MORTGAGE \& HOME LOAN FINANCE
5550 North Riverside Dr. Fort Worth, TX 76137

Dear Home Loan Applicant(s),
Thank you for inquiring about a mortgage loan with The National Bank of Texas. We are pleased that we are now able to offer our customers one of the most essential loan products they will ever utilize.

Attached is an application and disclosures that we need completed and returned to us. In addition to the completed application and disclosures, we will need the following information for all applicants:
$\checkmark$ Last two years Tax Returns
$\checkmark$ Recent Pay Stub
$\checkmark$ If self-employed:

- Complete personal tax returns for the last 2 years
- Complete business tax returns for the last 2 years (if applicable)
- YTD Profit \& Loss Statement
- Balance Sheet
$\checkmark$ If you are a new customer we will need a copy of all applicants Driver's License
$\checkmark$ Contact information for your employer's HR department (we will need to send the verification of employment form to them)
$\checkmark$ Copy of homeowner's insurance Declarations page or contact info for insurance company
$\square$ Prequalification - If you want to know if you qualify for a home loan, please let us know that you are requesting a prequalification and you don't have a specific property or a loan amount.
$\square$ Approval - If you have found a home that you are interested in and would like to make an offer, please submit the completed application with the required information in order to receive your approval letter.

For your convenience, you may fax or return the paper copy to your local branch. If you prefer to email the application, please visit our website at https://web1.zixmail.net/s/login?b=nationalbanktexas. This will take you to a secure portal that will keep your information safe when you send to one of the below email addresses. Click the above link to go directly to the page. Follow the prompts and it will only take a few minutes to create your secure email portal. Thank you again for your mortgage loan inquiry with The National Bank of Texas! We look forward to assisting you with your home loan. Please let us know if you have any questions.

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Azle, TX 76098
817-444-4235

# Uniform Residential Loan Application 

This application is designed to be completed by the applicant(s) with the Lender's assistance. Applicants should complete this form as "Borrower" or "Co-Borrower", as applicable. Co-Borrower information must also be provided (and the appropriate box checked) when $\square$ the income or assets of a person other than the Borrower (including the Borrower's spouse) will be used as a basis for loan qualification or $\square$ the income or assets of the Borrower's spouse or other person who has community property rights pursuant to state law will not be used as a basis for loan qualification, but his or her liabilities must be considered because the spouse or other person has community property rights pursuant to applicable law and Borrower resides in a community property state, the security property is located in a community property state, or the Borrower is relying on other property located in a community property state as a basis for repayment of the loan
If this is an application for joint credit, Borrower and Co-Borrower each agree that we intend to apply for joint credit (sign below)


| Complete this line if construction or construction-permanent loan. |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Year Lot Acquired | Original Cost | Amount Existing Liens | (a) Present Value of Lot | (b) Cost of Improvements | Total ( $\mathrm{a}+\mathrm{b}$ ) |
|  | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |


| Year Acquired | Original Cost | Amount Existing Liens | Purpose of Refinance | Describe Improvements | $\square$ made | $\square$ to be made |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | \$ | \$ |  | Cost: \$ |  |  |



| Borrower, |  | Cr,, V, EMPHOYMENTMEORMATION |  | Co-borrower |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Name \& Address of Employer | $\square$ Self Employed | Yrs. on this job | Name \& Address of Employer | $\square$ Self Employed | Yrs. on this job |
|  |  | Yrs. employed in this line of work/profession |  |  | Yrs. employed in this line of work/profession |
| Position/Title/Type of Business | Business Phone (incl. area code) |  | Position/Title/Type of Business | Business (incl. area |  |
| If employed in current position for less than two years or if currently employed in more than one position, complete the following: |  |  |  |  |  |
| Name \& Address of Employer | $\square$ Self Employed | Dates (from - to) | Name \& Address of Employer | $\square$ Self Employed | Dates (from - to) |
|  |  | Monthly Income \$ |  |  | Monthly Income \$ |
| Position/Title/Type of Business | Business Phone (incl. area code) |  | Position/Title/Type of Business | Business Phone (incl. area code) |  |
| Name \& Address of Employer | $\square$ Self Employed | Dates (from - to) | Name \& Address of Employer | $\square$ Self Employed | Dates (from - to) |
|  |  | Monthly Income \$ |  |  | Monthly Income \$ |
| Position/Title/Type of Business | Business Phone (incl. area code) |  | Position/Title/Type of Business | Business Phone (incl. area code) |  |


