payment obligations, including the [required loan-payment] PRINCIPAL, INTEREST, PROPERTY TAXES, AND HOMEOWNER'S INSURANCE, do not exceed 45 percent of the borrower's monthly gross income.

- [(3) This subsection does not apply to a covered loan to a borrower whose monthly gross income is greater than 120 percent of the median family income for the metropolitan statistical area in which the residential real property securing the loan is located.]
- (E) (1) DUE REGARD TO A BORROWER'S ABILITY TO REPAY A MORTGAGE LOAN MUST INCLUDE VERIFICATION:
- (I) CONSIDERATION OF THE BORROWER'S DEBT TO INCOME RATIO, INCLUDING EXISTING DEBTS AND OTHER OBLIGATIONS; AND
- (II) <u>VERIFICATION</u> OF THE BORROWER'S GROSS MONTHLY INCOME <u>AND ASSETS</u> BY REVIEW OF <u>THIRD-PARTY</u> WRITTEN DOCUMENTATION REASONABLY BELIEVED BY THE LENDER TO BE ACCURATE AND COMPLETE.
- (2) ACCEPTABLE <u>THIRD-PARTY</u> WRITTEN DOCUMENTATION INCLUDES:
- (I) A WRITTEN STATEMENT SUBMITTED BY THE BORROWER THE BORROWER SERVICE FORM W-2;
- (II) A COPY OF THE BORROWER'S FEDERAL INCOME TAX RETURN;
- (III) The borrower's most recent pay stub; and Payroll receipts;
- (IV) A WRITTEN STATEMENT SUBMITTED BY THE BORROWER'S EMPLOYER THE RECORDS OF A FINANCIAL INSTITUTION; OR
- (V) OTHER THIRD-PARTY DOCUMENTS THAT PROVIDE REASONABLY RELIABLE EVIDENCE OF THE BORROWER'S INCOME OR ASSETS.
- (3) THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO A MORTGAGE LOAN APPROVED FOR GOVERNMENT GUARANTY BY THE FEDERAL HOUSING ADMINISTRATION, VETERANS ADMINISTRATION, OR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION.