




Missouri Housing
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LENDER TRAINING: Understanding Recapture Tax




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WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THE HOUSE IS SOLD?

- Title to the home transfers as in any other transaction.
- If the home is sold within the first nine years of homeownership, Recapture Tax may be triggered.
- The repayment of a DPA is separate from this.



WHAT IS RECAPTURE TAX?

- If a homebuyer sells his or her home in the first nine years of ownership AND,
- If they make a profit AND,
- If income is over maximum,

only then additional tax may be owed.

HOW IS RECAPTURE TAX CALCULATED

- Uses IRS Form 8828 as a worksheet.
- Calculated from time of purchase to time of sale.
- Uses purchase price plus improvements as base price.
- Deducts cost of sale.
- Uses sales-year Adjusted Gross Income as determinant if Recapture Tax owed.

THINGS TO CONSIDER EVEN WITH POTENTIAL RECAPTURE TAX

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