



## Application Overview

Thank you for considering becoming a registered broker with NuBridge Commercial Lending (“NuBridge”). Our registration process is outlined below. Please review the information and contact your Regional Sales Manager if you have any questions. NuBridge registration is required for all mortgage loan brokers who submit loans and all brokers must be registered before loans are funded.

### Broker Criteria

The Broker must meet the following criteria:

- Be properly licensed and authorized to broker loans that meet NuBridge product lines. Licensing or registration to broker a loan secured by property in the following states is required for current NuBridge products: **Arizona, California, Florida (if the loan is to an individual), Michigan, Minnesota, North Carolina, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, North Dakota, South Dakota and Vermont (if loan less than \$1M)**. NuBridge products, licensing requirements and state licensing laws are subject to change at any time.
- Have been in business for at least two years. In cases of newer firms, principals should have at least five years’ experience in mortgage lending.
- Have a good reputation in the industry and a high level of professionalism and strong ethical standards.
- Have a “good standing” rating with all governmental licensing and revenue collection agencies and have a public record clear of any civil or criminal judgments. A Broker whose firm has been suspended, is currently under investigation by any agency or has an open judgment in excess of \$5,000 will not be approved or may not be renewed to do business with NuBridge.

### Documentation Requirements / Checklist

Broker is responsible for completing the application and submitting to NuBridge. Documentation needed to support the Broker application may vary, but in all cases the following items are required from applicants:

- \_\_\_ A completed **Broker Application Form**
- \_\_\_ A completed and signed **Broker Agreement** *(Live signature required)*
- \_\_\_ A completed and signed **W-9 form** *(Live signature required)*
- \_\_\_ Copy of your **license(s)** *(if applicable)*

Please submit your complete application and exhibits to your Regional Sales Manager. Your application will then be processed and registration confirmation issued through your Regional Sales Manager.



# Broker Application

Company Name *(Applicant/Entity Name)* \_\_\_\_\_  
 Company DBA \_\_\_\_\_  
 Physical Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Primary Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

### Form of Organization

- Corporation                       Sole Owner                       Partnership  
 Limited Liability Company       Bank Charter                       Other: \_\_\_\_\_

State of Formation of Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant is licensed or registered to broker loans in the following states: \_\_\_\_\_

### If closely held, list owners and relative ownership position.

Name	Position	Percentage
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

### Please respond to the following:

Has your company or any of its owners, partners, managers or principals ever been suspended or terminated by any lender, state regulatory or licensing agency?       No       Yes *(Please explain)*

\_\_\_\_\_

Is the company or any of its owners, partners, managers or principals currently involved in any litigation that could affect the ability to perform as a broker?       No       Yes *(Please explain)*

\_\_\_\_\_

<b>How did you hear about NuBridge Commercial Lending?</b> <i>(Check one)</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> NuBridge Rep	<input type="checkbox"/> Web search	<input type="checkbox"/> Conference <i>(show name)</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> NuBridge Email	<input type="checkbox"/> Referral	<input type="checkbox"/> Social Media <i>(which site)</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Scotsman Guide		<input type="checkbox"/> Other

### Authorization

By signing the Broker Agreement which is a part of the application process, Applicant certifies that the information provided herein is true, complete and correct.



## BROKER AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT ("Agreement") is entered into in the State of California this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ between NuBridge Commercial Lending LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, hereinafter referred to as "NuBridge", and \_\_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_\_ hereinafter referred to as "Broker".

