## Short Sale Package

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# List of Documents Listing agreement along with the following

Checklist of Required Homeowner's Documentation
All listing Disclosure as applicable to the home
Authorization to Release Information
Authorization to Release Information – HOA
RMA
Financial Statement
FYI on Short Sales
Indemnity Agreement
Privacy Notice
Short Sale Seller Advisory
Hardship Letter Example
Seller Due Diligence

DOES NOT INCLUDE REQUIRED ALL BROKER DISCLOSURES AND LISTING AGREEMENTS WITH REAL ESTATE AGENT

## Checklist of Required Homeowner's Documentation

We appreciate the opportunity to assist you in short selling your home, while improving your current and future financial stability. In order to get a short sale approved certain documentation listed below must be provided. After the required documentation is received I can start the process of negotiating the short sale request with your Lender(s).

### \*Read All Information Provided\*

□ Pay Stubs (a full month)
□ Two Years Most Recent Tax Returns & W-2's
□ Two Months Bank Statements (all pages)
□ Mortgage Payment Coupon (s)
□ Explanation of Hardship (Letter to Lender(s), signed & dated)
□ Supporting Documents for Hardship
<ul> <li>Letter of Termination/Layoff Notice</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Job Relocation Letter</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Unemployment Benefit Letter</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Medical Bills</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Death or Illness in Family Documentation</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Divorce Decree/Separation Agreement</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Child Support/Alimony Documents</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Rate increase/Payment increase letter</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Repair bills, etc</li> </ul>
□ Collection/Foreclosure Letters
□ Sale Date Notice
□ Financial Statement (attached)
□ Homeowner's Questionnaire (attached)
□ Authorization to Release Information (attached)
□ Hardship Affidavit (attached)
□ Indemnity Agreement (attached)
□ Privacy Notice (attached)
□ FYI on Short Sales (attached)

## MARS DISCLOSURE Mortgage Assistance Relief Services Disclosure

The following Disclosures are being made pursuant to the Federal Trade Commission's Mortgage Assistance Relief Services (MARS) Rules (16 C.F.R. Part 322).

Brokerage is not associated with the government and our service is not approved by the government or your lender. Even if you accept this offer and use our service, your lender may not agree to change your loan.

You may stop doing business with us at any time with regard to our Short Sale Negotiation services, which are being provided to you as part of our Real Estate Brokerage Services.

You may accept or reject the offer of mortgage assistance we obtain from your lender or servicer. Whether you accept or reject the offer, you do not have to pay us a fee for our Short Sale Negotiation services. However, you may be obligated to pay us a commission for our Real Estate Brokerage Services as outlined in the Exclusive Right to List Agreement.

If you stop paying your mortgage, you could lose your home and damage your credit rating.

By signing below you are acknowledging receipt of a copy of the MARS Disclosure.

Seller Date

Seller Date

Broker (Agent) Date

### SHORT SALE QUALIFICATION QUESTIONS

SELLERS NAME:	Phone #	BEST TIME TO	CALL: AM PM	ANYTIME
PROPERTY ADDRESS:	_PRIMARY RESIDENCE: Y	N INVES	TMENT PROPERTY:	Y N
HOW LONG HAVE YOU LIVED IN THE HOME:YEARS	MONTHS			
EMAIL ADDRESS:	<u> </u>			
HARDSHIP (circle one) Job Loss / Transfer Divorce	Interest Rate / Payment Increase	Other:		
OWNER-OCCUPIED Y N	TENANT- OCCUIPIED Y	N		
CONSULTED WITH TAX ADVISOR Y N	LEGAL ADVISOR Y	N	CREDIT ADVISOR	Y N
FILING BANKRUPTCY Y N				
TRUSTEE SALE Y N	DATE:			
BEHIND ON PAYMENTS: Y N	NUMBER OF MONTHS:			
FIRST MTG. COMPANY:	APRX_BALANCE:			
SECOND MTG COMPANY:	APRX BALANCE:			
HELOC / LINE OF CREDIT: Y N				
IS THIS THE ORIGINAL LOAN YOU PURCHASED THE HOME W	VITH: Y N			
HOA: Y N CURRENT ON PAYMENTS: Y	, N			
TYPE OF LOAN (S): CONV FHA VA				
LEINS OTHER THAN PROPERTY TAXES: Y N	If yes, for what:			
*SELLER(S) WILLING TO:				
PREPARE HOME FOR SALE	Υ	N		
MAINTAIN YARD, POOL, ETC	Υ	N		
MAINTAIN UTILITIES	Υ	N		
SIGN DEFICENCY JUDGEMENT/PROMISSARY NOT	E Y	N		
ATTEMPTED TO NEGOTIATE A LOAN MOD WITH LE	ENDER Y	N		
Questions that you have regarding a short sale:				
				(A)
SELLER SIGNATURE:	Date:		_	
SELLER SIGNATURE:	Date:		_	

