

Company Name	Date
Broker Contact	Account Executive

**Required Application Items**

**To avoid delays, please complete all fields and sign/date all pages where applicable.**

**I. Mortgage Broker Application**

- Signed by Broker of Record and Principal Officer
- Additional Owners (with 10% or more Ownership) must complete their information on Page 2 of the Application

**II. Wholesale Mortgage Broker Agreement**

- Signed and unaltered
- Complete item 1.0 with the date, company name, type of business, state, and street address
- Complete item 14.0 with the address and email where notices are to be sent

**III. Fraud Policy Disclosure**

- Completed, signed, and dated

**IV. List of Mortgage Loan Originators (MLOs) Submitting Loans and their NMLS IDs**

- Names and NMLS IDs of all who will originate and submit loans to GIANT Lending provided

**V. Loan Originator Compensation Policy and Agreement**

- Company name entered at the top of the page
- Completed, signed, and dated

**VI. Lender Paid Compensation Election Form**

- Completed, signed, and dated

**VII. TRID Compliance Certification**

- Completed, signed, and dated

**VIII. Broker's Corporate Resolution**

- Completed, signed, and dated

**IX. Broker Hiring Practices Certification**

- Completed, signed (by Broker or Principal Officer), and dated

**X. FHA Broker Sponsorship Agreement (if applicable)**

- Completed, signed, and dated

**XI. ACH Payment Authorization Form**

- Completed, signed, and dated

**XII. W-9 Request for Taxpayer ID # and Certification**

- Completed, signed (by Broker or Principal Officer), and dated

**XIII. Additional Required Documents (not included in this GIANT Lending packet)**

- Last year's full year financials, including most recent Balance Sheet and P&L (both dated within 90 days)
- Current Broker & Officers Licenses
- Résumé of Broker and Principal Officer
- Quality Control Plan (Written internal policy)
- Articles of Incorporation for Corporation or Organization for LLC (if applicable)
- E&O Policy (if applicable)



GIANT Lending Account Executive	
How did you hear about us?	

**Applicant Information**

The applicant named below is applying for approval as a Mortgage Broker with GIANT Lending.

Legal Name of Company	Company DBA (if different)
Broker of Record	Company Main Phone
Company Street Address	Company City, State and Zip Code
Broker Social Security Number	Broker Date of Birth
Broker State License Number	Broker State License Expiration Date
Broker NMLS ID Number	Company NMLS ID Number
Broker Home Street Address	Broker Home City, State and Zip Code
Principal Officer	Principal Officer Email Address
Principal Officer Social Security Number	Principal Officer Date of Birth
Principal Officer Home Street Address	Principal Officer City, State and Zip Code
Company State of Formation	Company Date of Formation
If Company is a Corporation, is it a subsidiary or controlled by another entity? If so, list here:	

**Ownership of Company**

What percentage of ownership in Company is held by the Broker?	
What percentage of ownership in the Company is held by Principal Officer(s)?	

**Ownership of Company by Other Individuals**

Please list additional owners and percentage owned below. For each individual owning 10% or more, include their information below. All individuals owning 10% or more must sign this Application and the attached Agreement. Space for additional owners continued on the following page; please attach a separate sheet if necessary.

Owner 2 Name	Owner 2 Percentage Owned
Owner 2 Social Security Number	Owner 2 Date of Birth
Owner 2 Home Address	Owner 2 City, State and Zip Code
Owner 3 Name	Owner 3 Percentage Owned
Owner 3 Social Security Number	Owner 3 Date of Birth
Owner 3 Home Address	Owner 3 City, State and Zip Code



Owner 4 Name	Owner 4 Percentage Owned
Owner 4 Social Security Number	Owner 4 Date of Birth
Owner 4 Home Address	Owner 4 City, State and Zip Code

**Lender References**

If no Lender references, please attach a letter of explanation

Company Name	Contact Name	Phone Number	Email Address

**General Information**

During the last five years, has the name of the company been changed or any other business been purchased, merged, or consolidated with the company? If yes, please include all pertinent information here and attach a separate sheet if necessary

**Licensing Information**

States in which Company licensed:	
States from which Company will submit loans to GIANT Lending:	
Company FHA and/or VA approved?	FHA <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO VA <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Does Company have centralized loan processing?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO



**Affiliated Companies**

Please certify that your company **does not** have any affiliation\* with any of the following companies: **Appraisal Company, Accounting or Tax Preparation Company, Building Contractor or Developer, Credit Bureau Service, Escrow Company, Property Management Company, Realty Company, or Title Company.**

\* **Affiliation** is defined as having any type of ownership interest or connection with any close family members who have an ownership interest; GIANT Lending will not accept appraisals from appraisers who are affiliated with the Broker.

Please mark the appropriate box here and have Broker of Record and Principal Officer sign below to certify this information about Affiliated Companies is accurate and correct. If marking the 'does' box, list the Affiliated Company(ies) below.

I certify that Company  does /  does not have any affiliation with any of the above-referenced companies. List Company's Affiliates below. Attach a separate sheet if necessary.

<b>Affiliated Company 1 – Company Name</b>	<b>Affiliated Company 1 Phone Number</b>
Affiliated Company 1 Address	Affiliated Company 1 City, State and Zip Code
<b>Affiliated Company 2 – Company Name</b>	<b>Affiliated Company 2 Phone Number</b>
Affiliated Company 2 Address	Affiliated Company 2 City, State and Zip Code

**If an Affiliated Company is a Closing Agent or Escrow Company, provide the following (required):**

- Quality Control Plan for Company's assurance no conflict of interest due to affiliated business arrangement
- Errors and Omissions (\$300,000 minimum) Policy under affiliated Closing Agent/Escrow Company Name

**Disclosure/Due Diligence**

Please read the following statements and indicate **YES** or **NO** for each. If any answer is **YES**, please include a detailed letter of explanation with your Broker Application Package. Sign below to certify truthfulness. **Has Company, its Principals, or Officers...**

1. ever been suspended or debarred by any lender from brokering mortgage loans?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
2. ever been named as Defendant in a lawsuit for alleged fraud?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
3. ever been involved in or is currently involved in any litigation?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
4. ever been named as Defendant in a criminal, civil, or administrative proceeding/complaint/conviction for alleged fraud or misrepresentation?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
5. ever filed for protection from creditors under any provision of the bankruptcy laws or made an assignment for the benefit of creditors within the last seven years?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
6. ever had a real estate, lending, or other professional license suspended or revoked, or received any other disciplinary action from a regulatory agency?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
7. or any Company Affiliate ever had any lender enforce or attempt to enforce the Hold Harmless, Indemnification, or Repurchase Clause of a Correspondent or Broker Agreement?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
8. ever been the subject of any disciplinary action or regulatory sanction for violation of any fair lending, fair housing, predatory lending, or non-discrimination laws or regulations?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
9. ever been suspended or debarred by HUD?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
10. ever had any unfavorable findings in any audit, examination, or investigation?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO

<b>Broker of Record Signature</b>	<b>Date Signed</b>	<b>Principal Officer Signature</b>	<b>Date Signed</b>
X		X	



**Authorizations and Certifications**

By signing this Application you agree that GIANT Lending may, at its discretion, provide information to you and/or Company via telephone, facsimile, and/or email using the contact information provided within this Application (or to another telephone, facsimile, or email address provided by you) and/or by courier, U.S. Postal Service, the Internet, and/or any other electronic or physical means. You agree to provide updated telephone, facsimile, and email addresses to GIANT Lending should the information provided herein change. Information provided may pertain to pricing, rates, available programs, specials and other topics to keep you aware of product opportunities and changes in the marketplace and/or how GIANT Lending conducts business. You also agree to provide GIANT Lending with annual recertification.

**If you decide to rescind this authorization, you agree to inform GIANT Lending in writing at:**

OCMBC, Inc. dba GIANT Lending  
Broker Approval Department  
19000 MacArthur Blvd, Suite 200  
Irvine, CA 92612

The undersigned declares that the information contained in this Application and all accompanying supporting documentation is true and correct to the best of his/her/their knowledge and belief. The undersigned understands that GIANT Lending is relying on said information in making its business decision to approve the Broker for conducting business with GIANT Lending. With signatures below, GIANT Lending is hereby authorized to obtain verification of the information provided from any source (including credit checks, reference inquiries, and background checks) regarding the Broker, Principal(s), and Owner(s) in connection with this Mortgage Broker Application. A photocopy or facsimile of this authorization may be used as a duplicate original. GIANT Lending will treat the information obtained as confidential.

Broker of Record Signature	Date	Principal Officer Signature	Date
<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>	
Broker of Record Printed Name		Principal Officer Printed Name	
Broker of Record Title (if Company Title in Addition to Broker)		Principal Officer Title	



**1.0 PARTIES**

This Wholesale Mortgage Broker Agreement (“Agreement”) is entered into this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, with OCMBC, Inc. dba Giant Lending, a California Corporation with its principal offices located at 19000 MacArthur Blvd., Suite 200, Irvine, California 92612 (“GL” or “Lender”), and \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(full legal name of the Broker—either Company Name or Sole Proprietor Name)  
a \_\_\_\_\_ with a principal business located at  
(state in which business formed and type of business entity)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(complete address of the principal place of business)  
 (“Broker”). GL and Broker are referred to herein individually as “Party” and collectively as the “Parties.”

**2.0 SUBJECT MATTER OF THE AGREEMENT**

GL is a licensed mortgage company engaged in the business of, among other things, receiving loan application packages from mortgage brokers, such as Broker for closing and funding consideration. This Agreement sets forth the Parties’ rights and obligations with respect to such loan application packages as Broker may from time to time submit to GL for closing and funding consideration.

