amount will increase (negatively amortize), and, as a result, your loan amount may become larger than your original loan amount. Increases in your loan amount lower the equity you have in this property.  do not have a negative amortization feature.

**Partial Payments**  
Your lender  may accept payments that are less than the full amount due (partial payments) and apply them to your loan.  may hold them in a separate account until you pay the rest of the payment, and then apply the full payment to your loan.  does not accept any partial payments. If this loan is sold, your new lender may have a different policy.

**Security Interest**  
You are granting a security interest in 456 Somewhere Ave., Anytown, ST 12345

You may lose this property if you do not make your payments or satisfy other obligations for this loan.

##### Escrow Account

**For now, your loan**  will have an escrow account (also called an "impound" or "trust" account) to pay the property costs listed below. Without an escrow account, you would pay them directly, possibly in one or two large payments a year. Your lender may be liable for penalties and interest for failing to make a payment.

Escrow		
Escrowed Property Costs over Year 1	\$2,473.56	Estimated total amount over year 1 for your escrowed property costs: Homeowner's Insurance Property Taxes
Non-Escrowed Property Costs over Year 1	\$1,800.00	Estimated total amount over year 1 for your non-escrowed property costs: Homeowner's Association Dues You may have other property costs.
Initial Escrow Payment	\$412.25	A cushion for the escrow account you pay at closing. See Section G on page 2.
Monthly Escrow Payment	\$206.13	The amount included in your total monthly payment.

will not have an escrow account because  you declined it  your lender does not offer one. You must directly pay your property costs, such as taxes and homeowner's insurance. Contact your lender to ask if your loan can have an escrow account.

No Escrow		
Estimated Property Costs over Year 1		Estimated total amount over year 1. You must pay these costs directly, possibly in one or two large payments a year.
Escrow Waiver Fee		

**In the future,**  
Your property costs may change and, as a result, your escrow payment may change. You may be able to cancel your escrow account, but if you do, you must pay your property costs directly. If you fail to pay your property taxes, your state or local government may (1) impose fines and penalties or (2) place a tax lien on this property. If you fail to pay any of your property costs, your lender may (1) add the amounts to your loan balance, (2) add an escrow account to your loan, or (3) require you to pay for property insurance that the lender buys on your behalf, which likely would cost more and provide fewer benefits than what you could buy on your own.

Top image: A summary of important financial information appears on page 3 of the Closing Disclosure.

Bottom image: More details of your loan appear on page 4 of your Closing Disclosure.

### Finance Charge

In addition to paying back the amount you are borrowing, you pay a lot of interest over the life of the loan. This is why it is worthwhile to shop carefully for the best loan for your situation.

### Annual Percentage Rate (APR)

Your **APR** is your total cost of credit stated as a rate. Your APR is generally higher than your interest rate, because the APR takes into consideration all the costs of your loan, over the full term of the loan.

If anything on the Closing Disclosure is not clear to you, ask your lender or settlement agent, "What does this mean?"

Loan Calculations		Other Disclosures			
<b>Total of Payments.</b> Total you will have paid after you make all payments of principal, interest, mortgage insurance, and loan costs, as scheduled.	\$285,803.36	<b>Appraisal</b> If the property was appraised for your loan, your lender is required to give you a copy at no additional cost at least 3 days before closing. If you have not yet received it, please contact your lender at the information listed below.			
<b>Finance Charge.</b> The dollar amount the loan will cost you.	\$118,830.27	<b>Contract Details</b> See your note and security instrument for information about <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• what happens if you fail to make your payments,</li> <li>• what is a default on the loan,</li> <li>• situations in which your lender can require early repayment of the loan, and</li> <li>• the rules for making payments before they are due.</li> </ul>			
<b>Amount Financed.</b> The loan amount available after paying your upfront finance charge.	\$162,000.00	<b>Liability after Foreclosure</b> If your lender forecloses on this property and the foreclosure does not cover the amount of unpaid balance on this loan, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> state law may protect you from liability for the unpaid balance. If you refinance or take on any additional debt on this property, you may lose this protection and have to pay any debt remaining even after foreclosure. You may want to consult a lawyer for more information. <input type="checkbox"/> state law does not protect you from liability for the unpaid balance.			
<b>Annual Percentage Rate (APR).</b> Your costs over the loan term expressed as a rate. This is not your interest rate.	4.174%	<b>Refinance</b> Refinancing this loan will depend on your future financial situation, the property value, and market conditions. You may not be able to refinance this loan.			
<b>Total Interest Percentage (TIP).</b> The total amount of interest that you will pay over the loan term as a percentage of your loan amount.	69.46%	<b>Tax Deductions</b> If you borrow more than this property is worth, the interest on the loan amount above this property's fair market value is not deductible from your federal income taxes. You should consult a tax advisor for more information.			

**Questions?** If you have questions about the loan terms or costs on this form, use the contact information below. To get more information or make a complaint, contact the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau at [www.consumerfinance.gov/mortgage-closing](http://www.consumerfinance.gov/mortgage-closing)

Contact Information					
	Lender	Mortgage Broker	Real Estate Broker (B)	Real Estate Broker (S)	Settlement Agent
<b>Name</b>	Ficus Bank		Omega Real Estate Broker Inc.	Alpha Real Estate Broker Co.	Epsilon Title Co.
<b>Address</b>	4321 Random Blvd. Somecity, ST 12340		789 Local Lane Sometown, ST 12345	987 Suburb Ct. Someplace, ST 12340	123 Commerce Pl. Somecity, ST 12344
<b>NMLS ID</b>					
<b>ST License ID</b>			Z765416	Z61456	Z61616
<b>Contact</b>	Joe Smith		Samuel Green	Joseph Cain	Sarah Arnold
<b>Contact NMLS ID</b>	12345				
<b>Contact ST License ID</b>			P16415	P51461	PT1234
<b>Email</b>	joesmith@ficusbank.com		sam@omegare.biz	joe@alphare.biz	sarah@epsilontitle.com
<b>Phone</b>	123-456-7890		123-555-1717	321-555-7171	987-555-4321

**Confirm Receipt**  
By signing, you are only confirming that you have received this form. You do not have to accept this loan because you have signed or received this form.

Applicant Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Co-Applicant Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Loan calculations, disclosures, and contact information for your files are on page 5 of the Closing Disclosure.

## NOW

- Now you've spent time understanding what you need to do and what you need to pay, as a new homeowner.
- Now is the time to step back and feel sure you want to proceed with the loan.

## IN THE FUTURE

- If you are not comfortable with your mortgage and your responsibility to make payments, you might not be able to keep your home.
- If you've made a careful decision about what you can afford and the mortgage you wanted, you will be able to balance owning your home and meeting your other financial goals.