| V. MONTHEYNCOMEAND COMBINED HOUSINGEXPENSEMFORMATION |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Gross <br> Monthly Income | Borrower | Co-Borrower | Total | Combined Monthly Housing Expense | Present | Proposed |
| Base Empl. Income* | \$ | \$ | \$ | Rent | \$ |  |
| Overtime |  |  |  | First Mortgage (P\&I) |  | \$ |
| Bonuses |  |  |  | Other Financing (P\&I) |  |  |
| Commissions |  |  |  | Hazard Insurance |  |  |
| Dividends/Interest |  |  |  | Real Estate Taxes |  |  |
| Net Rental Income |  |  |  | Mortgage Insurance |  |  |
| Other (before completing, |  |  |  | Homeowner Assn. Dues |  |  |
| see the notice in "describe other income," below) |  |  |  | Other: |  |  |
| Total | \$ | \$ | \$ | Total | \$ | \$ |

* Self Employed Borrower(s) may be required to provide additional documentation such as tax returns and financial statements.
Describe Other Income

Notice: Alimony, child support, or separate maintenance income need not be revealed if the Borrower (B) or Co-Borrower (C) does not choose to have it considered for repaying this loan.
B/C

This Statement and any applicable supporting schedules may be completed jointly by both married and unmarried Co-Borrowers if their assets and liabilities are sufficiently joined so that the Statement can be meaningfully and fairly presented on a combined basis; otherwise, separate Statements and Schedules are required. If the Co-Borrower section was completed about a non-applicant spouse or other person, this Statement and supporting schedules must be completed about that spouse or other person also. $\square$



Alternate Name
Creditor Name
Account Number


Each of the undersigned specifically represents to Lender and to Lender's actual or potential agents, brokers, processors, attorneys, insurers, servicers, successors and assigns and agrees and acknowledges that: (1) the information provided in this application is true and correct as of the date set forth opposite my signature and that any intentional or negligent misrepresentation of this information contained in
this application may result in civil liability, including monetary damages, to any person who may suffer any loss due to reliance upon any misrepresentation that I have made on this application, and/or in this application may result in civil liability, including monetary damages, to any person who may suffer any loss due to reliance upon any misrepresentation that I have made on this application, and/or in
criminal penalties including, but not limited to, fine or imprisonment or both under the provisions of Title 18, United States Code, Sec. 1001, et seq.; (2) the loan requested pursuant to this application (the criminal penalties including, but not limited to, fine or imprisonment or both under the provisions of Title 18, United States Code, Sec. 1001, et seq.; (2) the loan requested pursuant to this application (the
"Loan") will be secured by a mortgage or deed of trust on the property described in this application; (3) the property will not be used for any illegal or prohibited purpose or use; (4) all statements made in this application, are made for the purpose of obtainuing a residential mortgage loan; (5) the property will be occupied as indicated in this application; (6) the Lender, its servicers, successors or assigns may retain the original and/or an electronic record of this application, whether or not the Loan is approved; ( 7 ) the Lender and ins agents, bropers, insurers, servicers, successors, and assigns may continuously
rely on the information contained in the application, and $I$ am obligated to amend and//or supplement the information provided in this application in any of the material facts that I have represented herein
 remedies that it may have relating to such delinquency, report my name and account information to one or more consumer reporting agencies; (9) ownership of the Loan and/or administration or the Loan
account may be transferred with such notice as may be required by law; (10) neither Lender nor its agents, brokers, insurers, sevvicers, successors or assigns has made any representation or warranty, express or implied, to me regarding the property or the condition or value of the property; and (11) my transmission of this application as an "electronic record" containing my "electronic signature" as those
terms are defined in applicable federal and/or state laws (excluding audio and video recordings), or my facsimile transmission of this application containing a facsimile of my signature, shall be as effective, enforceable and valid as if a paper version of this application were delivered containing my original written signature.
Acknowledgment. Each of the undersigned hereby acknowledges that any owner of the Loan, its servicers, successors and assigns, may verify or reverify any information contained in this application or
obtain any information or data relating to the loan, for any legitimate business purpose through any source, including a source named in this application or a consumer reporting agency.