**3.0 INTEGRATED AGREEMENT**

This Agreement, including any and all other materials that are incorporated into this Agreement by reference, as set forth below, is intended to and does set forth the entire understanding between the Parties with regard to the subject matter of this Agreement, and it replaces and supersedes all other prior or contemporaneous agreements or understandings between the Parties, whether written or oral, with regard to said subject matter. Except as expressly provided otherwise elsewhere in this Agreement, no amendments, supplements, addenda or waivers of any term or provision of this Agreement shall be valid or have any force or effect whatsoever unless set forth in writing, which is signed by an authorized representative of each of the Parties to this Agreement.

**4.0 NONEXCLUSIVE AGREEMENT**

Nothing contained herein shall obligate Broker to submit all the loan application packages it creates or generates to GL, nor shall GL be obligated to approve and/or fund any loan application package submitted to it by Broker, it being expressly understood by and between GL and Broker that this is a nonexclusive Agreement.

**5.0 INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR RELATIONSHIP**

Nothing contained herein shall constitute a partnership or joint venture between or among GL and Broker. The Parties hereby expressly agree and acknowledge that, with regard to the subject matter of this Agreement, they are, and at all times shall be, governed by this Agreement, operating as independent contractors. Broker shall at no time and under no circumstances represent or hold itself out to any third party, either expressly or impliedly, as an agent or employee of GL. Broker shall at no time make use of any trade or service mark or logo of GL without express and specific written consent of GL. Broker has no authority, either expressly or impliedly, under this Agreement or otherwise, to enter into any contract or agreement with any third party by or on behalf of GL.

**6.0 GOVERNING LAW**

This Agreement shall be governed by and construed under the laws of the State of California.

**7.0 AGREEMENTS, REPRESENTATIONS, AND COVENANTS OF BROKER**

In consideration for the Agreement of GL to receive from Broker and consider for funding such loan application packages as Broker may from time to time submit to GL, Broker hereby agrees, represents, and covenants, as the case may be, as follows:

**7.1** Each such loan application package that Broker submits to GL on behalf of the potential borrower(s) for whom Broker is working shall be completed and submitted to GL at the sole and exclusive expense of Broker and/or the potential borrower(s) on whose behalf Broker is working.

- 7.2** Each such submission of a loan application package to GL by Broker shall be made under such programs, procedures, and fee schedules as GL may from time to time establish, in its sole and exclusive discretion, as published on our daily rate sheet and website located at [www.thegiantlending.com](http://www.thegiantlending.com) and the Wholesale Broker portal.
- 7.3** At the time of submission of each such loan application package, Broker shall have properly prepared and shall then furnish to GL, in the form required, such items or documents as GL may require, and shall thereafter provide any additional documentation requested by GL including, without limitation, such information and/or documentation as GL may require in order to comply with such laws and/or regulations as may be applicable to GL and/or the loan application package for GL's consideration thereof for closing and funding, as located on our portal.
- 7.4** Broker shall furnish GL with such information and/or documentation as may be required, and shall provide GL with such information and/or documentation as GL may request, which GL may, in its sole and exclusive discretion, determine that it requires in order for it to ensure to its satisfaction that each such loan application package Broker has submitted to GL will, if the loan applied for is funded, result in a loan that will be saleable by GL in the secondary market for such loans.
- 7.5** The contents of each such loan application package submitted to GL shall become the property of GL immediately upon submission, and all information contained therein is, but is not required by this Agreement to be, subject to independent verification by GL.
- 7.6** Broker has not made and the application does not contain any false, misleading, or incomplete statements or omissions to GL in connection with Broker's application for approval by GL or with respect to each such loan application package submitted to GL under the terms of this Agreement, or omitted to state a fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the information and statements made therein not misleading.
- 7.7** Broker neither has nor is aware of any adverse information and/or documentation concerning any potential borrower(s) on whose behalf it submits a loan application package to GL that it has not communicated to GL, and all documents and instruments prepared or submitted by Broker, either with the loan application packages originally submitted or as it may have been supplemented by Broker, either in response to GL's request(s), if any, for additional information and/or documentation, or otherwise, are valid and genuine in every respect.
- 7.8** No appraisal or title company, controlling, controlled by, or under common control with Broker has been used in connection with the origination or closing of any loan resulting from a loan application package submitted to GL under the terms and provisions of this Agreement.
- 7.9** Broker will make such investigations and inquiries necessary to verify the truthfulness and completeness of all information provided in each such loan application package submitted to GL, including without limitation, information relating to the creditworthiness of the potential borrower(s) and the value of the real property securing the loan being applied for by the potential borrower(s), and with regard to each such loan application package submitted to GL hereunder, and all information contained herein, all such information is true, accurate and complete as of the date the loan application is submitted to GL for funding consideration and on the date the loan closes and funds, and Broker has not omitted any material information either from the loan application package as originally submitted or as it may have been supplemented by Broker, either in response(s) to GL request(s), if any, for additional information and/or documentation, or otherwise.
- 7.10** If at any time during the period between the original submission of a loan application package and the closing and funding of the loan applied for Broker, learns or has reason to believe that any of the information or documentation submitted by Broker either with the loan application package as originally submitted or as it may have been supplemented by Broker, either in response(s) to GL request(s), if any, for additional information and/or documentation, or otherwise, of if any of Broker's representations and/or not genuine, Broker shall immediately give written notice thereof to GL.
- 7.11** Broker has fully disclosed to GL in writing, and agrees to fully disclose to GL in writing on an ongoing basis throughout the term of this Agreement, the existence of any and all past or present claims, actions, lawsuits, legal or administrative proceedings, arbitrations, and dispute resolution proceedings or any kind of nature, regardless of whether they are or were civil, criminal, quasi-criminal, administrative, or otherwise, to the extent same would materially interfere with the Broker's obligations under the terms

hereof, including all unfiled claims, without limitation, repurchase requests or indemnification or “make whole” claims, by any licensing or law enforcement authority or by any other lenders against Broker or any of Broker’s salespersons, employees, partners, associates, shareholders or members, whether presently or formerly associated with Broker.

- 7.12** All salespersons and employees of Broker, and all other persons associated with Broker who will provide services in conjunction with the submission of each loan application package submitted to GL under the terms of this Agreement have, in so doing, acted in compliance with the requirements applicable to Broker under this section of the Agreement with regard to teach such submission of a loan application package to GL and Broker shall bear full responsibility for any instance of noncompliance with the terms of this section of the Agreement by any such person.
- 7.13** To the extent licensing is required for Broker’s actions, Broker is now, and at all times during this Agreement shall be and remain, duly licensed under the laws of the state(s) in which Broker does business, in possession of all necessary licenses, endorsements, permits, and/or certifications to originate and close mortgage loans secured by deeds of trust or mortgages encumbering dwellings or other real property in such state(s), and has the legal authority to engage in the activities contemplated by this Agreement, and all persons employed by or associated with Broker to carry on the business contemplated under this Agreement shall at all times hereunder either be able to validly do so or shall have their own valid and duly issued license(s), endorsements, permits and certifications to do so.
- 7.14** Broker, and each individual owner (10% or greater) hereby expressly authorizes GL, at all times during the term of this Agreement, to obtain and review, at such times and on such occasions as GL may in its sole discretion deem necessary or appropriate, credit reports for Broker as well as for each individual owner (10% or greater) who is a signatory to this Agreement in order that GL may assess on an ongoing basis the continuation of the business relationship between Broker and GL pursuant to this Agreement and its terms.
- 7.15** If Broker is other than a sole proprietorship, Broker is, and throughout the term of this Agreement will remain, duly organized and existing as a corporation, limited liability company, partnership or another form of business organization in good standing under the laws of the jurisdiction in which Broker was formed and organized and Broker has and will continue to have the requisite power and authority to enter into and perform the terms for this Agreement.
- 7.16** Broker shall at all times during the term of this Agreement, and all loan packages shall, comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations and rules regarding the processing and origination of residential mortgage loans, including but not limited to: Equal Credit Opportunity Act (ECOA), and Regulation B.; Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act (RESPA), and Regulation X; Truth in Lending Act (TILA), and Regulation Z; Homeownership and Equal Opportunity Protection Act (HOEPA); Fair Housing Act; Fair Credit Reporting Act; Federal Consumer Credit Protection Act; Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act; California Civil Code; California Housing Financial Discrimination Act; Flood Disaster Protection Act; Patriot Act; Appraiser Independence Rules (and pertinent sections of Regulation Z regarding appraiser independence); Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2010, including but not limited to the Unfair, Deceptive, and Abusive Acts and Practices Act; and any and all state and federal fair lending regulations.
- 7.17** Broker understands and agrees that GL may report information about any loan application package that GL believes may contain misrepresentations and/or irregularities to the applicable regulatory agency and to any mortgage industry background database, including without limitation databases operated by Mortgage Asset Research Institute, Inc., such as the Mortgage Industry Data Exchange (MIDEX). Broker agrees that it and its employees may be named as the originating entity or loan officer(s) on any such loan, Broker acknowledges the importance of GL’s right and necessity to disclose such information, and without limiting any other release provisions in this Agreement, on behalf of itself and its directors, agents, employees, successors, and assigns from any and all limitation reasonable legal and accounting fees and expenses, arising from the reporting or use by any database subscriber of any information submitted by GL with regard to Broker and its employees to any mortgage industry background database, including without limitation MIDEX.
- 7.18** No obligation of Broker under the terms of this Agreement may be assigned or delegated by Broker to any third party without the express written consent of GL.

