

2026 Financial & Debt Underwriting Metrics

Standards: IRC Tax Regulations, IRS Pub 15-T, SBA SOP 50 10 7, Banking Waterfall Math

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1. Standard Loan Amortization Formula & Waterfall

Debt & Mortgage

$$M = P \times [r(1 + r)^n] / [(1 + r)^n - 1] \cdot P = \text{Balance}, r = \text{Monthly Rate (APR/12)}, n = \text{Months}$$

Loan Term	Monthly Payment (\$100k @ 6.75%)	Total Lifetime Interest Ratio	Payoff Velocity Assessment
30-Year Fixed	\$648.60 / mo	133.5% (\$133,497 per \$100k)	Standard US consumer benchmark
20-Year Fixed	\$760.36 / mo	82.5% (\$82,486 per \$100k)	Accelerated equity accumulation
15-Year Fixed	\$884.90 / mo	59.3% (\$59,282 per \$100k)	High interest savings threshold
10-Year Fixed	\$1,148.24 / mo	37.8% (\$37,789 per \$100k)	Aggressive debt elimination

Principal Acceleration Rule: Paying an additional 1/12th monthly installment (\$54.05/mo on \$100k) shaves ~4.3 years off a 30-yr note and saves \$23,400+ in pure interest.

2. Commercial & Residential Real Estate Underwriting

Investment & NOI

Key Indicator	Mathematical Formula	2026 Target Benchmark	Strategic Underwriting Purpose
Cap Rate (Capitalization)	NOI / Purchase Price	6.25% – 8.50%+	Asset unleveraged return rate
Net Operating Income (NOI)	Gross Income – Operating Exp	Positive operating spread	Excludes debt service and income taxes
Cash-on-Cash Return	Pre-Tax Cash Flow / Cash Invested	8.00% – 12.00%+	Actual cash yield on invested equity
50% Operating Expense Rule	Operating Exp ≈ 50% Gross Rent	Standard quick filter	Accounts for vacancy, repairs, capex
Gross Rent Multiplier (GRM)	Price / Annual Gross Rent	6.5x – 9.0x	Lower is better; deals > 11x are overpriced

3. SBA 7(a) & 504 Commercial Debt Underwriting

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Underwriting Metric	Standard Bank Requirement	Approval Feasibility Status
DSCR ≥ 1.35x	Net Operating Income ≥ 135% of Annual Debt Service	PRIME APPROVAL (Tier 1 low risk)
DSCR 1.15x – 1.25x	Statutory minimum threshold for SBA 7(a) / 504 loans	ACCEPTABLE (May require additional collateral)
DSCR < 1.15x	Insufficient operating cash flow buffer	DECLINED (Requires larger equity injection)
Statutory Interest Spread	WSJ Prime + 2.75% to 3.00% ceiling (loans > \$50k)	SBA Federal Regulatory Mandate
Maturity Guidelines	25 Yrs (Commercial Real Estate); 10 Yrs (Equipment/Working Cap)	Prevents balloon refinancing risks

2026 Payroll, Tax Withholding & Material Standards

IRS Pub 15-T, Ohio Tax Restructuring, Consumer Auto Financing, ASTM Construction Codes

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4. 2026 Federal Income Tax & FICA Statutory Rates				IRS Pub 15-T
Tax Component	Employee Withholding	Employer Match	2026 Annual Statutory Limits	
Social Security (OASDI)	6.20% of Gross	6.20%	Capped at SSA Wage Base (\$176,100+)	
Medicare (HI)	1.45% of Gross	1.45%	No income cap (Applies to all compensation)	
Additional Medicare	0.90% over threshold	0.00%	Wages over \$200k (Single) / \$250k (MFJ)	
Pre-Tax 401(k) / 403(b)	Elective Deferral	Discretionary	Reduces Federal & State Taxable Gross Base	
Standard Deduction	Single: \$15,000+ Married: \$30,000+	N/A	Indexed annually for consumer price inflation	

5. Ohio State & Municipal (RITA / CCA) Taxation Rules			Ohio Tax Code
Tax Jurisdiction	2026 Statutory Rate	Application & Treatment	
Ohio State: \$0 to \$26,050	0.00% (Exempt)	First \$26,050 completely free of Ohio state income tax	
Ohio State: \$26,051 to \$100k	2.75% Marginal	Progressive rate on income exceeding \$26,050	
Ohio State: Over \$100,000	3.50% Marginal	Top consolidated individual income tax rate in Ohio	
Municipal Tax (RITA/CCA)	1.50% – 2.50% Typical	Levied by cities (Columbus, Cleveland, etc.) on gross pay	
School District (SDIT)	0.50% – 2.00%	Local voter-approved levy (Traditional vs. Earned Income)	

6. Consumer Auto 20/4/10 Rule & Construction Material Standards			Auto & Construction
Category	Standard Constant / Rule	Engineering / Financial Best Practice	
Auto: 20% Down Payment	20% Cash Equity	Protects borrower against rapid year-one vehicle depreciation	
Auto: 4-Year Term (48 Mo)	48 Months Max	Avoids 72–84 month loans where interest exceeds vehicle value	
Auto: 10% Monthly Income	≤ 10% Gross Salary	Caps total vehicle costs (payment, insurance, fuel) at sustainable level	
Concrete: Volume Formula	(L × W × D) / 27	Converts cubic feet into standard Ready-Mix Cubic Yards (yd³)	
Concrete: Safety Spillage Buffer	+10% Added Volume	Essential buffer for uneven excavation, deflection, and spillage	
Concrete: 80-lb Pre-Mix Yield	45 Bags = 1.0 yd³	Standard commercially bagged mix (0.60 cu ft yield per 80-lb bag)	