The purpose of collecting this information is to help ensure that all borrowers are treated fairly and that the housing needs of communities and neighborhoods are being fulfilled. For residential mortgage lending, Federal law requires that we ask borrowers for their demographic information (ethnicity, race, and sex) in order to monitor our compliance with equal credit opportunity, fair housing, and home mortgage disclosure laws. You are not required to provide this information, but are encouraged to do so. You may select one or more designations for "Ethnicity" and one or more designations for "Race". The law provides that we may not discriminate on the basis of this information, or on whether you choose to provide it. However, if you choose not to provide the information and you have made this application in person, Federal regulations require us to note your ethnicity, race, and sex on the basis of visual observation or surname. The law also provides that we may not discriminate on the basis of age or marital status information you provide in this application. If you do not wish to provide some or all of this information, please check below.

## Borrower:

Ethnicity: Check one or more
$\square$ Hispanic or Latino
$\square$ Mexican
$\square$ Puerto Rican
$\square$ CubanOther Hispanic or Latino - Print origin, for example, Argentinean, Colombian, Dominican, Nicaraguan, Salvadoran, Spaniard, and so on:

## Not Hispanic or Latino

I do not wish to provide this informationRace: Check one or more
$\square$ American Indian or Alaskan Native - Print name of enrolled or principal tribe:Asian
$\square$ Asian Indian
$\square$ Chinese
$\square$ Filipin
$\square$ Japanese
$\square$ KoreanVietnameseOther Asian - Print race, for example, Hmong, Laottan, Thai, Pakistani, Cambodian, and so on:Black or African AmericanNative Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
$\square$ Native HawaiianGuamanian or Chamorro
Samoan
$\square$ Other Pacific Islander - Print race, for example, Fijian, Tongan, and so on:

## Co-Borrower:

Ethnicity: Check one or more
$\square$ Hispanic or Latino
$\square$ Mexican
$\square$ Puerto Rican
$\square$ Cuban
$\square$ Other Hispanic or Latino - Print origin, for example, Argentinean, Colombian, Dominican, Nicaraguan, Salvadoran, Spaniard, and so on:
$\square$ Not Hispanic or Latino
$\square$ I do not wish to provide this information
Race: Check one or more
$\square$ American Indian or Alaskan Native - Print name of enrolled or principal tribe:

$\square$ Other Asian - Print race, for example,
Hmong, Laottan, Thai, Pakistani, Cambodian, and so on:
$\square$ Black or African AmericanNative Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
$\square$ Native Hawaiian
$\square$ Guamanian or Chamorro
$\square$ Samoan
$\square$ Other Pacific Islander - Print race, for example, Fijian, Tongan, and so on:

## White

I do not wish to provide this information

[^0]Sex:
$\square$ Female
$\square$ Male
$\square$ I do not wish to provide this information

Was the ethnicity of the co-borrower collected on the basis of visual observation or surname?
Was the ethnicity of the borrower collected on the basis of visual observation or surname?
$\square$ Yes
$\square$ Yes
$\square$ No
Was the race of the co-borrower collected on the basis of visual observation or surname?
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$\square$ Yes
$\square$ Yes
$\square$ No
Was the sex of the co-Borrower collected on the basis of visual observation or surname?
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$\square$ Yes
$\square$ No
$\square$ Yes
$\square$ No

| CONTINUATION SHEETRESIDENTIAL LOAN APPIICATION |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Borrower: | Agency Case Number: |
| Residential Loan Application: Mark B for Borrower or C for Co-Borrower. | Co-Borrower: | Lender Case Number: |

IWe fully understand that it is a Federal crime punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, to knowingly make any false statements concerning any of the above facts as applicable under the provisions of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1001, et seq

| Borrower's Signature: | Date | Co-Borrower's Signature: | Date |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| X |  | $\mathbf{X}$ |  |

## CERTIFICATION AND AUTHORIZATION

| Applicant: | Lender: |
| :--- | :--- |
|  | The National Bank of Texas <br> Mororgage Deparment <br> 5550 N. Riverside Dr <br> Fort Worth, TX 76137 |

## CERTIFICATION

## To The National Bank of Texas ("Lender"):

1. Applicant (and co-applicant if applicable), $\qquad$ , has applied for a loan from Lender. In applying for the loan, Applicant provided to Lender various information about Applicant and the requested loan, such as the amount and source of any downpayment, income information, and assets and liabilities. Applicant certifies that all of the information is true and complete. Applicant made no misrepresentations to Lender, nor did Applicant omit any important information.
2. Applicant understands and agrees that Lender may verify any information provided to Lender concerning Applicant's application, including, but without limitation, verifications from financial institutions of the information provided.
3. Applicant fully understands that it is a Federal crime punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, to knowingly make any false statements when applying for this loan, as applicable under the provisions of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1014.