**7.19** Broker maintains an effective Quality Control Program and Compliance Management System (collectively, its CMS) designed to prevent violations of federal consumer financial law, and associated consumer harm. Broker shall make available, upon the request of GL: (a) copies of Broker's written policies, procedures, internal controls and training materials relative to Broker's employees and/or agents that have consumer contact and/or any consumer compliance responsibilities in connection with residential mortgage loan origination; and (b) permit GL access, during normal business hours, to the offices of Broker in order for GL to make appropriate on-site reviews, as necessary to confirm the propriety and effectiveness of Broker's CMS, including an examination of Broker's internal controls and procedures that are designed to protect against a violation of federal consumer financial law and/or consumer harm.

Broker agrees to report to GL, within three (3) days: (a) any consumer complaint which in any way involves any of the services contemplated by this Agreement or a loan application submitted to GL for funding consideration; (b) any consumer complaint that involves federal consumer financial law, whether or not related to the service contemplated in this Agreement ; (c) any legal or regulatory action that alleges a violation of federal consumer financial law; and/or (d) any changes in senior management, it is expressly understood and agreed that the terms of this Section 7.19 are a material condition and inducement to GL to enter into this Agreement. it is further understood and agreed that any failure of Broker to fully perform, in whole or in part, any of the terms of this Section 7.19 shall constitute a material breach of this Agreement and the grounds for its immediate termination.

**7.20** No Mortgage Loan Package will be submitted that has been referred or brokered to Broker by a person other than Broker who will directly or indirectly receive any fee or compensation from Broker. If Broker contracts out for services through a third-party service, such as contract processing, then Broker is ultimately responsible for the actions, errors, and omissions of the contract processor's actions relative to the loan file, loan documents, financial documents, and the Applicant.

## **8.0 TERM AND TERMINATION**

The term of this Agreement shall be infinite and shall commence with the effective date as provided in Section 18.0 of this Agreement. GL reserves the right to terminate this Agreement at any time, and for any reason, which termination shall be effective upon notification to Broker by an authorized representative of GL.

## **9.0 INDEMNIFICATION**

**9.1** Broker shall indemnify and hold Lender harmless from and against any and all loss, claim, damage, liability, and cost sustained or incurred by Lender, including all costs and reasonable attorney's fees and costs, arising out of or based upon the inaccuracy or breach of any warranty or representation made by Broker in this Agreement, the breach by Broker of any obligation or covenant to be performed by Broker under this Agreement, or any claim by a Mortgage Loan applicant arising out of a failure or refusal to fund a Mortgage Loan. In the event of any claim against Lender or Broker by a Mortgage Loan applicant, Lender shall have the exclusive right to determine the conduct and defense of such legal proceeding or investigation with such Mortgage Loan applicant, including without limitation the right to compromise, settle, defend or continue any such action. Lender shall have the right but shall be under no obligation to assume the legal defense of Broker, and Broker shall pay Lender its reasonable share of legal costs and expenses.

**9.2** In addition to any additional remedies Lender may have under this Agreement, Broker agrees to repurchase from Lender any Mortgage Loan made pursuant to this Agreement, upon the terms and conditions set forth herein, in the event Broker has breached any of the terms of this Agreement, Broker shall effectuate the purchase of any Mortgage Loan required to be repurchased pursuant to this Agreement within thirty (30) days after Broker's receipt of a written demand for repurchase from Lender. The repurchase price for any Mortgage Loan that Broker is required to purchase hereunder shall be an amount equal to the sum of (a) the then unpaid principal balance of the Mortgage Loan; (b) accrued interest through the date of purchase; (c) all unreimbursed advances and extraordinary costs and expenses incurred by Lender with regard to such Mortgage Loan during the life of the Mortgage Loan; (d) all other costs and expenses incurred by Lender, including penalties incurred by Lender from any investor or servicer for reasonable attorney's fees incurred in connection with the purchase; and (e) any fees paid by Lender, including but not limited to all fees and costs paid to Broker and/or other parties for goods and services rendered in connection with the origination and closing of such Mortgage Loan. Upon purchase of any Mortgage Loan by Broker, Lender shall endorse the Note and shall assign the Mortgage

in recordable form to Broker, without representations and warranties, whether express or implied and without recourse to Lender.

## **10.0 EARLY PAYOFF AND DEFAULT POLICY**

**10.1** During the term of this Agreement, GL shall maintain and Broker acknowledges LMS's Early Payoff ("EPO") and Default ("EPD") Policy (the "EPO/EPD Policy") with regard to loan application packages GL receives from Broker, which are approved, closed, and funded by GL.

**10.2** For EPOs, if the applicable Borrower prepays any portion of a Mortgage Loan within 180 days of the loan funding date on the applicable loan for any reason, Broker shall pay to Lender an indemnification amount equal to all compensation paid to Broker on the loan transaction from any source, including Borrower Paid transactions. Throughout the term of this Agreement, Lender will monitor the frequency of any such EPO activity on loans submitted by Broker and should Lender determine, in its sole and exclusive discretion, as a result of such monitoring, that the frequency of EPO activity on loans submitted by Broker are deemed excessive, such a finding shall be deemed a valid basis for a declaration of default of this Agreement on the part of the Broker and justification for immediate termination of this Agreement.

Partial Prepayment of 20% or less of the principal balance of the mortgage loan within 180 days of the loan funding date may occur without prepayment fees.

For EPDs, in the event the Borrower of a Mortgage Loan originated by Broker shall be deemed an EPD as set forth below, Broker agrees to pay to Lender an amount equal to all compensation paid to Broker on the loan transaction from any source, including Borrower Paid transactions, plus a \$3,500 administration fee. A loan is deemed to be an EPD if any of the first six (6) payments due under the mortgage Note become more than thirty (30) days contractually past due, regardless of current payment delinquency status.

**10.3** GL will issue to Broker a billing statement detailing any loans to which the EPO/EPD Policy applies, and the amount required to be reimbursed to GL as detailed above, which will include a \$3,500 administration fee on EPDs billing statements. Payment to GL in full of any reimbursement amount owed by Broker under the EPO/EPD Policy will be required within thirty (30) days of Broker's receipt of a billing statement reflecting a reimbursement amount due to GL. GL may, in its sole discretion, and without prior notice or demand to Broker, take an offset against any monies due for any reason from GL to Broker for any reimbursement amount due from broker to GL as a result of any application of the EPO/EPD Policy, and any such offset taken by GL shall not under any circumstances constitute or be deemed to be an accord and satisfaction.

Non-waiver of Remedies, Right to Offset. Lender is not required to demand repurchase or indemnification within any particular period of time. Any delay or passage of time before making such demand shall not constitute a waiver by Lender and nothing contained in this provision shall limit Lender's right to any remedy, legal or equitable; all such legal and equitable remedies, including those provided for herein, being in addition to and not in lieu of any other remedy. Lender may, in its sole discretion, and without prior notice or demand to Broker, take an offset against any monies due for any reason from Lender to Broker for any reimbursement amount due from Broker to Lender as a result of any EPD, EPO, or indemnification and any such offset taken by Lender shall not, under any circumstances, constitute or be deemed to be an accord and satisfaction of any such outstanding amount or matter unless and until Lender confirms such accord and satisfaction in writing.

**10.4** GL may, in its sole and exclusive discretion, implement such additional policies and procedures in the future as may be necessary or appropriate to further address early payoff issues.

## **11.0 WAIVERS OF REMEDIES**

GL's failure or delay to audit any loan prior to funding and closing, or GL's failure to or delay in giving notice to Broker of any material loan application or documentation discrepancy discovered after funding or GL's failure or delay to exercise any right or remedy available under this Agreement or at law or equity, shall not act as a waiver of any right or remedy, nor shall any single or partial exercise of any right preclude any other or further exercise thereof. No waiver of any of the provisions of this Agreement shall be deemed or shall constitute a waiver of any other provisions, whether or not similar, nor shall any waiver constitute a continuing waiver. No waiver shall be binding unless executed in writing by the Party making the waiver. All remedies shall be cumulative and nonexclusive.

**12.0 MATERIALS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE**

The Parties hereby incorporate into this Agreement by this reference each and all of the terms and provisions of the following documents, copies of which are appended hereto: Fair Lending Acknowledgment; Fraud Policy Disclosure; Broker’s Commitment to Responsible Lending.

Broker agrees that this Agreement supersedes all previous agreements entered into between the parties hereto and the terms and conditions hereof shall apply to and govern all loan brokerage transactions heretofore and hereafter conducted between Broker and Lender.

**13.0 JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

The Parties hereby and expressly agree and consent that jurisdiction and venue for any dispute arising out of this Agreement shall be in the Superior Court of the State of California in the County of Orange, or in the Orange County Division of the United States District Court for the Central District of California.

**14.0 NOTICES**

All demands, notices, and communications delivered to a Party hereunder shall be in writing (which may be delivered by electronic transmission to the email addresses set forth below) and shall be deemed delivered only when received by the Party to which it is sent. Any such demand, notice, or communication not delivered via electronic transmission shall be delivered by a recognized private courier service or deposited with the United States Postal Service, certified mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested, addressed as follows, unless such address is changed by written notice hereunder.

**14.1 IF TO BROKER**

Company Name	
Attention	
Street Address	
City, State and Zip	
Telephone	
Email	

or such other address as may hereafter be furnished to GIANT in writing by the Broker.

**14.2 IF TO LENDER**

Company Name	OCMBC, Inc. dba GIANT Lending
Attention	Lina Colon, Chief Administrative Officer
Street Address	19000 MacArthur Blvd., Suite 200
City, State and Zip	Irvine, CA 92612
Telephone	949-679-7400
Email	admin@ocmbc.com

**15.0 ATTORNEY FEES**

In any action or proceeding arising out of the Agreement, the prevailing party therein shall be entitled to an award of its reasonable attorney’s fees as an item of costs.

**16.0 SEVERABILITY**

If any provision of this Agreement is held invalid, void, or unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall nevertheless continue in full force and effect.