## Making Home Affordable Program Request For Modification and Affidavit (RMA)



REQUEST FOR MODIFICATION AND AFFIDAVIT (RMA) page 1

COMPLETE ALL THREE PAGES OF THIS FORM

oan I.D. Number	Service	er	_
BORROWER		CO-BORROWER	
Borrower's name		Co-borrower's name	
Social Security number	Date of birth	Social Security number	Date of birth
Home phone number with area code		Home phone number with area code	4.
Cell or work number with area code		Cell or work number with area code	-
want to:	☐ Keep the Property	Self the Property	
The property is my:	☐ Primary Residence	☐ Second Home ☐ Investm	ent
The property is:	Owner Occupied	Renter Occupied Vacant	
Mailing address			
Property address (if same as mailing addre	ss, just write same)	E-mail address	
Is the property listed for sale?	Yes No	Have you contacted a credit-counseling agei If yes, please complete the following: Counselor's Name: Agency Name: Counselor's Phone Number: Counselor's E-mail:	
Who pays the real estate tax bill on your part of the large tax bills on your part of the large tax bills on your part of	do or HOA	Who pays the hazard insurance premium for  I do Lender does Paid by Condo Is the policy current? Yes No Name of Insurance Co.:  Insurance Co. Tel #:	or HOA
		Chapter 13 Filing Date:	
Additional Liens/Mortgages or Judgments	on this property:		
Lien Holder's Name/Servicer	Balance	Contact Number	Loan Number
	HARDSHIP	AFFIDAVIT	
		the Making Home Affordable program. se of financial difficulties created by (check a	ll that apply):
My household income has been reduced underemployment, reduced pay or hou death, disability or divorce of a borrowe	rs, decline in business earnings,	My monthly debt payments are excessive my creditors. Debt includes credit cards, h	
My expenses have increased. For examp reset, high medical or health care costs utilities or property taxes.		My cash reserves, including all liquid asset my current mortgage payment and cover same time.	
Other:			

#### INCOME/EXPENSES FOR HOUSEHOLD1

Number of People in Household:

Monthly Household	Income	Monthly Household Ex	penses/Debt	Househol	d Assets
Monthly Gross Wages	\$	First Mortgage Payment	\$	Checking Account(s)	\$
Overtime	\$	Second Mortgage Payment	\$	Checking Account(s)	\$
Child Support / Alimony / Separation <sup>2</sup>	\$	Insurance	\$	Savings/ Money Market	\$
Social Security/SSDI	\$	Property Taxes	\$	CDs	\$
Other monthly income from pensions, annuities or retirement plans	\$	Credit Cards / Installment Loan(s) (total minimum payment per month)	\$	Stocks / Bonds	\$
Tips, commissions, bonus and self-employed income	\$	Alimony, child support payments	\$	Other Cash on Hand	\$
Rents Received	\$	Net Rental Expenses	\$	Other Real Estate (estimated value)	\$
Unemployment Income	\$	HOA/Condo Fees/Property Maintenance	\$	Other	\$
Food Stamps/Welfare	\$	Car Payments	\$	Other	\$
Other (investment income, royalties, interest, dividends etc.)	\$	Other	\$	Do not include the value of life insurance retirement plans when calculating assets pension funds, annuities, IRAs, Keogh plants	
l otal (Gross Income)	\$	iotal Debt/Expenses	\$	Total Assets	\$

#### **INCOME MUST BE DOCUMENTED**

Include combined income and expenses from the borrower and co-borrower (if any). If you include income and expenses from a household member who is not a borrower, please specify using the back of this form if necessary.

