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Hi Connective Lender Services Pty Ltd,

At Bank of Melbourne, your business and clients are important to us, so we want to make sure you're up to date with the latest information. Please take a few moments to catch up with what matters in this edition, including:

- Credit Policy changes covering:
  - Verifying Income.
  - Construction Loans.
  - o Commitments.
  - Assessing LVR.
  - Migrant Lending.
  - o HEM update.
  - Assessing security requirements.
- Financial Situation Verification update.

# Your latest must-knows

We're constantly reviewing our policies and procedures to ensure we continue lending in a responsible way and the following changes for new loans are effective as of **Sunday 22 August 2021** (unless specifically noted otherwise).

# **Verifying Income Policy changes**

- · Additional options for non-base income verification.
- Direct salary credits are now an assessment option.
- JobKeeper Payments policy removed.
- Simplified Verifying Income chapter.

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#### **Construction Loans policy changes**

- Quantity Surveyor Report no longer required for construction over \$1m.
- Updated Progress Inspections table.

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# **Commitments Policy changes**

- Reduced verification requirements for some commitment types.
- · Commitment conduct clarification.
- Allowable variance clarification.

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#### Changes to assessing Loan to Value Ratio (LVR)

- Increased Prestige Property value definition.
- Clarified Multiple Dwellings maximum LVR.

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#### Migrant Lending package changes

We've made some changes to the Migrant Lending package including:

- Eligibility criteria clarification.
- Updated Visa Matrix and Applicant via Resident Type Matrix.

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#### **Household Expenditure Measure (HEM)**

The HEM table will be updated with the Q1 2021 values issued by the Melbourne Institute. These changes are reflective of Consumer Price Index movements and provide a useful guide to affordability. We'll update the Assess Calculator and ApplyOnline accordingly on **Sunday 22 August 2021**.

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#### Assessing security requirements update

We've updated the "Assessing security requirements – standard real estate table" to clearly define requirements, including connection of services and dwelling limits.

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# **Financial Situation Verification update**

A customer's financial situation must be verified and signed loan offer documents returned by the customer within:

- 90 days from FSV date for refinances/increases (non-purchases).
- 120 days from FSV date for new lending (purchases).

The FSV date is the date you submit your application for assessment. As the customer may not have time to sign and return the loan offer documents before the FSV expiry date, unapproved loans that fall within 14 days of these FSV expiry dates will need to be re-verified.

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