**17.0 EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT**

This Agreement shall be of no force and effect unless and until it is executed by both Parties hereto. For the Broker, this Agreement must be acknowledged/signed by all Principals with 10% or greater ownership.



18.0 EFFECTIVE DATE OF AGREEMENT

The effective date of this Agreement shall be the date of its execution by the last of the Parties to execute it.

I have read, understand, and agree to all the above terms and conditions of the Wholesale Mortgage Broker Agreement.

FOR BROKER:

_____ Broker of Record Printed Name and Title	_____ Signature	_____ Date
_____ Broker of Record License Number	_____ Broker of Record License Expiration Date	
_____ Principal #2 Printed Name and Title	_____ Signature	_____ Date
_____ Principal #3 Printed Name and Title	_____ Signature	_____ Date
_____ Principal #4 Printed Name and Title	_____ Signature	_____ Date
_____ Principal #5 Printed Name and Title	_____ Signature	_____ Date

FOR LENDER:

_____ Printed Name and Title	_____ Signature	_____ Date
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It is GIANT Lending’s policy to report all instances of potential fraud or suspicious activity to state and federal law enforcement agencies, including the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

**TYPES OF LOAN MISREPRESENTATIONS AND FRAUD**

The following are examples of fraudulent misrepresentation or concealment that are prohibited. This is not an all-inclusive list.

**Submission of False or Misleading Information:** This includes but is not limited to submitting false statements on loan applications and/or falsifying documents purporting to substantiate credit, employment, income, deposit and asset information, including identity, ownership, or non-ownership of real property.

1. **Forgery.** Signing any documents, including letters of explanation, on behalf of clients.
2. **Occupancy Misrepresentations.** Submitting incorrect information regarding current occupancy or the intent to maintain minimum continuing occupancy as stated in the Security Instrument.
3. **Concealment of Relevant Information.** Broker must obtain and disclose accurate information on the loan application. The submission of information or documentation that is known or should be suspected of being false or misleading is considered misrepresentation and/or fraud. The following are examples:
  - 3.1 a) Simultaneous or consecutive processing of multiple owner-occupied loan applications from one applicant on multiple properties; or b) Simultaneous or consecutive processing of multiple loan applications from one applicant supplying inconsistent information on each application.
  - 3.2 Permitting an applicant or interested third party to “assist” with processing of the loan, including but not limited to hand carrying verifications, requesting credit reports, or ordering appraisals or any other documentation provided by third-party vendors.

**CONSEQUENCES**

Loan fraud is costly to all parties involved. GIANT Lending stands behind the quality of its loan production. Fraudulent loans damage GIANT Lending’s reputation with investors and mortgage insurance providers. For those who participate in committing loan fraud the price is costly as well. Below are potential consequences to those parties involved in loan fraud.

**CONSEQUENCES TO BROKER/LENDER**

The following are examples of fraudulent misrepresentation or concealment that are prohibited. This is not an all-inclusive list.

1. Criminal prosecution by legal authorities
2. Loss or suspension of Real Estate Broker’s License, Salesperson’s License, and other applicable licenses
3. Civil action against Broker/Lender by GIANT Lending
4. Civil action against Broker/Lender by the applicant borrower and/or other parties to the loan transaction

**CONSEQUENCES TO BORROWER**

1. Acceleration of Borrower’s debt: Paragraph 6 of the uniform FNMA/FHLMC Deed of Trust states: “Borrower shall also be in default if Borrower, during the loan application process, gave materially false or inaccurate information or statements to lender (or failed to provide lender with any material information) in connection with the loan evidenced by the Note, including but not limited to representations concerning Borrower’s occupancy of the property as a principal residence. NOTE: Foreclosure under this section of the Deed of Trust does not require Borrower to be in payment default. As such, the Borrower will not have the benefit of reinstatement. In order to cure the default, the Borrower must pay off the loan in full prior to the sale of the property.”
2. Criminal prosecution by legal authorities
3. Civil action against Borrower by GIANT Lending
4. Civil action against Borrower by parties to the loan transaction, such as the seller and/or real estate agent
5. Loss or suspension of professional license
6. Adverse effects on credit history

**IRS REGULATORY ACTIONS**

Loans submitted to GIANT Lending that are subject to any and all services provided by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) under code 4506 with regard to income verification may be subject to the following regulatory actions:

1. An IRS audit to reconcile the differences between the income on the loan application and income tax return
2. Penalties and interest on any portion deemed by IRS to be an underpayment of taxes as determined by audit
3. Criminal penalties for having provided misinformation on either the tax return or the loan application

Company Name			
Broker of Record Signature	Date	Principal Officer Signature	Date
<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>	
Broker of Record Printed Name		Principal Officer Printed Name	
Broker of Record Title (if Company Title in Addition to Broker)		Principal Officer Title	





# MLO COMPENSATION POLICY & AGREEMENT

This Mortgage Loan Originator (MLO) Compensation Policy and Agreement (“Agreement”) is presented to and acknowledged by \_\_\_\_\_ (“Broker”), doing business with GIANT Lending (“GIANT”) as of \_\_\_\_\_.

**WHEREAS**, the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall apply to all Covered Transactions; and

**WHEREAS**, it is understood by Broker that it is the policy of GIANT to comply fully with the Compensation Rule, which means, among other things, that GIANT will not pay Compensation to a MLO based on the terms of a Covered Transaction, or a proxy for a term, nor will GIANT pay Compensation to a Broker if it has received Compensation from the borrower; and

**WHEREAS**, Broker will be given a plan to execute that will outline the Compensation terms allowable under the terms of this Agreement (the “Compensation Plan,” attached Lender Paid Compensation Election Form);

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of the promises and mutual agreement set forth herein, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, Broker agrees as follows:

1. **Scope:** Broker will prepare and submit to GIANT for funding consideration completed loan application packages in connection with Covered Transactions. Nothing in this Agreement will create any obligation on the part of GIANT to accept or approve a loan application package as presented. Broker agrees that all Compensation will be paid only on closed and funded Covered Transactions, and that it will be compensated according to the terms of this Agreement then in effect.
2. **Definitions:**
  - a. **Compensation:** The term “Compensation” shall mean salaries, commissions, and any financial or similar incentive, and includes, but is not limited to, annual or periodic bonuses and awards of merchandise, services, trips, or similar prizes.
  - b. **Compensation Plan:** The Lender paid broker compensation plan that Broker is required to sign, which will be issued and updated on a regular basis.
  - c. **Compensation Rule:** The Final Rule on Mortgage Loan Originator Compensation, as set forth in Regulation Z at 12 CFR § 1026.36 ([https://files.consumerfinance.gov/f/201301\\_cfpb\\_loan-originator-compensation-rule\\_summary.pdf](https://files.consumerfinance.gov/f/201301_cfpb_loan-originator-compensation-rule_summary.pdf)).
  - d. **Covered Transaction:** A “Covered Transaction” refers to a closed-end consumer credit transaction secured by a dwelling, including closed-end reverse mortgage transactions.
  - e. **Mortgage Loan Originator (or Loan Originator):** The term “Loan Originator” shall have the meaning set forth in Regulation Z at 12 CFR § 1026.36(a) and shall include, but is not limited to, any person who, in expectation of direct or indirect compensation or other monetary gain, takes an application for a Covered Transaction, or offers, arranges, or assists a consumer in obtaining or applying to obtain a Covered Transaction.
  - f. **Steering:** The term “Steering” shall have the meaning used in Regulation Z at 12 CFR § 1026.36(e) and shall include, but is not limited to, advising, counseling, or otherwise influencing a consumer to accept a particular Covered Transaction.
3. **Representations and Warranties:**
  - a. **Compensation:** Broker represents and warrants it will comply at all times with the Compensation Rule. Without limiting the foregoing, for each loan application package submitted to GIANT for funding consideration, Broker represents and warrants that all Compensation will be paid by one source, in accordance with the Compensation Rule, meaning that Broker will be paid either by the borrower or GIANT. Broker represents and warrants it did not and shall not receive Compensation based on the terms of a Covered Transaction.
  - b. **Steering:** Broker represents and warrants that it did not and shall not steer the borrower to consummate a transaction that was not in the interest of the borrower.
  - c. **Policies and Procedures:** The Broker represents and warrants that it has implemented appropriate written policies and procedures designed to ensure compliance with all aspects of the Compensation Rule and any revisions to the policies and procedures shall be done in compliance with the Compensation Rule. Broker agrees to make its policies and procedures available to GIANT upon request.
4. **Record Retention:** Broker shall retain all documentation including, without limitation, all records sufficient to evidence all compensation it receives from a creditor, a consumer or other person, regarding a Covered Transaction between itself and GIANT for a period of not less than three (3) years after the date of its receipt of Compensation, or longer if required by applicable state law.
5. **Annual Attestation of Compliance:** As part of the recertification process with GIANT, Broker shall provide GIANT with a written attestation of its compliance with all aspects of the Compensation Rule.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be duly executed:

Company Name			
Broker of Record Signature	Date	Principal Officer Signature	Date
<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>	
Broker of Record Printed Name		Principal Officer Printed Name	
Broker of Record Title (if Company Title in Addition to Broker)		Principal Officer Title	



**LENDER PAID COMPENSATION  
ELECTION FORM**

**LOAN ORIGINATOR INFORMATION**

<b>Legal Name of Company</b>	<b>Broker of Record</b>
<b>GIANT Lending Account Executive Name</b>	<b>Broker ID Number</b>
	<b>Implementation Term*</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Month-to-Month

\* **The Implementation Term** is effective for one month. Broker is not required to change or reaffirm its compensation level every month. Unless GIANT Lending (“GIANT”) receives written notice of Broker’s selection of a different compensation plan level within the election window, the Compensation Plan with GIANT will automatically renew for the next month. The Lender Paid Compensation Election Form must be returned to GIANT five (5) days before the start of a new term. Please email to GIANT at [clients@TheGIANTLending.com](mailto:clients@TheGIANTLending.com)