## AUTHORIZATION TO RELEASE INFORMATION

## To Whom It May Concern:

1. Applicant has applied for a loan from The National Bank of Texas ("Lender"). As part of the application process, Lender, any insurer of the loan and any collateral title insurer may verify information Applicant provided to Lender either before or after the loan is closed.
2. Applicant authorizes you to provide to Lender, to any investor to whom Lender may sell Applicant's loan, and to any insurer of the loan any and all information and documentation that they may request. Such information may include, but is not limited to, income; bank, money market, and similar account balances; credit history; and copies of income tax returns.
3. Lender, any investor that purchases the loan, and any insurer of the loan may address and send this authorization to any person or company named in the loan application.
4. A copy of this authorization may be accepted as an original.
5. Your prompt reply to The National Bank of Texas, to any investor that purchases the loan, and to any insurer of the loan is appreciated.

## AUTHORIZATION TO FILE FINANCING STATEMENT

Applicant hereby authorizes Lender to file the appropriate Financing Statements for the following collateral prior to executing a security agreement, pledge, or control agreement:

APPLICANT:


## ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS AGREEMENT

| App. Date | Application No. | Loan Amount | Branch | Collateral | Officer | Inlil. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| References in the boxes above are for Lender's use only and do not limit the applicability of this document to any particular loan or item. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Applicant: |  | Lend |  | ational Bank ge Departm . Riverside orth, TX 76 |  |  |

From time to time we may send you information and documents by email related to your loan application or in reference to other inquiries. If required by law and unless you have provided us with consent to receive electronic communications as required by the Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act (ESIGN Act), such information may also be provided in hard copy. Note that this document does not provide ESIGN Act consumer consent. If you would like to receive email from us, please provide your preferred email address below. We will never request personal or sensitive information via email from you.

I would like to receive emails from The National Bank of Texas at the following email address:
(e-mail address)

I understand that I am not required to consent to the electronic delivery of information or documents and separate ESIGN Act consumer consent to electronic delivery may be required for certain types of communications.

## APPLICANT:

X
$\overline{\text { Applicant }}$

## TELEPHONE COMMUNICATIONS CONSENT

| App. Date | Application No. | Loan Amount" | Depl: | Collateral | Officer | Inil. |
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| Applicant: |  | Len |  | ational Bank ge Departm . Riverside orth, TX 76 |  |  |

I authorize The National Bank of Texas to deliver non-emergency voice calls and texts, which may include telemarketing messages, to the following phone number:
(telephone number)

I understand and agree that such phone calls and texts may be delivered using an automatic telephone dialing system, which can include any phone that is not a rotary phone, or an artificial or prerecorded voice.

I understand and agree that I am not required to consent to be contacted as a condition to receiving any product or service.

APPLICANT:

X
$\overline{\text { Applicant }}$

## CONSUMER CREDIT SCORE DISCLOSURE



## Applicant:

Lender: The National Bank of Texas
Mortgage Department
5550 N. Riverside Dr.
Fort Worth, TX 76137

## NOTICE TO THE HOME LOAN APPLICANT

IMPORTANT
DO NOT SIGN THIS FORM UNTIL YOU CAREFULLY
READ IT AND UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENT

## SECTION 1. REQUIRED CREDIT SCORING NOTICE

In connection with your application for a home loan, the lender must disclose to you the score that a consumer reporting agency distributed to users and the lender used in connection with your home loan, and the key factors affecting your credit scores.

The credit score is a computer generated summary calculated at the time of the request and based on information a consumer reporting agency or lender has on file. The scores are based on data about your credit history and payment patterns. Credit scores are important because they are used to assist the lender in determining whether you will obtain a loan. They may also be used to determine what interest rate you may be offered on the mortgage. Credit scores can change over time, depending on your conduct, how your credit history and payment patterns change, and how credit scoring technologies change.