<sup>2</sup>You are not required to disclose Child Support, Alimony or Separation Maintenance income, unless you choose to have it considered by your servicer.

#### INFORMATION FOR GOVERNMENT MONITORING PURPOSES

The following information is requested by the federal government in order to monitor compliance with federal statutes that prohibit discrimination in housing. You are not required to furnish this information, but are encouraged to do so. The law provides that a lender or servicer may not discriminate either on the basis of this information, or on whether you choose to furnish it. If you furnish the information, please provide both ethnicity and race. For race, you may check more than one designation. If you do not furnish ethnicity, race, or sex, the lender or servicer is required to note the information on the basis of visual observation or surname if you have made this request for a loan modification in person. If you do not wish to furnish the information, please check the box below.

BORROWER	☐ I do not wish	to furnish this information	CO-BORROWER	$\ \square$ I do not wish to furnish this information
Ethnicity:	☐ Hispanic or La		Ethnicity:	<ul><li>☐ Hispanic or Latino</li><li>☐ Not Hispanic or Latino</li></ul>
Race:	☐ Asian ☐ Black or Afric	ian or Alaska Native an American ian or Other Pacific Islander	Race:	<ul> <li>□ American Indian or Alaska Native</li> <li>□ Asian</li> <li>□ Black or African American</li> <li>□ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander</li> <li>□ White</li> </ul>
Sex:	☐ Female ☐ Male		Sex:	□ Female □ Male
	To be	completed by interviewer		Name/Address of Interviewer's Employer
This request wa  Face-to-face  Mail  Telephone  Internet	•	Interviewer's Name (print or type) & Interviewer's Signature Date Interviewer's Phone Number (include	te	

#### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND AGREEMENT

In making this request for consideration under the Making Home Affordable Program, I certify under penalty of perjury:

- That all of the information in this document is truthful and the event(s) identified on page 1 is/are the reason that I
  need to request a modification of the terms of my mortgage loan, short sale or deed-in-lieu of foreclosure.
- 2. I understand that the Servicer, the U.S. Department of the Treasury, or their agents may investigate the accuracy of my statements and may require me to provide supporting documentation. I also understand that knowingly submitting false information may violate Federal law.
- 3. I understand the Servicer will pull a current credit report on all borrowers obligated on the Note.
- 4. I understand that if I have intentionally defaulted on my existing mortgage, engaged in fraud or misrepresented any fact(s) in connection with this document, the Servicer may cancel any Agreement under Making Home Affordable and may pursue foreclosure on my home.
- 5. That: my property is owner-occupied; I intend to reside in this property for the next twelve months; I have not received a condemnation notice; and there has been no change in the ownership of the Property since I signed the documents for the mortgage that I want to modify.
- 6. I am willing to provide all requested documents and to respond to all Servicer questions in a timely manner.
- 7. I understand that the Servicer will use the information in this document to evaluate my eligibility for a loan modification or short sale or deed-in-lieu of foreclosure, but the Servicer is not obligated to offer me assistance based solely on the statements in this document.
- 8. I am willing to commit to credit counseling if it is determined that my financial hardship is related to excessive debt.
- 9. I understand that the Servicer will collect and record personal information, including, but not limited to, my name, address, telephone number, social security number, credit score, income, payment history, government monitoring information, and information about account balances and activity. I understand and consent to the disclosure of my personal information and the terms of any Making Home Affordable Agreement by Servicer to (a) the U.S. Department of the Treasury, (b) Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac in connection with their responsibilities under the Homeowner Affordability and Stability Plan; (c) any investor, insurer, guarantor or servicer that owns, insures, guarantees or services my first lien or subordinate lien (if applicable) mortgage loan(s); (d) companies that perform support services in conjunction with Making Home Affordable; and (e) any HUD-certified housing counselor.

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Borrower Signature	Date
Co-Borrower Signature	Date

#### HOMEOWNER'S HOTLINE

If you have questions about this document or the modification process, please call your servicer.