<p><b>LENDER PAID COMPENSATION DESIGNATION</b> (Select only one.) Please indicate by marking one checkbox. This first box allows choosing in 0.125 increments up to 2.750%.</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> 1.000   <input type="checkbox"/> 1.125   <input type="checkbox"/> 1.250   <input type="checkbox"/> 1.375   <input type="checkbox"/> 1.500   <input type="checkbox"/> 1.625   <input type="checkbox"/> 1.750   <input type="checkbox"/> 1.875   <input type="checkbox"/> 2.000  <input type="checkbox"/> 2.125   <input type="checkbox"/> 2.250   <input type="checkbox"/> 2.375   <input type="checkbox"/> 2.500   <input type="checkbox"/> 2.625   <input type="checkbox"/> 2.750   <b>Please Initial Here:</b> _____         </p>	
<p><b>Flat Fee</b> Flat Fees are eligible on LPC comps not to exceed 2.25% (1.000—2.250%); any comps above 2.250% cannot include a Flat Fee.</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> \$500.00                      <input type="checkbox"/> \$750.00         </p>	
<p><b>Minimum Revenue Amount</b> NOTE: Please consider Closed End Seconds when choosing minimum compensation \$</p>	<p><b>Maximum Revenue Amount</b> \$</p>

**NOTE: Your compensation election may impact your LPC selection across all OCMBC, Inc. approved DBAs (should it be different than previous comp elections), and, by signing this, you are in agreement with that effect.**

**CERTIFICATION**

Broker or a Broker-designated Authorized Signatory, indicates with his/her signature below that this compensation election request is approved for the Company named above and further certifies that the submitted plan is in compliance with current regulations. At least one signature is required below.

Broker of Record Signature	Date	Authorized Signatory	Date
<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>	
Broker of Record Printed Name		Authorized Signatory Printed Name	
Broker of Record Title (if Company Title in Addition to Broker)		Authorized Signatory Title	



# TRID COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATION

The intent of this Certification is to confirm your organization's readiness in compliance with TRID. Please ensure the form is completed and executed by your Compliance Officer or other Senior Manager in charge of disclosure compliance.

Legal Name of Company	Company DBA (if different)
Company Street Address	Company City, State and Zip Code
Compliance Lead's Name	Compliance Lead's Title
Compliance Lead's Phone	Compliance Lead's Email Address

Please certify that your company has adopted written policies and procedures, including a Quality Control Plan, to ensure compliance with all applicable requirements of the **TILA/RESPA Integrated Disclosures (TRID) rules**. Your company's TRID compliance includes accuracy of the Loan Estimate (LE) and Closing Disclosure (CD) content and timing. [Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) <https://www.consumerfinance.gov/policy-compliance/guidance/tila-respa-disclosure-rule/>]

If not in compliance with TRID requirements, your GIANT Lending Account Executive will follow up with you in regard to your action plan and assist Company with additional resources and/or training needed to ensure no disruption in your ability to conduct business with GIANT Lending. Company must be in compliance with TRID in order to submit loan applications to GIANT Lending (and within 30 days of the date of this certification).

Mark the appropriate box to indicate Company's compliance with TRID requirements.

- As of today, Company is in compliance with TRID requirements.
- As of today, Company is not in compliance with TRID requirements.

Compliance Lead's Signature	Date
<b>X</b>	
Principal Officer's Signature	Date
<b>X</b>	



**BROKER'S CORPORATE RESOLUTION**

**AS OF \_\_\_\_\_ it was unanimously resolved that \_\_\_\_\_,**  
 (Authorized Signatory Name and Title)  
**and also \_\_\_\_\_ are hereby authorized on behalf of**  
 (Authorized Signatory Name and Title)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ ("Company") to sign and execute  
 any and all instruments of acceptance and transfer and other documents whenever necessary. These  
 matters so being resolved and agreed to by the Directors of this Company/Corporation, the undersigned  
 hereby causes them to be in effect immediately.

*Sample of authorized Signatures*

Authorized Signatory	Date	Authorized Signatory	Date
<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>	
Authorized Signatory Printed Name		Authorized Signatory Printed Name	

Broker of Record Signature	Date
<b>X</b>	
Broker of Record Printed Name	
Broker of Record Title (if Company Title in Addition to Broker)	



## BROKER HIRING PRACTICES CERTIFICATION

Whereas Broker is applying, as a third-party originator (TPO), to submit originated and processed Agency loans to OCMBC, Inc. dba GIANT Lending ('Lender') for underwriting and funding, the parties agree to the following:

### COMPLIANCE WITH LENDER'S REQUIREMENTS

OCMBC, Inc. dba GIANT Lending is an Agency approved Lender that requires its TPOs to follow all Agency required hiring procedures. Requirements include:

- Conduct a background check on all company employees , including management, who are involved in origination of mortgage loans (application through closing).
- Check all such employees' names against the U.S. General Services Administration Excluded Parties List, HUD Limited Denial of Participation List, and the Federal Housing Agency Suspended Counterparty Program List to ensure they are not barred from participation in the mortgage lending process.

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that Broker runs a background check as described above on its employees.

Brokers Legal Corporate Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Broker's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Broker's Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_



# FHA BROKER SPONSORSHIP AGREEMENT

Whereas \_\_\_\_\_ ('Broker') wishes to be sponsored by OCMBC, Inc. dba GIANT Lending ('Lender') to originate and process FHA loans to be presented to Lender for underwriting and funding, the parties agree to the following:

### FHA SPONSORSHIP

Lender may at its sole option, sponsor the Broker to originate and process FHA loans with Lender. Lender may at any time, with or without cause, notify the Broker that Lender will terminate Lender's sponsorship of the Broker. As of the effective date of the termination, Lender shall cease accepting Loan Application Packages which are FHA Mortgage Loans with the Broker.

### COMPLIANCE WITH LENDER'S REQUIREMENTS

Should Lender sponsor the Broker as an FHA Originator, the Broker shall comply with all of Lender's requirements including Lender's policies with respect to Compensation. The Broker acknowledges that Lender alone shall underwrite all Applications for FHA Mortgage Loans and that all approved FHA Mortgage Loans shall be closed and funded in the name of Lender.

### FHA MORTGAGE LOANS

Broker, upon sponsorship by Lender, will be sponsored as an FHA Originator. The Broker shall comply in all respects with all lending requirements of FHA and all requirements of FHA pertaining to or governing FHA Originators respectively including appropriate building signage visible to the public. For each FHA Mortgage Loan, the Broker shall obtain an FHA Approval by Lender, and cause all conditions for the FHA approval to be met.

### GNMA REQUIREMENTS

Each FHA Mortgage Loan shall comply with GNMA Requirements as of the date of the closing of such FHA Mortgage Loan.

### NOTIFICATION OF DISCIPLINARY OR OTHER ACTION BY FHA, HUD, GNMA, ANOTHER LENDER OR ANY AGENCY

The Broker shall notify Lender in writing within 10 days following the initiation or threat of any disciplinary action, enforcement action, lawsuit, administrative proceeding or similar action or proceeding by FHA, HUD, GNMA, another Lender or any Agency or if any pending investigation by FHA, HUD or GNMA, another Lender, or any Agency against the Broker or any of the Broker's affiliated companies, or against any of the directors, officers, employees, or agents of either the Broker or any of the Broker's affiliated companies.

### FHA MORTGAGE LOANS ELIGIBILITY

Broker understands and agrees that FHA Mortgage Loans must be in full compliance with the Lender's requirements and, as applicable, the requirements of FHA as of the date of the FHA Approval is issued, provided, however, that the effective dates established by FHA for any amendments to that agency's rules or Lender or Lender's investor shall apply to the FHA Mortgage Loan. Each FHA Mortgage Loan is in full compliance with GNMA requirements as of the date of each closing of such FHA mortgage loans.

### GNMA REPRESENTATION AND WARRANTIES

Broker understands and agrees that FHA Mortgage Loans must be in full compliance with the Lender's requirements and, as applicable, the requirements of FHA as of the date of the FHA Approval is issued, provided, however, that the effective dates established by FHA for any amendments to that agency's rules or Lender or Lender's investor shall apply to the FHA Mortgage Loan. Each FHA Mortgage Loan is in full compliance with GNMA requirements as of the date of each closing of such FHA mortgage loans.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, The undersigned have executed or caused this addendum to be executed by their respective authorized officers/personnel.

Brokers Legal Corporate Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Broker's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Broker's Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

# Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

Go to [www.irs.gov/FormW9](http://www.irs.gov/FormW9) for instructions and the latest information.