Because the score is based on information in your credit history, it is very important that you review the credit-related information that is being furnished to make sure it is accurate. Credit records may vary from one company to another.

If you have questions about your credit score or the credit information that is furnished to you, contact the consumer reporting agency at the address and telephone number provided with this notice, or contact the lender, if the lender developed or generated the credit score. The consumer reporting agency plays no part in the decision to take any action on the loan application and is unable to provide you with specific reasons for the decision on a loan application.

If you have questions concerning the terms of the loan, contact the lender.

BY SIGNing below, I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE READ, RECEIVED AND UNDERSTOOD THIS DISCLOSURE AND THE ACCOMPANYING INFORMATION REGARDING MY CREDIT SCORE.

## APPLICANT:

X
Applicant

X
Co-Applicant Date

| Applicant: | Lender:The National Bank of Texas <br>  <br>  <br>  <br>  <br>  <br>  <br> $50 r t g 50$ N. Diverartment <br> Fort Worth, TX 7 76137 |
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We, the undersigned, intend to apply for joint credit.

APPLICANT(S):


## APPRAISAL NOTICE

| App. Date | Application No. | Loan Amount. | Branch | Collateral | Officer | IIIII. |
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| Applicant: |  | Lender: $\quad$ T |  | The National Bank of Texas Mortgage Department 5550 N. Riverside Dr. Fort Worth, TX 76137 |  |  |

We may order an appraisal to determine the property's value and charge you for this appraisal. We will promptly give you a copy of any appraisal, even if your loan does not close.

You can pay for an additional appraisal for your own use at your own cost.

By signing below, you acknowledge receipt of this Appraisal Notice.
APPLICANT:


The National Bank of Texas

## 5550 N. Riverside Dr.

Fort Worth, TX 76137
817-759-9001

## FACTS:

WHAT DOES NBT
DO WITH YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION?


Financial companies choose how they share your personal information. Federal law gives consumers the right to limit some but not all sharing. Federal law also requires us to tell you how we collect, share, and protect your personal information. Please read this notice carefully to understand what we do.

The types of personal information we collect and share depend on the product or service you have with us. This information can include:
Social Security number and account balances
Payment history and credit history
Account transactions and checking account information
Name, Address and email Address
When you are no longer our customer, we continue to share your information as described in this notice.

All financial companies need to share customers' personal information to run their everyday business. In the section below, we list the reasons financial companies can share their customers' personal information; the reasons NBT chooses to share; and whether you can limit this sharing.

| Reason we can share your personal <br> information | Does NBT share? | Can you limit this <br> sharing? |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| For our everyday business purposes such as to <br> process your transactions, maintain your <br> account(s), respond to court orders and legal <br> investigations, or report to credit bureaus. | Yes | No |
| For our marketing purposes to offer our <br> products and services to you. | Yes | No |
| For joint marketing with other financial <br> companies. | No | We don't share |
| For our affiliates' everyday business purposes <br> information about your transactions and <br> experiences | No | We don't share |
| For our affiliates' everyday business purposes <br> information about your creditworthiness | No | We don't share |
| For our affiliates to market to you | No | We don't share |
| For nonaffiliates to market to you | No | We don't share |

## Who we are

## Who is providing this notice? <br> NBT means The National Bank of Texas

## What we do

| How does NBT protect my <br> personal information? | To protect your personal information from unauthorized access and use, we use <br> security measures that comply with federal law. These measures include computer <br> safeguards and secured files and buildings. |
| :--- | :--- |
| How does NBT collect my <br> personal information? | We collect your personal information, for example, when you: <br> open an account or apply for a loan <br> make deposits or withdrawals from your account or provide employment information <br> show your driver's license <br> We also collect your personal information from others, such as credit bureaus, <br> affiliates, or other companies. |
| Why can't I limit all sharing? | Federal law gives you the right to limit only: <br> sharing for affiliates' everyday business purposes information about your <br> creditworthiness <br> affiliates from using your information to market to you <br> sharing for nonaffiliates to market to you State laws and individual companies may <br> give you additional rights to limit sharing. See below for more on your rights under <br> state law. |

## Definitions

| Affiliates | Companies related by common ownership or control. They can be financial and <br> nonfinancial companies. <br> NBT does not share with our affiliates. |
| :--- | :--- |
| Nonaffiliates | Companies not related by common ownership or control. They can be financial and <br> nonfinancial companies. <br> Nonaffiliates we share with can include companies such as email marketing firms <br> and direct mailing firms working on behalf of The National Bank of Texas. |
| Joint marketing | A formal agreement between nonaffiliated financial companies that together market <br> financial products or services to you. <br> NBT does not jointly market. |

## Other important information

For Alaska, Illinois, Maryland and North Dakota Customers. We will not share personal information with nonaffiliates either for them to market to you or for joint marketing - without your authorization.