If you have questions about the program that your servicer cannot answer or need further counseling, you can call the Homeowner's HOPE™ Hotline at 1-888-995-HOPE (4673). The Hotline can help with questions about

#### NOTICE TO BORROWERS

Be advised that by signing this document you understand that any documents and information you submit to your servicer in connection with the Making Home Affordable Program are under penalty of perjury. Any misstatement of material fact made in the completion of these documents including but not limited to misstatement regarding your occupancy in your home, hardship circumstances, and/or income, expenses, or assets will subject you to potential criminal investigation and prosecution for the following crimes: perjury, false statements, mail fraud, and wire fraud. The information contained in these documents is subject to examination and verification. Any potential misrepresentation will be referred to the appropriate law enforcement authority for investigation and prosecution. By signing this document you certify, represent and agree that:

"Under penalty of perjury, all documents and information I have provided to Lender in connection with the Making Home
Affordable Program, including the documents and information regarding my eligibility for the program, are true and correct."

If you are aware of fraud, waste, abuse, mismanagement or misrepresentations affiliated with the Troubled Asset Relief Program, please contact the SIGTARP Hotline by calling 1-877-SIG-2009 (toll-free), 202-622-4559 (fax), or www.sigtarp.gov. Mail can be sent to Hotline Office of the Special Inspector General for Troubled Asset Relief Program, 1801 L St. NW, Washington, DC 20220.

## BORROWERS AUTHORIZATION TO RELEASE LOAN INFORMATION

Borrower(s):		
Address:		
		Loan #
Lender (2nd):		Loan #
		elease information regarding the above
	nts and fees, dupl	icates of any notices sent to me and has behalf. This authorization remains in
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Borrower Signature	Date	Date of Birth
SSN		
Borrower Signature	Date	Date of Birth
SSN		Realtor Information

## SELLER(S) AUTHORIZATION TO RELEASE HOA/CONDO INFORMATION

Seller(s):		· · · · · ·
Address:		
Homeowners Associat Lot #	•	
I (we), the undersigned he referenced property to Nar	•	to release information regarding the above kerage and Title Agency.
regarding my account incl reserves, working capital, liens or any other fees that	uding a schedule of asset preservation, of are pertinent in the	d individual to receive information fees: disclosures, transfer fees, community capital reserves, special assessments, fines, sale of the referenced property, and has my behalf. This authorization remains in effect
Seller Signature	Date	Lot # / Account #
Seller Signature	Date	Lot # / Account #  Realtor Information

### **FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

#### **Borrower Information**

Name	Social Security Number
Name	Social Security Number
Home Telephone Nu	mber Work Telephone Number

#### **Address Information**

Home Address
Property Address (if different)

#### Assets/Liabilities

Description	Est. Value	<b>Amount Owed</b>	Net Value	
Primary Home	\$	\$	\$	
Other Home	\$	\$	\$	
Auto	\$	\$	\$	
Auto	\$	\$	\$	
Checking/Savings	\$	\$	\$	
Boats	\$	\$	\$	
Cash Value of Life Ins	\$	\$	\$	
Collections	\$	\$	\$	
Computers	\$	\$	\$	
IRA Accounts	\$	\$	\$	
401k/ESOP Accounts	\$	\$	\$	
Stocks/Bonds/CDs	\$	\$	\$	
Trailers	\$	\$	\$	,
IRS Liens	\$	\$	\$	
Other Investments	\$	\$	\$	
Other Investments	\$	\$	\$	
TOTAL	\$	\$	\$	

#### Income

Description	Borrower	Co-Borrower	Total	
Net Income Job 1	\$	\$	\$	
Net income Job 2	\$	\$	\$	
Child Support/Alimony	\$	\$	\$	
Retirement/Pension	\$	\$	\$	
Social Security/Disability	\$	\$	\$	
Rental Income	\$	\$	\$	
Other	\$	\$	\$	
TOTAL	\$	\$	\$	