**Give form to the requester. Do not send to the IRS.**

**Before you begin.** For guidance related to the purpose of Form W-9, see *Purpose of Form*, below.

<b>Print or type.</b> <b>See Specific Instructions on page 3.</b>	<b>1</b>	Name of entity/individual. An entry is required. (For a sole proprietor or disregarded entity, enter the owner's name on line 1, and enter the business/disregarded entity's name on line 2.)		
	<b>2</b>	Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above.		
	<b>3a</b>	Check the appropriate box for federal tax classification of the entity/individual whose name is entered on line 1. Check only <b>one</b> of the following seven boxes.  <input type="checkbox"/> Individual/sole proprietor <input type="checkbox"/> C corporation <input type="checkbox"/> S corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Trust/estate  <input type="checkbox"/> LLC. Enter the tax classification (C = C corporation, S = S corporation, P = Partnership) _____ <b>Note:</b> Check the "LLC" box above and, in the entry space, enter the appropriate code (C, S, or P) for the tax classification of the LLC, unless it is a disregarded entity. A disregarded entity should instead check the appropriate box for the tax classification of its owner.  <input type="checkbox"/> Other (see instructions) _____	<b>4</b> Exemptions (codes apply only to certain entities, not individuals; see instructions on page 3):  Exempt payee code (if any) _____  Exemption from Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) reporting code (if any) _____  <i>(Applies to accounts maintained outside the United States.)</i>	
	<b>3b</b>	If on line 3a you checked "Partnership" or "Trust/estate," or checked "LLC" and entered "P" as its tax classification, and you are providing this form to a partnership, trust, or estate in which you have an ownership interest, check this box if you have any foreign partners, owners, or beneficiaries. See instructions _____ <input type="checkbox"/>		
	<b>5</b>	Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.). See instructions.	Requester's name and address (optional)	
	<b>6</b>	City, state, and ZIP code		
	<b>7</b>	List account number(s) here (optional)		

## Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on line 1 to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is generally your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the instructions for Part I, later. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see *How to get a TIN*, later.

<b>Social security number</b>									
-				-					
<b>or</b>									
<b>Employer identification number</b>									
-				-					

**Note:** If the account is in more than one name, see the instructions for line 1. See also *What Name and Number To Give the Requester* for guidelines on whose number to enter.

## Part II Certification

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

1. The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me); and
2. I am not subject to backup withholding because (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding; and
3. I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below); and
4. The FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that I am exempt from FATCA reporting is correct.

**Certification instructions.** You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and, generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions for Part II, later.

<b>Sign Here</b>	Signature of U.S. person	Date
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## General Instructions

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

**Future developments.** For the latest information about developments related to Form W-9 and its instructions, such as legislation enacted after they were published, go to [www.irs.gov/FormW9](http://www.irs.gov/FormW9).

### What's New

Line 3a has been modified to clarify how a disregarded entity completes this line. An LLC that is a disregarded entity should check the appropriate box for the tax classification of its owner. Otherwise, it should check the "LLC" box and enter its appropriate tax classification.

New line 3b has been added to this form. A flow-through entity is required to complete this line to indicate that it has direct or indirect foreign partners, owners, or beneficiaries when it provides the Form W-9 to another flow-through entity in which it has an ownership interest. This change is intended to provide a flow-through entity with information regarding the status of its indirect foreign partners, owners, or beneficiaries, so that it can satisfy any applicable reporting requirements. For example, a partnership that has any indirect foreign partners may be required to complete Schedules K-2 and K-3. See the Partnership Instructions for Schedules K-2 and K-3 (Form 1065).

### Purpose of Form

An individual or entity (Form W-9 requester) who is required to file an information return with the IRS is giving you this form because they

must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN), which may be your social security number (SSN), individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN), adoption taxpayer identification number (ATIN), or employer identification number (EIN), to report on an information return the amount paid to you, or other amount reportable on an information return. Examples of information returns include, but are not limited to, the following.

- Form 1099-INT (interest earned or paid).
- Form 1099-DIV (dividends, including those from stocks or mutual funds).
- Form 1099-MISC (various types of income, prizes, awards, or gross proceeds).
- Form 1099-NEC (nonemployee compensation).
- Form 1099-B (stock or mutual fund sales and certain other transactions by brokers).
- Form 1099-S (proceeds from real estate transactions).
- Form 1099-K (merchant card and third-party network transactions).
- Form 1098 (home mortgage interest), 1098-E (student loan interest), and 1098-T (tuition).
- Form 1099-C (canceled debt).
- Form 1099-A (acquisition or abandonment of secured property).

Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN.

**Caution:** If you don't return Form W-9 to the requester with a TIN, you might be subject to backup withholding. See *What is backup withholding*, later.

**By signing the filled-out form**, you:

1. Certify that the TIN you are giving is correct (or you are waiting for a number to be issued);
2. Certify that you are not subject to backup withholding; or
3. Claim exemption from backup withholding if you are a U.S. exempt payee; and
4. Certify to your non-foreign status for purposes of withholding under chapter 3 or 4 of the Code (if applicable); and
5. Certify that FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that you are exempt from the FATCA reporting is correct. See *What is FATCA Reporting*, later, for further information.

**Note:** If you are a U.S. person and a requester gives you a form other than Form W-9 to request your TIN, you must use the requester's form if it is substantially similar to this Form W-9.

**Definition of a U.S. person.** For federal tax purposes, you are considered a U.S. person if you are:

- An individual who is a U.S. citizen or U.S. resident alien;
- A partnership, corporation, company, or association created or organized in the United States or under the laws of the United States;
- An estate (other than a foreign estate); or
- A domestic trust (as defined in Regulations section 301.7701-7).

**Establishing U.S. status for purposes of chapter 3 and chapter 4 withholding.** Payments made to foreign persons, including certain distributions, allocations of income, or transfers of sales proceeds, may be subject to withholding under chapter 3 or chapter 4 of the Code (sections 1441–1474). Under those rules, if a Form W-9 or other certification of non-foreign status has not been received, a withholding agent, transferee, or partnership (payor) generally applies presumption rules that may require the payor to withhold applicable tax from the recipient, owner, transferor, or partner (payee). See Pub. 515, *Withholding of Tax on Nonresident Aliens and Foreign Entities*.

The following persons must provide Form W-9 to the payor for purposes of establishing its non-foreign status.

- In the case of a disregarded entity with a U.S. owner, the U.S. owner of the disregarded entity and not the disregarded entity.
- In the case of a grantor trust with a U.S. grantor or other U.S. owner, generally, the U.S. grantor or other U.S. owner of the grantor trust and not the grantor trust.
- In the case of a U.S. trust (other than a grantor trust), the U.S. trust and not the beneficiaries of the trust.

See Pub. 515 for more information on providing a Form W-9 or a certification of non-foreign status to avoid withholding.

**Foreign person.** If you are a foreign person or the U.S. branch of a foreign bank that has elected to be treated as a U.S. person (under Regulations section 1.1441-1(b)(2)(iv) or other applicable section for chapter 3 or 4 purposes), do not use Form W-9. Instead, use the appropriate Form W-8 or Form 8233 (see Pub. 515). If you are a qualified foreign pension fund under Regulations section 1.897(i)-1(d), or a partnership that is wholly owned by qualified foreign pension funds, that is treated as a non-foreign person for purposes of section 1445 withholding, do not use Form W-9. Instead, use Form W-8EXP (or other certification of non-foreign status).

**Nonresident alien who becomes a resident alien.** Generally, only a nonresident alien individual may use the terms of a tax treaty to reduce or eliminate U.S. tax on certain types of income. However, most tax treaties contain a provision known as a saving clause. Exceptions specified in the saving clause may permit an exemption from tax to continue for certain types of income even after the payee has otherwise become a U.S. resident alien for tax purposes.

If you are a U.S. resident alien who is relying on an exception contained in the saving clause of a tax treaty to claim an exemption from U.S. tax on certain types of income, you must attach a statement to Form W-9 that specifies the following five items.

1. The treaty country. Generally, this must be the same treaty under which you claimed exemption from tax as a nonresident alien.
2. The treaty article addressing the income.
3. The article number (or location) in the tax treaty that contains the saving clause and its exceptions.
4. The type and amount of income that qualifies for the exemption from tax.
5. Sufficient facts to justify the exemption from tax under the terms of the treaty article.

**Example.** Article 20 of the U.S.-China income tax treaty allows an exemption from tax for scholarship income received by a Chinese student temporarily present in the United States. Under U.S. law, this student will become a resident alien for tax purposes if their stay in the United States exceeds 5 calendar years. However, paragraph 2 of the first Protocol to the U.S.-China treaty (dated April 30, 1984) allows the provisions of Article 20 to continue to apply even after the Chinese student becomes a resident alien of the United States. A Chinese student who qualifies for this exception (under paragraph 2 of the first Protocol) and is relying on this exception to claim an exemption from tax on their scholarship or fellowship income would attach to Form W-9 a statement that includes the information described above to support that exemption.

If you are a nonresident alien or a foreign entity, give the requester the appropriate completed Form W-8 or Form 8233.

## Backup Withholding

**What is backup withholding?** Persons making certain payments to you must under certain conditions withhold and pay to the IRS 24% of such payments. This is called "backup withholding." Payments that may be subject to backup withholding include, but are not limited to, interest, tax-exempt interest, dividends, broker and barter exchange transactions, rents, royalties, nonemployee pay, payments made in settlement of payment card and third-party network transactions, and certain payments from fishing boat operators. Real estate transactions are not subject to backup withholding.

You will not be subject to backup withholding on payments you receive if you give the requester your correct TIN, make the proper certifications, and report all your taxable interest and dividends on your tax return.

**Payments you receive will be subject to backup withholding if:**

1. You do not furnish your TIN to the requester;
2. You do not certify your TIN when required (see the instructions for Part II for details);
3. The IRS tells the requester that you furnished an incorrect TIN;
4. The IRS tells you that you are subject to backup withholding because you did not report all your interest and dividends on your tax return (for reportable interest and dividends only); or
5. You do not certify to the requester that you are not subject to backup withholding, as described in item 4 under "By signing the filled-out form" above (for reportable interest and dividend accounts opened after 1983 only).

Certain payees and payments are exempt from backup withholding. See *Exempt payee code*, later, and the separate Instructions for the Requester of Form W-9 for more information.

See also *Establishing U.S. status for purposes of chapter 3 and chapter 4 withholding*, earlier.

## What Is FATCA Reporting?

The Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) requires a participating foreign financial institution to report all U.S. account holders that are specified U.S. persons. Certain payees are exempt from FATCA reporting. See *Exemption from FATCA reporting code*, later, and the Instructions for the Requester of Form W-9 for more information.

