Box 2. Shows the outstanding principal on the mortgage as of January 1, 2021. If the mortgage originated in 2021, shows the mortgage principal as of the date of origination. If the recipient/ lender acquired the loan in 2021, shows the mortgage principal as of the date of acquisition.

Mortgage

Statement

The information in boxes 1

important tax information and is being furnished to

the IRS. If you are required to file a return, a negligence

penalty or other sanction

may be imposed on you if

the IRS determines that an underpayment of

tax results because you

overstated a deduction for

this mortgage interest or for

these points, reported in boxes 1 and 6; or because you didn't report the refund

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of interest (box 4); or

because you claimed a nondeductible item.

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Box 4. Do not deduct this amount. It is a refund (or credit) for overpayment(s) of interest you made in a prior year or years. If you itemized deductions in the year(s) you paid the interest, you may have to include part or all of the box 4 amount on the "Other income" line of your 2021 Schedule 1 (Form 1040). No adjustment to your prior year(s) tax return(s) is necessary. For more information, see Pub. 936 and Itemized Deduction Recoveries in Pub. 525.

Box 5. If an amount is reported in this box, it may qualify to be treated as deductible mortgage interest. See the 2021 Schedule A (Form 1040) instructions and Pub. 936.

Box 6. Not all points are reportable to you. Box 6 shows points you or the seller paid this year for the purchase of your principal residence that are required to be reported to you. Generally, these points are fully deductible in the year paid, but you must subtract seller-paid points from the basis of your residence. Other points not reported in box 6 may also be deductible. See Pub.

Box 10. The interest recipient may use this box to give you other information, such as real estate

Box 11. If the recipient/lender acquired the mortgage in 2021, shows the date of acquisition.

Future developments. For the latest information about developments related to Form 1098 and its instructions, such as legislation enacted after they were published, go to www.irs.gov/

FreeFile. Go to www.irs.gov/FreeFile to see if you qualify for no-cost online federal tax preparation, e-filing, and direct deposit or payment options.