For California Customers. We will not share personal information with nonaffiliates either for them to market to you or for joint marketing - without your authorization. We will also limit our sharing of personal information about you with our affiliates to comply with all California privacy laws that apply to us.

For Massachusetts, Mississippi and New Jersey Customers. We will not share personal information from deposit or share relationships with nonaffiliates either for them to market to you or for joint marketing - without your authorization.

For Vermont Customers. We will not share personal information with nonaffiliates for them to market to you without your authorization and we will not share personal information with affiliates or for joint marketing about your creditworthiness without your authorization.

Para información en español, visite www.consumerfinance.gov/learnmore o escribe a la Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, 1700 G Street N.W., Washington, DC 20552.

## A Summary of Your Rights Under the Fair Credit Reporting Act

The federal Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA) promotes the accuracy, fairness, and privacy of information in the files of consumer reporting agencies. There are many types of consumer reporting agencies, including credit bureaus and specialty agencies (such as agencies that sell information about check writing histories, medical records, and rental history records). Here is a summary of your major rights under FCRA. For more information, including information about additional rights, go to www.consumerfinance.gov/learnmore or write to: Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, 1700 G Street N.W., Washington, DC 20552.

- You must be told if information in your file has been used against you. Anyone who uses a credit report or another type of consumer report to deny your application for credit, insurance, or employment - or to take another adverse action against you - must tell you, and must give you the name, address, and phone number of the agency that provided the information.
- You have the right to know what is in your file. You may request and obtain all the information about you in the files of a consumer reporting agency (your "file disclosure"). You will be required to provide proper identification, which may include your Social Security number. In many cases, the disclosure will be free. You are entitled to a free file disclosure if:
- a person has taken adverse action against you because of information in your credit report;
- you are the victim of identity theft and place a fraud alert in your file;
- your file contains inaccurate information as a result of fraud;
- you are on public assistance;
- you are unemployed but expect to apply for employment within 60 days.

In addition, all consumers are entitled to one free disclosure every 12 months upon request from each nationwide credit bureau and from nationwide specialty consumer reporting agencies. See www.consumerfinance.gov/learnmore for additional information.

- You have the right to ask for a credit score. Credit scores are numerical summaries of your credit-worthiness based on information from credit bureaus. You may request a credit score from consumer reporting agencies that create scores or distribute scores used in residential real property loans, but you will have to pay for it. In some mortgage transactions, you will receive credit score information for free from the mortgage lender.
- You have the right to dispute incomplete or inaccurate information. If you identify information in your file that is incomplete or inaccurate, and report it to the consumer
reporting agency, the agency must investigate unless your dispute is frivolous. See www.consumerfinance.gov/learnmore for an explanation of dispute procedures.
- Consumer reporting agencies must correct or delete inaccurate, incomplete, or unverifiable information. Inaccurate, incomplete, or unverifiable information must be removed or corrected, usually within 30 days. However, a consumer reporting agency may continue to report information it has verified as accurate.
- Consumer reporting agencies may not report outdated negative information. In most cases, a consumer reporting agency may not report negative information that is more than seven years old, or bankruptcies that are more than 10 years old.
- Access to your file is limited. A consumer reporting agency may provide information about you only to people with a valid need - usually to consider an application with a creditor, insurer, employer, landlord, or other business. The FCRA specifies those with a valid need for access.
- You must give your consent for reports to be provided to employers. A consumer reporting agency may not give out information about you to your employer, or a potential employer, without your written consent given to the employer. Written consent generally is not required in the trucking industry. For more information, go to www.consumerfinance.gov/learnmore.
- You may limit "prescreened" offers of credit and insurance you get based on information in your credit report. Unsolicited "prescreened" offers for credit and insurance must include a toll-free phone number you can call if you choose to remove your name and address form the lists these offers are based on. You may opt out with the nationwide credit bureaus at 1-888-5-OPTOUT (1-888-567-8688).
- The following FCRA right applies with respect to nationwide consumer reporting agencies:


## Consumers Have the Right To Obtain a Security Freeze

You have a right to place a "security freeze" on your credit report, which will prohibit a consumer reporting agency from releasing information in your credit report without your express authorization. The security freeze is designed to prevent credit, loans, and services from being approved in your name without your consent. However, you should be aware that using a security freeze to take control over who gets access to the personal and financial information in your credit report may delay, interfere with, or prohibit the timely approval of any subsequent request or application you make regarding a new loan, credit, mortgage, or any other account involving the extension of credit.