WHEREAS, Broker seeks to become an approved broker of mortgage loans to be submitted to NuBridge; and,

WHEREAS, the parties wish to establish a non-exclusive relationship between and for the benefit of NuBridge and Broker, Broker will submit to NuBridge, from time to time, selected and completed applications of eligible applicants for mortgage loans for review, underwriting and potential approval by NuBridge.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the promises, covenants and agreements hereinafter contained, the parties agree as follows:

### **1. General Broker Responsibility:**

Broker shall perform all of the following duties and functions at Broker's sole expense and Broker agrees to truthfully provide and perform these conditions in addition to the other promises, representations and covenants contained herein:

- A. Submit to NuBridge completed mortgage loan application packages (each a "Package") from loan applicants using such forms and under such programs, procedures and fee schedules as NuBridge periodically may establish.
- B. Furnish NuBridge the loan applicant's credit, financial and other information as NuBridge may require.
- C. Provide such additional information as NuBridge may reasonably request to assist NuBridge after the closing of the mortgage loan by NuBridge.
- D. Perform such other services as NuBridge shall require to close the mortgage loans.
- E. Comply with all applicable local, state and federal laws, including but not limited to the Equal Credit Opportunity Act, the Fair Credit Reporting Act and any other governmental regulatory requirements relevant to the brokerage of real property secured loan applications in each jurisdiction where the real property securing the loan to be made is located.

### **2. Broker's Warranties:**

Broker represents and warrants to NuBridge at the time any Package is submitted to NuBridge and at the time that any mortgage loan is funded and closed by NuBridge, that:

- A. That the information contained in the loan application is true and correct. That Broker shall not submit in any Package any false, fraudulent or erroneous information or statements, or omit any material fact necessary to make any statement or information included in the Package true, accurate, complete and understandable. For purposes of this warranty, the term "submit" shall mean (i) submitting a Package to NuBridge with false, fraudulent or erroneous information with actual knowledge thereof; or (ii) submitting a Package to NuBridge with false, fraudulent or erroneous information after failing to follow standard practices and procedures prevalent in the mortgage banking or brokering industry which, if followed, would have led to the discovery or

disclosure thereof; or (iii) submitting a Package with false, fraudulent or erroneous information where such information was or should have been within the knowledge or control of Broker. Broker acknowledges that the information in a Package is subject to NuBridge's independent verification, underwriting approval or quality control review but this shall not affect Broker's duties, responsibilities and representations hereunder.

- B. Unless otherwise exempt, Broker is in compliance with all licensing requirements to broker mortgage loans or otherwise necessary do business in the state(s) in which Broker brokers, originates or negotiates any mortgage loan and possesses and agrees to maintain as valid, all necessary licenses, permits, and authority to engage in activities contemplated by this Agreement.
- C. Unless disclosed to NuBridge in writing and approved by NuBridge in writing before the funding of any mortgage loan, Broker shall not receive any direct or indirect payment from any person other than the loan applicant with respect to the mortgage loan, including, without limitation, a payment involving escrow, appraisal or sale, and Broker (and Broker's agents, employees, officers and directors) shall have no direct or indirect ownership interest, guaranty interest lien on or in any property intended as security for the mortgage loan being reviewed by NuBridge.
- D. Broker is duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the jurisdiction of its organization, and has full power and authority to own its assets and carry on its business as it is now being conducted, and is duly qualified to transact business where such qualification is required.
- E. All mortgage loan applications submitted to NuBridge will be originated, compiled and prepared by trained employees of Broker and will be properly originated, prepared and completed in accordance with the procedures and guidelines of NuBridge, which shall be known to Broker and Broker warrants to remain apprised of all current procedures and guidelines of NuBridge sent to Broker by NuBridge. Further, Broker agrees to deliver to NuBridge any and all exhibits or documents obtained or prepared by the Broker in connection with each loan submitted.
- F. Broker has the requisite authority and capacity to enter into this Agreement.

**3. No Joint Venture, Partnership or Agency:**

Each of Broker and NuBridge acknowledges that nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to create a joint venture between Broker and NuBridge. In addition, nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to make either Broker or NuBridge a partner, agent, representative, or employee of the other party, and each party hereto shall not hold itself out as such. Neither party may use the other party's name in any advertising medium without the prior written consent of such other party. Broker acknowledges and agrees that it is acting on behalf of a borrower will conduct any and all business activities accordingly including determining the method, details and means of performing of all services described within this Agreement.

