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When a person has served in the military and wants to purchase a house, one of the first things they should do is look into a VA home loan.



This loan enables a buyer the chance to purchase a house with no money down.



It's possible they may not be required to pay mortgage insurance every month.



There could be limitations on closing costs paid by the buyer.

And an appraisal detailing the value of a property could also be provided.



WHAT AMOUNT OF TIME IS REQUIRED TO GET A VA LOAN?

Answering this question with any accuracy can be difficult.

The majority of VA loans are able to be closed within 45 days.

This is common in the mortgage industry.

There are a number of steps in the approval process and getting preapproved is one way to shorten the closing time.

Preapproval means a person has met the lender's basic requirements for a loan before starting the process.

The timetable for a seller to move out of the house and a buyer to move into the house can impact the closing time.

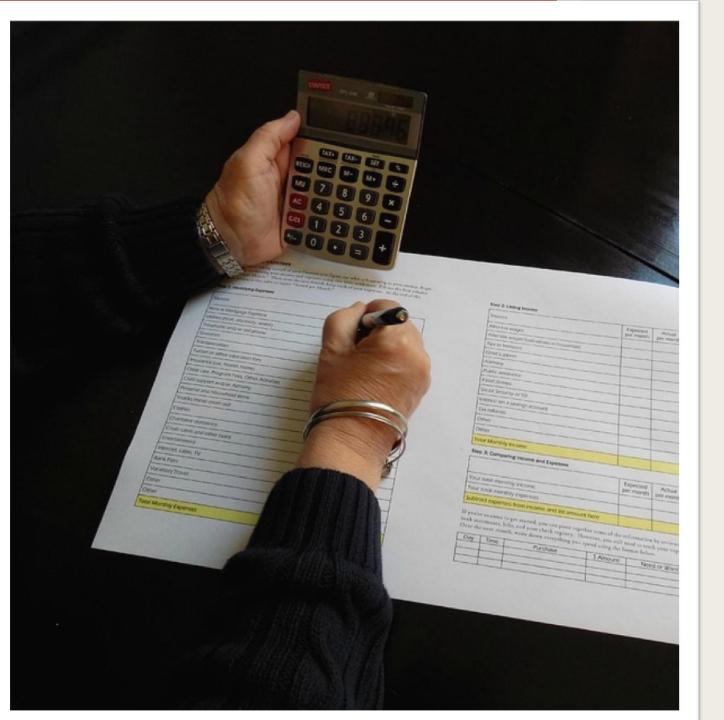
An agreed upon moving date can also make the process longer or shorter. The VA appraisal also plays a role.

Should the appraiser make the loan based on necessary repairs, the closing date could be extended by weeks and sometimes even months.

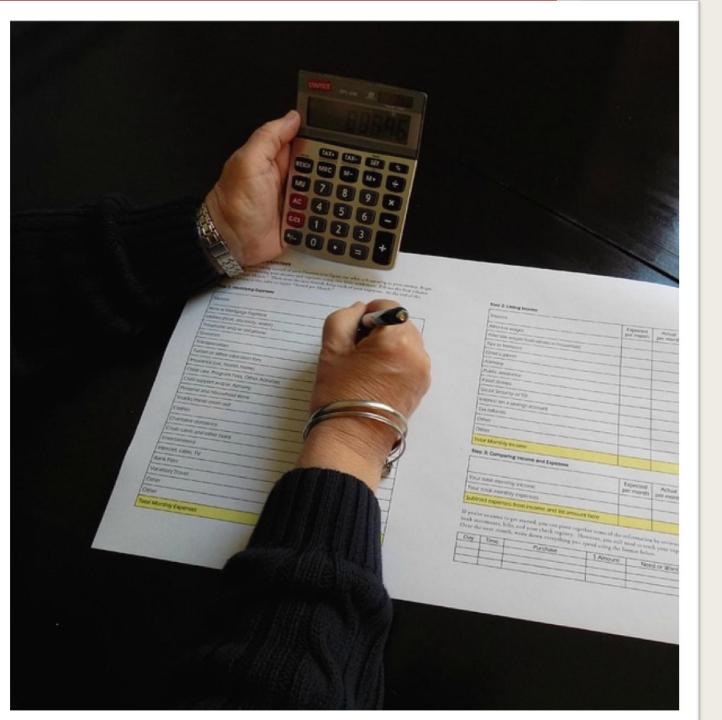
After an appraisal, the VA loan must then go through the underwriting process. This is the final step.