**Expense Information** 

Category	Description	Monthly Payment Balance Due		Delinquent (Y/N)		
Monthly Pa						
	Mortgage 1	\$	\$	Υ	N	
	Mortgage 2	\$	\$	Υ	N	
	Alimony/Child Support	\$	\$	Y	N	
	Child Care	\$	\$	Y	N	
20772	HOA Fees	\$	\$	Y	N	
	Property Insurance	\$	\$	Y	N	
	Property Tax	\$	\$	Y	N	
Loans	r reperty rest	<u> </u>		•		
	Auto	\$	<b>\$</b>	Υ	N	
	Auto	\$	\$	Y	N	
	Furniture/Appliances	\$	\$	Y	N	
	Student Loans	\$	\$	Ÿ	N	
	Personal Loans	\$	\$	Y	N	
-	Other	\$	\$	Y	N	
Credit Card		Ψ	Ψ	<u>T</u>	11/4	
STEUIL CAT	us #1	<b>e</b>	· ·	Υ	N	
	#2	\$ \$	\$ \$	Y	N	
	#3	\$	\$	Y	N	
	#4	\$	\$	Υ	N	
Utilities					•••	
	Electricity	\$	\$	Y	N	
	Gas	\$	\$	Y	N	
	Telephone	\$	\$	Y	N	
	Cellular	\$	\$	Υ	N	
	Water	\$	\$	Υ	N	
	Trash/Sewer	\$	\$	Y	N	
	Internet	\$	\$	Υ	N	
5-403-417-625-1	Cable	\$	\$	Υ	N	
Insurance				-		
	Auto	\$	\$	Υ	N	
	Health	\$	\$	Υ	N	
	Life	\$	\$	Υ	N	
Dues	10 4702	- 1257C1				
	Club	\$	\$	Υ	N	
	Union	\$	\$	Υ	N	
Medical	25 - 2512 (1075) 107523	75 51 0 mm 2 m				
	Medical Bills/Co-pays	\$	\$	Υ	N	
	Prescriptions	\$	\$	Υ	N	
Car	·			·		
	Gasoline/Maintenance	\$	\$	Υ	N	
	Monthly Parking	\$	\$	Y	N	
Food		Monthly Payment	Balance Due	- 1950 PLANTA (R.C.	- 470	
	Groceries	\$	\$			
27	School or Work Lunches	\$				
Clothing	Dry Cleaning	\$	\$ \$			

Misc.	•	
Spending Money/Entertainment	\$	\$ 
Animal Care	\$	\$ 
Clubs, Sports & Hobbies	\$	\$ 
Vacations	\$	\$
Education/Tuition	\$	\$ 
Household Supplies	\$	\$
Church/Charitable Contributions	\$	\$ 
Savings		 
Savings Bond	\$	\$ 
Credit Union	\$	\$ <u>.</u>
Bank	\$	\$ 
TOTAL	\$	\$

Recap

Item	Current	
Total Income	\$	
Total Expenses	\$	
Difference	\$	

I agree that the financial information provided is an accurate statement of my financial status. I understand and acknowledge that any action taken by the lender of my mortgage loan on my behalf will be made in strict reliance to the financial information provided.

Submitted this	day of	, 20
BY <u>Signature</u>	of Borrower	//
BY	of Borrower	//

#### **Final Instructions**

Review the Financial Worksheet to make sure it is correct.

Make sure you have signed and dated the form.

Be sure you have your last two years' federal tax returns with all attachments.

Be sure you have copies of two recent pay stubs for all wages and salaries reported.

Make copies of everything and keep them for your records.

#### **FYI on Short Sales**

The following is a condensed version of the most popular questions a seller may have on short sales. As a REALTOR®, we are not licensed as a lawyer or a CPA and cannot advise on all matters of the short sale process. Please obtain advice from a competent real estate lawyer on legal issues and discuss with your accountant on the tax ramifications that may be unique to your specific situation. Please refer to previous pages in this packet for a list of attorneys and tax advisors.

#### What is a short sale?

A short sale, also known as a short pay or short payoff, allows a homeowner to sell their property for less than the amount owed to the bank. When the market value of the property is less than the amount owed, the owner is considered up-side-down. The proceeds from the sale are used to pay-off the outstanding amount of the mortgage. Although the proceeds will be "short" amount actually owed on the mortgage, it allows a homeowner the opportunity to avoid foreclosure. Ultimately it may put their credit standing in a better position than if an actual foreclosure were to take place. The entire process hinges on the approval of the lender to accept less than the amount due.