**4. Indemnification:**

Broker shall indemnify and hold harmless NuBridge and its shareholders, directors, officers, agents, attorneys, employees, successors and assignees from and against (and shall reimburse the same with respect to) any and all loss, damage, liability, cost and expense, including reasonable attorney's fees incurred by reason of, or arising out of, or in connection with any third party claims relating to:

- A. Any breach of any representation, warranty or covenant contained in this Agreement; or
- B. Broker's failure to perform any obligation hereunder.

Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, in the event of any breach of any representation, warranty or covenant contained in this Agreement by Broker, Broker's indemnity shall extend to each third party to which NuBridge has sold any loan or to any assignee thereof.

**5. NuBridge has Sole Discretion to Approve Mortgage Loans:**

NuBridge agrees to review all Packages submitted by Broker; however, mortgage loan approval shall be within NuBridge’s sole discretion. Broker shall not represent that NuBridge has approved or will approve any mortgage loan until Broker is so informed by NuBridge in writing. Mortgage loans shall close in the name of NuBridge and NuBridge shall appear on the promissory note as beneficiary. In the event that a mortgage loan application is denied, NuBridge shall cause to be delivered to Broker a statement of credit denial, termination or change. Broker agrees to inform Applicant of the adverse action on the mortgage loan application in accordance with the regulations of the Equal Credit Opportunity Act.

Broker acknowledges that failure of NuBridge to review or discover any deficiency or error in the mortgage loan or the loan file at time of closing by NuBridge will not release Broker from its obligations to use its best efforts to provide any required documentation or correct any errors subsequently discovered. Nor will such a failure to review or discover deficiencies or errors prevent or inhibit NuBridge’s exercise of any of its remedies hereunder.

**6. Change in Underwriting Standards:**

Broker acknowledges that NuBridge’s underwriting standards may be amended at any time. NuBridge shall provide written notice to Broker of such changes. Any such changes shall apply to all applications submitted to NuBridge by Broker after the written notice of amendments. Upon such change and written notice, Broker shall comply with all modified underwriting guidelines and modifications thereto.

**7. Inspection Rights of NuBridge:**

Broker agrees to keep and maintain its books and records as to mortgage loans hereunder so as to meet and comply with Federal and State laws and regulations. Broker hereby grants permission and authority to NuBridge to audit said files at NuBridge’s sole cost and expense and during Broker’s normal business hours with at least 3 days prior written notice. Broker understands that NuBridge will maintain an active quality control system and that NuBridge may routinely reverify pertinent credit documentation submitted by Broker even after a loan is closed or sold to NuBridge.

**8. Notices:**

All notices required herein shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been given, made and received: a) one (1) business day after the date of dispatch, if by facsimile with a confirmed transmission; b) one (1) business day after deposit, if delivered by a nationally recognized courier service offering guaranteed, overnight delivery; c) three (3) business days after deposit in the United States mail, certified mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested, at the addresses appearing below; or, d) when sent to the email address identified in the Broker Application, which hereby incorporated herein.

All notices required to be given may be sent by registered or certified mail addressed as follows:

If to NuBridge: Nubridge Commercial Lending LLC  
21680 Gateway Center Drive, Suite 230  
Diamond Bar, CA 91765  
Attn: Edward Resendez, President & COO

If to Broker: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Attn: \_\_\_\_\_

Or at such other offices or addresses as either party shall inform the other in accordance with this paragraph.

**9. No Assignment of Broker’s Rights or Duties:**

Broker shall not have the right to assign any of its duties, obligations, or rights under this Agreement without the prior written consent of NuBridge, which consent is subject to NuBridge’s sole discretion.