## Updating Your Information

You must provide updated information to any person to whom you claimed to be an exempt payee if you are no longer an exempt payee and anticipate receiving reportable payments in the future from this person. For example, you may need to provide updated information if you are a C corporation that elects to be an S corporation, or if you are no longer tax exempt. In addition, you must furnish a new Form W-9 if the name or TIN changes for the account, for example, if the grantor of a grantor trust dies.

## Penalties

**Failure to furnish TIN.** If you fail to furnish your correct TIN to a requester, you are subject to a penalty of \$50 for each such failure unless your failure is due to reasonable cause and not to willful neglect.

**Civil penalty for false information with respect to withholding.** If you make a false statement with no reasonable basis that results in no backup withholding, you are subject to a \$500 penalty.

**Criminal penalty for falsifying information.** Willfully falsifying certifications or affirmations may subject you to criminal penalties including fines and/or imprisonment.

**Misuse of TINs.** If the requester discloses or uses TINs in violation of federal law, the requester may be subject to civil and criminal penalties.

## Specific Instructions

### Line 1

You must enter one of the following on this line; **do not** leave this line blank. The name should match the name on your tax return.

If this Form W-9 is for a joint account (other than an account maintained by a foreign financial institution (FFI)), list first, and then circle, the name of the person or entity whose number you entered in Part I of Form W-9. If you are providing Form W-9 to an FFI to document a joint account, each holder of the account that is a U.S. person must provide a Form W-9.

- **Individual.** Generally, enter the name shown on your tax return. If you have changed your last name without informing the Social Security Administration (SSA) of the name change, enter your first name, the last name as shown on your social security card, and your new last name.

**Note for ITIN applicant:** Enter your individual name as it was entered on your Form W-7 application, line 1a. This should also be the same as the name you entered on the Form 1040 you filed with your application.

- **Sole proprietor.** Enter your individual name as shown on your Form 1040 on line 1. Enter your business, trade, or “doing business as” (DBA) name on line 2.

- **Partnership, C corporation, S corporation, or LLC, other than a disregarded entity.** Enter the entity’s name as shown on the entity’s tax return on line 1 and any business, trade, or DBA name on line 2.

- **Other entities.** Enter your name as shown on required U.S. federal tax documents on line 1. This name should match the name shown on the charter or other legal document creating the entity. Enter any business, trade, or DBA name on line 2.

- **Disregarded entity.** In general, a business entity that has a single owner, including an LLC, and is not a corporation, is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner (a disregarded entity). See Regulations section 301.7701-2(c)(2). A disregarded entity should check the appropriate box for the tax classification of its owner. Enter the owner’s name on line 1. The name of the owner entered on line 1 should never be a disregarded entity. The name on line 1 should be the name shown on the income tax return on which the income should be reported. For

example, if a foreign LLC that is treated as a disregarded entity for U.S. federal tax purposes has a single owner that is a U.S. person, the U.S. owner’s name is required to be provided on line 1. If the direct owner of the entity is also a disregarded entity, enter the first owner that is not disregarded for federal tax purposes. Enter the disregarded entity’s name on line 2. If the owner of the disregarded entity is a foreign person, the owner must complete an appropriate Form W-8 instead of a Form W-9. This is the case even if the foreign person has a U.S. TIN.

### Line 2

If you have a business name, trade name, DBA name, or disregarded entity name, enter it on line 2.

### Line 3a

Check the appropriate box on line 3a for the U.S. federal tax classification of the person whose name is entered on line 1. Check only one box on line 3a.

IF the entity/individual on line 1 is a(n) . . .	THEN check the box for . . .
• Corporation	Corporation.
• Individual or • Sole proprietorship	Individual/sole proprietor.
• LLC classified as a partnership for U.S. federal tax purposes or • LLC that has filed Form 8832 or 2553 electing to be taxed as a corporation	Limited liability company and enter the appropriate tax classification: P = Partnership, C = C corporation, or S = S corporation.
• Partnership	Partnership.
• Trust/estate	Trust/estate.

### Line 3b

Check this box if you are a partnership (including an LLC classified as a partnership for U.S. federal tax purposes), trust, or estate that has any foreign partners, owners, or beneficiaries, and you are providing this form to a partnership, trust, or estate, in which you have an ownership interest. You must check the box on line 3b if you receive a Form W-8 (or documentary evidence) from any partner, owner, or beneficiary establishing foreign status or if you receive a Form W-9 from any partner, owner, or beneficiary that has checked the box on line 3b.

**Note:** A partnership that provides a Form W-9 and checks box 3b may be required to complete Schedules K-2 and K-3 (Form 1065). For more information, see the Partnership Instructions for Schedules K-2 and K-3 (Form 1065).

If you are required to complete line 3b but fail to do so, you may not receive the information necessary to file a correct information return with the IRS or furnish a correct payee statement to your partners or beneficiaries. See, for example, sections 6698, 6722, and 6724 for penalties that may apply.

### Line 4 Exemptions

If you are exempt from backup withholding and/or FATCA reporting, enter in the appropriate space on line 4 any code(s) that may apply to you.

#### Exempt payee code.

- Generally, individuals (including sole proprietors) are not exempt from backup withholding.
- Except as provided below, corporations are exempt from backup withholding for certain payments, including interest and dividends.
- Corporations are not exempt from backup withholding for payments made in settlement of payment card or third-party network transactions.
- Corporations are not exempt from backup withholding with respect to attorneys’ fees or gross proceeds paid to attorneys, and corporations that provide medical or health care services are not exempt with respect to payments reportable on Form 1099-MISC.

The following codes identify payees that are exempt from backup withholding. Enter the appropriate code in the space on line 4.

1—An organization exempt from tax under section 501(a), any IRA, or a custodial account under section 403(b)(7) if the account satisfies the requirements of section 401(f)(2).

- 2—The United States or any of its agencies or instrumentalities.
- 3—A state, the District of Columbia, a U.S. commonwealth or territory, or any of their political subdivisions or instrumentalities.
- 4—A foreign government or any of its political subdivisions, agencies, or instrumentalities.
- 5—A corporation.
- 6—A dealer in securities or commodities required to register in the United States, the District of Columbia, or a U.S. commonwealth or territory.
- 7—A futures commission merchant registered with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission.
- 8—A real estate investment trust.
- 9—An entity registered at all times during the tax year under the Investment Company Act of 1940.
- 10—A common trust fund operated by a bank under section 584(a).
- 11—A financial institution as defined under section 581.
- 12—A middleman known in the investment community as a nominee or custodian.
- 13—A trust exempt from tax under section 664 or described in section 4947.

The following chart shows types of payments that may be exempt from backup withholding. The chart applies to the exempt payees listed above, 1 through 13.

IF the payment is for . . .	THEN the payment is exempt for . . .
• Interest and dividend payments	All exempt payees except for 7.
• Broker transactions	Exempt payees 1 through 4 and 6 through 11 and all C corporations. S corporations must not enter an exempt payee code because they are exempt only for sales of noncovered securities acquired prior to 2012.
• Barter exchange transactions and patronage dividends	Exempt payees 1 through 4.
• Payments over \$600 required to be reported and direct sales over \$5,000 <sup>1</sup>	Generally, exempt payees 1 through 5. <sup>2</sup>
• Payments made in settlement of payment card or third-party network transactions	Exempt payees 1 through 4.

<sup>1</sup> See Form 1099-MISC, Miscellaneous Information, and its instructions.

<sup>2</sup> However, the following payments made to a corporation and reportable on Form 1099-MISC are not exempt from backup withholding: medical and health care payments, attorneys' fees, gross proceeds paid to an attorney reportable under section 6045(f), and payments for services paid by a federal executive agency.

**Exemption from FATCA reporting code.** The following codes identify payees that are exempt from reporting under FATCA. These codes apply to persons submitting this form for accounts maintained outside of the United States by certain foreign financial institutions. Therefore, if you are only submitting this form for an account you hold in the United States, you may leave this field blank. Consult with the person requesting this form if you are uncertain if the financial institution is subject to these requirements. A requester may indicate that a code is not required by providing you with a Form W-9 with "Not Applicable" (or any similar indication) entered on the line for a FATCA exemption code.

- A—An organization exempt from tax under section 501(a) or any individual retirement plan as defined in section 7701(a)(37).
- B—The United States or any of its agencies or instrumentalities.
- C—A state, the District of Columbia, a U.S. commonwealth or territory, or any of their political subdivisions or instrumentalities.
- D—A corporation the stock of which is regularly traded on one or more established securities markets, as described in Regulations section 1.1472-1(c)(1)(i).
- E—A corporation that is a member of the same expanded affiliated group as a corporation described in Regulations section 1.1472-1(c)(1)(i).

- F—A dealer in securities, commodities, or derivative financial instruments (including notional principal contracts, futures, forwards, and options) that is registered as such under the laws of the United States or any state.
- G—A real estate investment trust.
- H—A regulated investment company as defined in section 851 or an entity registered at all times during the tax year under the Investment Company Act of 1940.
- I—A common trust fund as defined in section 584(a).
- J—A bank as defined in section 581.
- K—A broker.
- L—A trust exempt from tax under section 664 or described in section 4947(a)(1).
- M—A tax-exempt trust under a section 403(b) plan or section 457(g) plan.

**Note:** You may wish to consult with the financial institution requesting this form to determine whether the FATCA code and/or exempt payee code should be completed.

**Line 5**

Enter your address (number, street, and apartment or suite number). This is where the requester of this Form W-9 will mail your information returns. If this address differs from the one the requester already has on file, enter "NEW" at the top. If a new address is provided, there is still a chance the old address will be used until the payor changes your address in their records.

**Line 6**

Enter your city, state, and ZIP code.