#### What are the credit implications to a short sale?

The property owner's credit could be negatively and severely affected. Here is why. Say the homeowner owes \$100,000 on the foreclosed property, but the lender only gets \$70,000 from the sale. The lender can then sue the homeowner for the \$30,000 difference. But, the homeowner won't have the \$30,000. If he did, he most likely wouldn't have gone into foreclosure in the first place. If the lender chooses to sue and the homeowner cannot pay; a deficiency judgment would appear on the homeowner's credit report, negatively affecting the homeowner's credit (At present, Arizona has an anti-deficiency law whereas a borrower has protection against a deficiency Judgment.)

In some cases, the bank chooses not to sue, but to take the loss as a **tax write-off**. In this case, there would be no deficiency judgment on the homeowner's credit report; however, there is another implication. The \$30,000 that the homeowner did not have to pay would be considered by the IRS to be income. The lender can send a 1099c to the homeowner at the end of the year, and the homeowner could be required to pay taxes on that \$30,000. Even when the bank chooses not to sue, the foreclosure can end up showing up in credit checks because it is a public record.

#### What information will the bank need to decide whether to accept a short sale?

The sellers' submission package should include W-2 forms from employers (or a letter explaining the seller is unemployed), bank statements, two years of tax returns, and other financial documents outlining income and debt obligations. The bank will also need comps or a broker's price opinion showing your estimate of value. In addition, the sellers should submit a "hardship letter," explaining the circumstances that make it impossible for them to pay the full amount of the loan. The seller needs to be able to show true financial hardship. Someone with the assets or the income to pay is unlikely to be considered.

#### What are the options besides a short sale?

Thanks to programs such as those proposed by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac to assist sub-prime borrowers, many lenders are more willing to offer loan modification options. This option can extend the term of the loan, add on delinquent payments to the loan principal, and/or reduce the interest rate to make the loan more manageable for the home owner. Another option is a repayment plan that requires home owners to increase their monthly payments until the loan is current.

#### Loan Resolution (Loss Mitigation) Options:

#### Repayment Plan:

A repayment plan distributes the homeowner's delinquent payments over a period of time, usually no more than 10 months. The monthly amount is added to the usual mortgage payment. This brings the account up-to-date within a specified time-frame. With a goal in sight, the owner can move forward knowing that the home is secure.

#### **Forbearance Plan:**

An agreement to temporarily allow a homeowner to pay less than the actual amount due on their mortgage or it will suspend payments entirely the forbearance period. More commonly associated with Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, FHA, and VA. Each has various requirements a homeowner must meet, it is very situation specific so the homeowner should contact the lender directly to see if forbearance is an option. The goal is to put the homeowner back on track to resume full regular payments.

#### Loan Modification:

A loan modification applies any past-due interest and escrow amounts to the unpaid principal balance, which is then re-amortized over a new term. Giving the owner a fresh start on managing their loan and brings the account up-to-date immediately. There are many requirements; the homeowner must contact the servicing lender for details of their individual circumstances.

#### Partial Claim (only for FHA loans):

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) advances a loan to repay the past due interest and escrow amounts. HUD loan is interest-free and brings the account up-to-date immediately.

#### **Short Sale:**

Allows the owner to sell the home and use the proceeds to pay off the mortgage if they are unable to maintain payments, even if the home's market value is less than the total amount owed. Avoids the lengthy legal process involved in foreclosure. **Generally, a short sale is less damaging to the credit rating than foreclosure.** 

#### FHA Pre-Foreclosure/Short Sale Requirements:

The property is owner-occupied or reasonable circumstances exist if it is not, the loan is at least 2 months delinquent and can sell within 3 to 5 months. A new appraisal (obtained by your lender) shows that the value of your home meets HUD program guidelines. FHA does allow for short sales, contrary to some reports.

#### Deed In Lieu of Foreclosure:

Allow the owner to transfer the property voluntarily to the servicing bank if the seller is unable to maintain payments and cannot sell the home at market value. Avoids the lengthy legal process involved in foreclosure. May be as damaging to the credit rating as foreclosure (this option is a foreclosure and will be reported as such).

#### How should the property be priced in a short sale?

In general, most short sale experts say to price the property at or near fair market value, although a few will begin with the total payoff amount owned by the seller. How frequently prices are dropped will depend in part on whether the property is in pre-foreclosure. Most banks have a formula for what percentage under market value they will accept. Figures cited vary from 8 percent under to almost 20 percent under.