**10. Arbitration of Disputes, Attorneys Fees:**

Any controversy, claim or dispute among the parties arising out of this contract, or the breach thereof, shall be settled by arbitration in accordance with the Commercial Arbitration Rules of the American Arbitration Association in Los Angeles County, California and judgment upon the award rendered by the Arbitrator may be entered in any court having jurisdiction, including the Superior Court of Los Angeles, County of Los Angeles. The fees and costs incurred in any such arbitration (exclusive of each party’s attorney’s fees and costs) shall be borne equally between the parties. However, the prevailing party from such arbitration shall be entitled to recover its attorney’s’ fees in addition to any other relief to which it may be entitled. Should either party fail or refuse to pay its share of the fees and costs, then the non-refusing party may advance those fees and costs and the non-paying party shall then be deemed to have waived their right to participate in the binding arbitration and shall be precluded from participating in the arbitration unless and until they have reimbursed the advancing party. Any such reimbursement must be at least 14 days prior to the Arbitration Hearing date in order to cure the default of the non-paying party.

**11. Entire Agreement:**

This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties pertaining to the subject matter contained in it and supersedes all prior and contemporary agreements, representations and understandings. No supplement, modification or amendment shall be binding unless executed by both parties, except where NuBridge has been specifically granted the right to do so hereunder. It is the intention of the parties hereto that this Agreement shall be construed under and according to the substantive laws of the state of California and shall not be binding until executed by NuBridge. All questions regarding the validity, interpretation or performance of any of its terms, representations and warranties of any rights or obligations of the parties shall be governed by the laws of the State of California.

**12. Enforceability of Agreement:**

If any provision of this Agreement is held invalid, void or unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall nevertheless continue in full force without being impaired or invalidated in any way.

**13. Further Acts of Parties:**

Each party shall perform any further acts and execute and deliver any documents that may be reasonably necessary to carry out the provisions of this Agreement.

**14. Waiver:**

The waiver of any breach, term, provision or condition of this Agreement shall not be construed to be a waiver of any other breach, term, provision or conditions. All remedies afforded by this Agreement, or breach hereof, shall be cumulative, that is, in addition to all other remedies provided herein at law or in equity.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement as a sealed instrument by their respective duly authorized officers.

NuBridge Commercial Lending LLC

BROKER: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

# Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

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

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

<b>Print or type.</b>	<b>See Specific Instructions on page 3.</b>	<p><b>1</b> Name (as shown on your income tax return). Name is required on this line; do not leave this line blank.</p> <hr/> <p><b>2</b> Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above</p> <hr/> <p><b>3</b> Check appropriate box for federal tax classification of the person whose name is entered on line 1. Check only <b>one</b> of the following seven boxes.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Individual/sole proprietor or single-member LLC            <input type="checkbox"/> C Corporation            <input type="checkbox"/> S Corporation            <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership            <input type="checkbox"/> Trust/estate</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (C=C corporation, S=S corporation, P=Partnership) ▶ _____</p> <p><b>Note:</b> Check the appropriate box in the line above for the tax classification of the single-member owner. Do not check LLC if the LLC is classified as a single-member LLC that is disregarded from the owner unless the owner of the LLC is another LLC that is <b>not</b> disregarded from the owner for U.S. federal tax purposes. Otherwise, a single-member LLC that is disregarded from the owner should check the appropriate box for the tax classification of its owner.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other (see instructions) ▶ _____</p>	<p><b>4</b> Exemptions (codes apply only to certain entities, not individuals; see instructions on page 3):</p> <p>Exempt payee code (if any) _____</p> <p>Exemption from FATCA reporting code (if any) _____</p> <p style="font-size: small;">(Applies to accounts maintained outside the U.S.)</p>
		<p><b>5</b> Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.) See instructions.</p> <hr/> <p><b>6</b> City, state, and ZIP code</p> <hr/> <p><b>7</b> List account number(s) here (optional)</p>	<p>Requester's name and address (optional)</p> <hr/>

## 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.

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

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

## 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).

### Purpose of Form

An individual or entity (Form W-9 requester) who is required to file an information return with the IRS 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-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), 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.