The need for more documentation or resolving eligibility issues can cause the closing date to be extended.

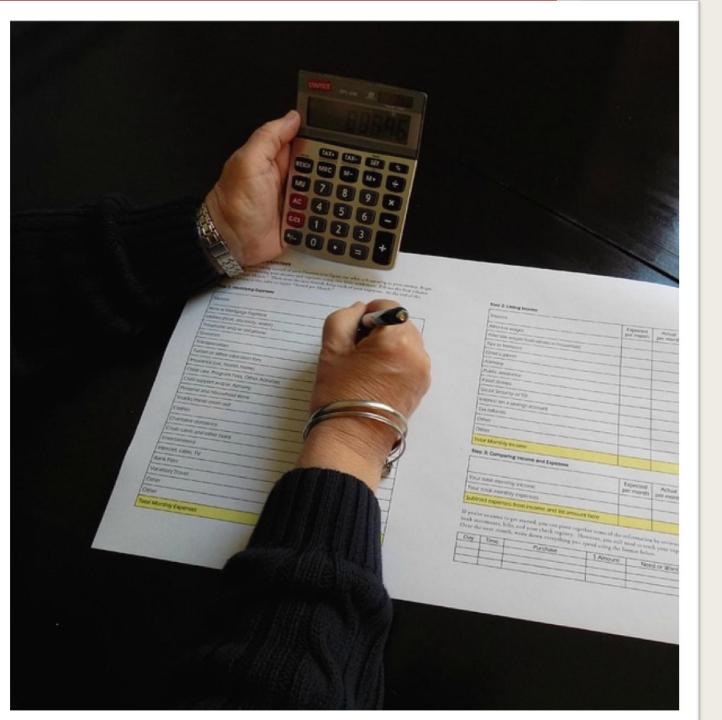
HOW MUCH INCOME DO I HAVE TO MAKE TO GET A VA LOAN?



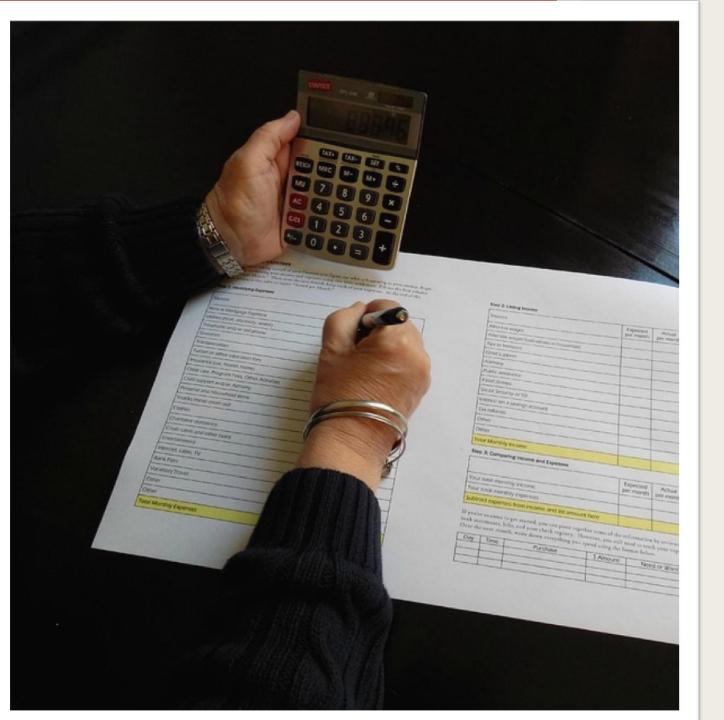
When a person applies for a VA home loan, they will hear about a formula known as the debt-to-income ratio (DTI).



The DTI takes the VA loan applicant's monthly debt payments and compares them to their gross monthly income.



A lender will focus on monthly debts such as the cost for housing, unsecured debts and more.



The DTI ratio benchmark for a VA loan is approximately 41%. When it is more, a lender may want additional financial information.

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