#### How long does it take to complete a short sale?

Although response times vary from lender to lender, it can take two weeks or as long as 90 days to receive an approval of a short sale from a lender. That's why it's critical that buyers and their representative understand and accept that time frame before they make an offer.

#### What can the seller and I do to make a short sale more attractive to a lender?

Getting a lender to approve a short sale is primarily a question of economics. You have to provide hard numbers to show that the amount of money a bank will realize on the short sale is better than the amount it may recoup from foreclosing on the property and selling the property. Other factors that can influence a bank's decision include the liability risk it assumes by owning the property after foreclosures, the money tied up during the holding period for a foreclosure and REO resale, additional costs associated with an REO such as attorneys' fees, and the additional reserves it will need if REO's rise in the bank's portfolio.

#### What are the seller's options if a short sale is rejected by the lender?

There are a variety of reasons a bank will reject a short sale — from too low a price to too many files on the loss mitigation's desk. You can look for another buyer or even try resubmitting the same contract. **Banks don't want to take properties back in foreclosure,** so they are going to do everything they can to make it work. Keep in mind that throughout the process there is the possibility of foreclosure.

#### What tax liabilities will a seller have as a result of a short sale?

Again, one often overlooked aspect of short sales is that a seller must count any amount forgiven by the lender as income and pay taxes on that income, even if no actual money was received. The IRS requires lenders to submit a Form 1099 stating the forgiven amount. Sellers who meet the Internal Revenue Service definition of insolvency (either in bankruptcy or with debts exceeding assets w/o bankruptcy) will not have to pay taxes on the forgiven amount. See IRS Form 982 for this exclusion. Lenders may submit a Form 1099 for a foreclosure as well, which many of the same principles will apply. *Ask your CPA for all details*.

#### Credit Reporting;

Credit scores are going to suffer: there is no way around that. There are just way too many variables going into the credit score to know the actual effect of a short sale. The loan will show on the credit report as "Paid," however, in most cases it will also note, "Settled for less than amount owed." Depending on how far behind on payments a borrower gets, it may also reflect as "Pre-foreclosure" on the credit report. Many lenders consider 90 day past due to be a foreclosure whether or not the property was formally sold by the bank. It would be a good idea to ask for the lenders policy on reporting short sales to the credit bureaus.

This disclosure does not list all possible repercussions of a short sale. It is designed for upfront disclosure only, individual circumstances may vary. Please obtain advice from a competent real estate lawyer on legal issues and discuss with your accountant on the tax ramifications that may be unique to your specific situation.

Printed Name of Homeowner	Signature of Homeowner	Date
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### **Indemnity Agreement**

Seller(s) understand that the listing Agent will not provide Seller(s) with legal or tax advice. Seller(s) agree to seek independent legal and or tax counsel pertaining to the sale of their home. The Seller(s) shall contact an appropriate Real Estate Attorney and or Certified Public Accountant to obtain counsel relating to the implications and questions Seller(s) may have regarding the sale of their home. The Seller(s) acknowledge they have been given the opportunity and have been advised to discuss the transaction with independent qualified legal and tax counsel and have done so to the extent desired by Seller(s). Seller(s) furthermore acknowledge receipt of the AAR Short Sale Advisory and understand that it is for general information purposes only and not intended for legal or other professional services or advice.

Seller(s) is advised to review thoroughly the Short Sale Addendum to the Listing Contract for:

- Short Sale Definition
- Creditor Considerations
- Tax Considerations
- Determining the Amount Owed
- Obtaining Creditor Approval
- Other Options

Seller(s) agree that there have been no guarantees, promises of a sale, no warranties implied or otherwise as to the timing of a sale, the sale price, and or any probability of sale made to the Seller(s) by the Listing Agent or Brokerage. Information provided to the Seller(s) is for informational purposes to assist Seller(s) in making an educated decision regarding the sale of their home. Information provided by the Listing Agent is only one source of information. Seller(s) should obtain independent qualified legal and tax counsel. Broker(s) and Agent(s) are not qualified to provide any legal or tax information regarding a short sale transaction.