**Part I. Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)**

**Enter your TIN in the appropriate box.** If you are a resident alien and you do not have, and are not eligible to get, an SSN, your TIN is your IRS ITIN. Enter it in the entry space for the Social security number. If you do not have an ITIN, see *How to get a TIN* below.

If you are a sole proprietor and you have an EIN, you may enter either your SSN or EIN.

If you are a single-member LLC that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner, enter the owner's SSN (or EIN, if the owner has one). If the LLC is classified as a corporation or partnership, enter the entity's EIN.

**Note:** See *What Name and Number To Give the Requester*, later, for further clarification of name and TIN combinations.

**How to get a TIN.** If you do not have a TIN, apply for one immediately. To apply for an SSN, get Form SS-5, Application for a Social Security Card, from your local SSA office or get this form online at [www.SSA.gov](http://www.SSA.gov). You may also get this form by calling 800-772-1213. Use Form W-7, Application for IRS Individual Taxpayer Identification Number, to apply for an ITIN, or Form SS-4, Application for Employer Identification Number, to apply for an EIN. You can apply for an EIN online by accessing the IRS website at [www.irs.gov/EIN](http://www.irs.gov/EIN). Go to [www.irs.gov/Forms](http://www.irs.gov/Forms) to view, download, or print Form W-7 and/or Form SS-4. Or, you can go to [www.irs.gov/OrderForms](http://www.irs.gov/OrderForms) to place an order and have Form W-7 and/or Form SS-4 mailed to you within 15 business days.

If you are asked to complete Form W-9 but do not have a TIN, apply for a TIN and enter "Applied For" in the space for the TIN, sign and date the form, and give it to the requester. For interest and dividend payments, and certain payments made with respect to readily tradable instruments, you will generally have 60 days to get a TIN and give it to the requester before you are subject to backup withholding on payments. The 60-day rule does not apply to other types of payments. You will be subject to backup withholding on all such payments until you provide your TIN to the requester.

**Note:** Entering "Applied For" means that you have already applied for a TIN or that you intend to apply for one soon. See also *Establishing U.S. status for purposes of chapter 3 and chapter 4 withholding*, earlier, for when you may instead be subject to withholding under chapter 3 or 4 of the Code.

**Caution:** A disregarded U.S. entity that has a foreign owner must use the appropriate Form W-8.

## Part II. Certification

To establish to the withholding agent that you are a U.S. person, or resident alien, sign Form W-9. You may be requested to sign by the withholding agent even if item 1, 4, or 5 below indicates otherwise.

For a joint account, only the person whose TIN is shown in Part I should sign (when required). In the case of a disregarded entity, the person identified on line 1 must sign. Exempt payees, see *Exempt payee code*, earlier.

**Signature requirements.** Complete the certification as indicated in items 1 through 5 below.

**1. Interest, dividend, and barter exchange accounts opened before 1984 and broker accounts considered active during 1983.** You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification.

**2. Interest, dividend, broker, and barter exchange accounts opened after 1983 and broker accounts considered inactive during 1983.** You must sign the certification or backup withholding will apply. If you are subject to backup withholding and you are merely providing your correct TIN to the requester, you must cross out item 2 in the certification before signing the form.

**3. Real estate transactions.** You must sign the certification. You may cross out item 2 of the certification.

**4. Other payments.** You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification unless you have been notified that you have previously given an incorrect TIN. "Other payments" include payments made in the course of the requester's trade or business for rents, royalties, goods (other than bills for merchandise), medical and health care services (including payments to corporations), payments to a nonemployee for services, payments made in settlement of payment card and third-party network transactions, payments to certain fishing boat crew members and fishermen, and gross proceeds paid to attorneys (including payments to corporations).

**5. Mortgage interest paid by you, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, qualified tuition program payments (under section 529), ABLÉ accounts (under section 529A), IRA, Coverdell ESA, Archer MSA or HSA contributions or distributions, and pension distributions.** You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification.

## What Name and Number To Give the Requester

For this type of account:	Give name and SSN of:
1. Individual	The individual
2. Two or more individuals (joint account) other than an account maintained by an FFI	The actual owner of the account or, if combined funds, the first individual on the account <sup>1</sup>
3. Two or more U.S. persons (joint account maintained by an FFI)	Each holder of the account
4. Custodial account of a minor (Uniform Gift to Minors Act)	The minor <sup>2</sup>
5. a. The usual revocable savings trust (grantor is also trustee)	The grantor-trustee <sup>1</sup>
b. So-called trust account that is not a legal or valid trust under state law	The actual owner <sup>1</sup>
6. Sole proprietorship or disregarded entity owned by an individual	The owner <sup>3</sup>
7. Grantor trust filing under Optional Filing Method 1 (see Regulations section 1.671-4(b)(2)(i)(A))**	The grantor*

For this type of account:	Give name and EIN of:
8. Disregarded entity not owned by an individual	The owner
9. A valid trust, estate, or pension trust	Legal entity <sup>4</sup>
10. Corporation or LLC electing corporate status on Form 8832 or Form 2553	The corporation
11. Association, club, religious, charitable, educational, or other tax-exempt organization	The organization
12. Partnership or multi-member LLC	The partnership
13. A broker or registered nominee	The broker or nominee
14. Account with the Department of Agriculture in the name of a public entity (such as a state or local government, school district, or prison) that receives agricultural program payments	The public entity
15. Grantor trust filing Form 1041 or under the Optional Filing Method 2, requiring Form 1099 (see Regulations section 1.671-4(b)(2)(i)(B))**	The trust

<sup>1</sup> List first and circle the name of the person whose number you furnish. If only one person on a joint account has an SSN, that person's number must be furnished.

<sup>2</sup> Circle the minor's name and furnish the minor's SSN.

<sup>3</sup> You must show your individual name on line 1, and enter your business or DBA name, if any, on line 2. You may use either your SSN or EIN (if you have one), but the IRS encourages you to use your SSN.

<sup>4</sup> List first and circle the name of the trust, estate, or pension trust. (Do not furnish the TIN of the personal representative or trustee unless the legal entity itself is not designated in the account title.)

\* **Note:** The grantor must also provide a Form W-9 to the trustee of the trust.

\*\* For more information on optional filing methods for grantor trusts, see the Instructions for Form 1041.

**Note:** If no name is circled when more than one name is listed, the number will be considered to be that of the first name listed.

## Secure Your Tax Records From Identity Theft

Identity theft occurs when someone uses your personal information, such as your name, SSN, or other identifying information, without your permission to commit fraud or other crimes. An identity thief may use your SSN to get a job or may file a tax return using your SSN to receive a refund.

To reduce your risk:

- Protect your SSN,
- Ensure your employer is protecting your SSN, and
- Be careful when choosing a tax return preparer.

If your tax records are affected by identity theft and you receive a notice from the IRS, respond right away to the name and phone number printed on the IRS notice or letter.

If your tax records are not currently affected by identity theft but you think you are at risk due to a lost or stolen purse or wallet, questionable credit card activity, or a questionable credit report, contact the IRS Identity Theft Hotline at 800-908-4490 or submit Form 14039.

For more information, see Pub. 5027, Identity Theft Information for Taxpayers.

Victims of identity theft who are experiencing economic harm or a systemic problem, or are seeking help in resolving tax problems that have not been resolved through normal channels, may be eligible for Taxpayer Advocate Service (TAS) assistance. You can reach TAS by calling the TAS toll-free case intake line at 877-777-4778 or TTY/TDD 800-829-4059.

**Protect yourself from suspicious emails or phishing schemes.** Phishing is the creation and use of email and websites designed to mimic legitimate business emails and websites. The most common act is sending an email to a user falsely claiming to be an established legitimate enterprise in an attempt to scam the user into surrendering private information that will be used for identity theft.

The IRS does not initiate contacts with taxpayers via emails. Also, the IRS does not request personal detailed information through email or ask taxpayers for the PIN numbers, passwords, or similar secret access information for their credit card, bank, or other financial accounts.

If you receive an unsolicited email claiming to be from the IRS, forward this message to [phishing@irs.gov](mailto:phishing@irs.gov). You may also report misuse of the IRS name, logo, or other IRS property to the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA) at 800-366-4484. You can forward suspicious emails to the Federal Trade Commission at [spam@uce.gov](mailto:spam@uce.gov) or report them at [www.ftc.gov/complaint](http://www.ftc.gov/complaint). You can contact the FTC at [www.ftc.gov/idtheft](http://www.ftc.gov/idtheft) or 877-IDTHEFT (877-438-4338). If you have been the victim of identity theft, see [www.IdentityTheft.gov](http://www.IdentityTheft.gov) and Pub. 5027.

Go to [www.irs.gov/IdentityTheft](http://www.irs.gov/IdentityTheft) to learn more about identity theft and how to reduce your risk.

## Privacy Act Notice

Section 6109 of the Internal Revenue Code requires you to provide your correct TIN to persons (including federal agencies) who are required to file information returns with the IRS to report interest, dividends, or certain other income paid to you; mortgage interest you paid; the acquisition or abandonment of secured property; the cancellation of debt; or contributions you made to an IRA, Archer MSA, or HSA. The person collecting this form uses the information on the form to file information returns with the IRS, reporting the above information. Routine uses of this information include giving it to the Department of Justice for civil and criminal litigation and to cities, states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. commonwealths and territories for use in administering their laws. The information may also be disclosed to other countries under a treaty, to federal and state agencies to enforce civil and criminal laws, or to federal law enforcement and intelligence agencies to combat terrorism. You must provide your TIN whether or not you are required to file a tax return. Under section 3406, payors must generally withhold a percentage of taxable interest, dividends, and certain other payments to a payee who does not give a TIN to the payor. Certain penalties may also apply for providing false or fraudulent information.