

| Successful Short Sale | Foreclosure |
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| Credit Score | |
| A short sales effect can be as brief as 12 to 18 months. Only late payments on the mortgage will show. This can lower the score as little as 50 points. | A foreclosure may affect your credit score for over 3 years and can lower your score between 200 to 400 points. |
| Credit History | |
| A short sale MAY NOT be reported on a person's credit history. | A foreclosure will stay on a person's credit history for 7 years or more. |
| Future Employment | |
| A short sale is NOT reported on a credit report and therefore should not be a challenge to employment. | Most employers require a credit check on all job applicants. Foreclosures are one of the most detrimental credit items for your credit report. |
| Fannie Mae | |
| The homeowner may be eligible for a Fannie Mae backed mortgage after 2 | The homeowner is not eligible for a Fannie Mae backed mortgage for at least 5 years. |
| Conventional (late on payments) | |
| The homeowner may be eligible for a Fannie Mae backed loan after 2 years | The homeowner may be eligible for a Fannie Mae backed loan after 5 years |
| Conventional (current) | |
| There is NO wait for a Freddie-or-Fannie backed loan if current on all obligations, including installment debt | Future rates may be affected if you have been foreclosed in the last 7 years |
| Deficiency Judgment | |
| In some successful short sales, it is possible to convince the lender to give up their right to pursue a deficiency judgment against the homeowner | In 100% of foreclosures, (except in states where there is no deficiency protection in the law) the bank has the right to pursue a deficiency judgment |
| FHA (current) | |
| 3 years from the date the FHA insurance is paid by the lender (not the date of the Short Sale closing) before a borrower may be eligible for another FHA loan | The homeowner is not eligible for a Fannie Mae backed mortgage for 5 years |
| VA (late on payments) | |
| The homeowner may be eligible for a Fannie Mae backed loan after 2 years | The homeowner may not be eligible for a Fannie Mae backed loan for 2 years |
| VA (current) | |
| The homeowner may be eligible for a Fannie Mae backed loan after 2 years | The homeowner may not be eligible for a Fannie Mae backed loan for 2 years |