Seller(s) hereby agree to hold Listing Agent and Brokerage harmless from any claims, demands, liabilities, actions, proceedings, judgments, fines or any other expense without limitations, that could have been investigated by Seller(s) prior, during or after the sale or expiration / cancellation of the short sale transaction for the property defined below.

Seller(s) agree by signing this release, Seller(s) are entering into the sales transaction voluntarily, and have been advised and given an opportunity to consider all alternatives regarding the sale of their home. Listing Agent has made no oral representations, statements or inducements to Seller(s) regarding the salability, terms, price, and or legal and tax consequences of sale.

eller(s) Signature Date		Seller(s) Signature		Date	
Property Address	<del></del>	City	State	Zip Code	
Brokerage		Listing Agent		Date	

#### PRIVACY NOTICE

#### One's Commitment to Privacy

Your privacy is very important to us. To better protect your privacy we provide this notice about the way your information is collected and used. We are committed to assuring the privacy of individuals and or families who have contacted our Brokerage for assistance. We assure you that all of the information shared both verbally and in writing will be managed within our legal and ethical considerations. Your "personal financial information" will be provided to creditors and others with your specific written authorization.

We may disclose some or all of the information that we collect to creditors, or third parties that you have authorized, who need this information in order to assist you. We may disclose the following "non public" personal information about you:

- Name, Address, Phone Contacts, Fax Numbers, Email Address
- Financial Information
- Social Security Number
- Your Assets
- Your Tax Returns
- Your Bank Statements
- Account Balances
- Outstanding Liens
- HOA Information
- Hardship Letter

In our commitment to Data Security and to prevent unauthorized access, maintain data accuracy, and to ensure the correct use of information, we have put in place appropriate physical, electronic and managerial procedures to safeguard and secure the information we collect.

I hereby authorize Brokerage and its agents to release all "non public" information it obtains about me as an individual and / or family to (1) mycreditors and (2) any third parties necessary to resolve the matters discussed and furthermore release and authorize all my creditors to provide "non public" informationabout me the brokerage / Agents.

Seller Signature	Date
Seller Signature	Date

## **HOMEOWNER'S QUESTIONNAIRE**

Borrower Name:	Social Security #:	DOB:		
Co-Borrower Name:	Social Security #:	DOB:		
Home Phone:	Alternative Phone:			
Email Address (s):				
Subject Property Address:				
Mailing Address:				
1st Mortgage Holder:	Account #:			
Approximate Balance \$:	Is this an Original Purchase	e Loan?:		
Month/Year Purchased:	Interest Rate	%:		
Is your rate approaching an adjustment, and if so what is the adjustment?:				
2nd Mortgage Holder:	Account #:			
Approximate Balance\$:	Is this an Original Purchase	Loan?:		
Was the loan used to purchase/refinance	e the home?:			
If no, what was the loan used for?:				
Month/Year Purchased:	Interest Rate	%:		
Is your rate approaching an adjustment, and if so what is the adjustment?:				

Home Owner's Association (HOA) Name:		
Management Company:	HOA Phone #:	
HOA Monthly Dues:		
Are you current on your HOA dues, and if not	how much do you owe?	
Are you current on your property taxes, and if	not how much do you owe?	
Are you current on your mortgage payments, lender (month/year)?:	and if not what is the last payment accepted by yo	ur mortgage
Briefly explain your past payment history with	your mortgage lender:	
Have you ever been placed on a previous fort your mortgage lender?:	bearance, loan modification, or any other work out	agreement with
If so please list the dates and details of the ag	greement:	
Are you in Foreclosure at this time?:		
If yes has an auction sale date been set?:	If yes what is the sale date?:	
Have you ever filed Bankruptcy? If so, when d	lid you file and what chapter?	
Do you have any additional liens on subject pr	roperty?	
Printed Name of Homeowner	Signature of Homeowner	Date
Printed Name of Homeowner	Signature of Homeowner	Date

#### SELLER ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Seller acknowledges receipt of this
Advisory and further acknowledges that
there may be other issues of concern not
listed herein. The information in this
Advisory is provided with the
understanding that it is not intended as
legal or other professional services or
advice. These materials have been
prepared for general informational
purposes only. The information and links
contained herein may not be updated or
revised for accuracy. If you have any
additional questions or need advice,
please contact your own lawyer.

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