*If you do not 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. If applicable, you are also certifying that as a U.S. person, your allocable share of any partnership income from a U.S. trade or business is not subject to the withholding tax on foreign partners' share of effectively connected income, and
4. 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).

**Special rules for partnerships.** Partnerships that conduct a trade or business in the United States are generally required to pay a withholding tax under section 1446 on any foreign partners' share of effectively connected taxable income from such business. Further, in certain cases where a Form W-9 has not been received, the rules under section 1446 require a partnership to presume that a partner is a foreign person, and pay the section 1446 withholding tax. Therefore, if you are a U.S. person that is a partner in a partnership conducting a trade or business in the United States, provide Form W-9 to the partnership to establish your U.S. status and avoid section 1446 withholding on your share of partnership income.

In the cases below, the following person must give Form W-9 to the partnership for purposes of establishing its U.S. status and avoiding withholding on its allocable share of net income from the partnership conducting a trade or business in the United States.

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

**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, do not use Form W-9. Instead, use the appropriate Form W-8 or Form 8233 (see Pub. 515, *Withholding of Tax on Nonresident Aliens and Foreign Entities*).

**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 his or her 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 his or her 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 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 under 4 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.

Also see *Special rules for partnerships*, earlier.

## What is FATCA Reporting?

The Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) requires a participating foreign financial institution to report all United States account holders that are specified United States 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 no longer are 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.

a. **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: 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 1040/1040A/1040EZ you filed with your application.

b. **Sole proprietor or single-member LLC.** Enter your individual name as shown on your 1040/1040A/1040EZ on line 1. You may enter your business, trade, or “doing business as” (DBA) name on line 2.

c. **Partnership, LLC that is not a single-member LLC, C corporation, or S corporation.** 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.

d. **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. You may enter any business, trade, or DBA name on line 2.

e. **Disregarded entity.** For U.S. federal tax purposes, an entity that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner is treated as a “disregarded entity.” See Regulations section 301.7701-2(c)(2)(iii). Enter the owner’s name on line 1. The name of the entity 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, “Business name/disregarded entity name.” 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, you may enter it on line 2.

### Line 3

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

IF the entity/person on line 1 is a(n) . . .	THEN check the box for . . .
• Corporation	Corporation
• Individual • Sole proprietorship, or • Single-member limited liability company (LLC) owned by an individual and disregarded for U.S. federal tax purposes.	Individual/sole proprietor or single-member LLC
• LLC treated as a partnership for U.S. federal tax purposes, • LLC that has filed Form 8832 or 2553 to be taxed as a corporation, or • LLC that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner but the owner is another LLC that is not disregarded for U.S. federal tax purposes.	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 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 in 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 possession, 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 possession
- 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
- 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 Income, 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) written or printed 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 possession, 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, write 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 individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN). Enter it in the social security number box. 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). Do not enter the disregarded entity's EIN. 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 1-800-772-1213. 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/Businesses](http://www.irs.gov/Businesses) and clicking on Employer Identification Number (EIN) under Starting a Business. 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 SS-4 mailed to you within 10 business days.

If you are asked to complete Form W-9 but do not have a TIN, apply for a TIN and write "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, generally you will 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.

**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), ABLE 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 Form 1099 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

For this type of account:	Give name and EIN of:
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 under the Form 1041 Filing Method or the Optional Form 1099 Filing Method 2 (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 and you may also enter your business or DBA name on the "Business name/disregarded entity" name line. 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.) Also see *Special rules for partnerships*, earlier.

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

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 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 credit report, contact the IRS Identity Theft Hotline at 1-800-908-4490 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 1-877-777-4778 or TTY/TDD 1-800-829-4059.

**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 1-800-366-4484. 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.

Visit [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 possessions for use in administering their laws. The information also may 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, payers must generally withhold a percentage of taxable interest, dividend, and certain other payments to a payee who does not give a TIN to the payer. Certain penalties may also apply for providing false or fraudulent information.