As an alternative to a security freeze, you have the right to place an initial or extended fraud alert on your credit file at no cost. An initial fraud alert is a 1 -year alert that is
placed on a consumer's credit file. Upon seeing a fraud alert display on a consumer's credit file, a business is required to take steps to verify the consumer's identity before extending new credit. If you are a victim of identity theft, you are entitled to an extended fraud alert, which is a fraud alert lasting 7 years.

A security freeze does not apply to a person or entity, or its affiliates, or collection agencies acting on behalf of the person or entity, with which you have an existing account that requests information in your credit report for the purposes of reviewing or collecting the account. Reviewing the account includes activities related to account maintenance, monitoring, credit line increases, and account upgrades and enhancements.

- You may seek damages from violators. If a consumer reporting agency, or, in some cases, a user of consumer reports or a furnisher of information to a consumer reporting agency violates the FCRA, you may be able to sue in state or federal court.
- Identity theft victims and active duty military personnel have additional rights. For more information, visit www.consumerfinance.gov/learnmore.

To file a direct dispute with The National Bank of Texas, mail your dispute in writing to The National Bank of Texas, Attn: Loan Operations Officer, P. O. Box 161969, Fort Worth, TX 76161-1969. Include the NBT loan number, the specific information being disputed and any supporting documentation that will substantiate the basis of the dispute.

States may enforce the FCRA, and many states have their own consumer reporting laws. In some cases, you may have more rights under state law. For more information, contact your state or local consumer protection agency or your state Attorney General. For information about your federal rights, contact:

| TYPE OF BUSINESS: | CONTACT: |
| :---: | :---: |
| 1.a. Banks, savings associations, and credit unions with total assets of over \$10 billion and their affiliates <br> b. Such affiliates that are not banks, savings associations, or credit unions also should list, in addition to the CFPB: | a. Consumer Financial Protection Bureau 1700 G Street, N.W. <br> Washington, DC 20552 <br> b. Federal Trade Commission Consumer Response Center 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, DC 20580 (877) 382-4357 |
| 2. To the extent not included in item 1 above: <br> a. National banks, federal savings associations, and federal branches and federal agencies of foreign banks <br> b. State member banks, branches and agencies of foreign banks (other than federal branches, federal agencies, and Insured State Branches of Foreign Banks), commercial lending companies owned or controlled by foreign banks, and organizations operating under section 25 or 25A of the Federal Reserve Act. <br> c. Nonmember Insured Banks, Insured State Branches of Foreign Banks, and insured state savings associations <br> d. Federal Credit Unions | a. Office of the Comptroller of the Currency Customer Assistance Group <br> 1301 McKinney Street, Suite 3450 <br> Houston, TX 77010-9050 <br> b. Federal Reserve Consumer Help Center <br> P.O. Box 1200 <br> Minneapolis, MN 55480 <br> c. FDIC Consumer Response Center <br> 1100 Walnut Street, Box \#11 <br> Kansas City, MO 64106 <br> d. National Credit Union Administration <br> Office of Consumer Financial Protection (OCFP) <br> Division of Consumer Compliance Policy and Outreach <br> 1775 Duke Street <br> Alexandria, VA 22314 |
| 3. Air carriers | Asst. General Counsel for Aviation Enforcement \& Proceedings Aviation Consumer Protection Division <br> Department of Transportation <br> 1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E. <br> Washington, DC 20590 |
| 4. Creditors Subject to the Surface Transportation Board | Office of Proceedings, Surface Transportation Board Department of Transportation <br> 395 E Street, S.W. <br> Washington, DC 20423 |
| 5. Creditors Subject to the Packers and Stockyards Act, 1921 | Nearest Packers and Stockyards Administration area supervisor |
| 6. Small Business Investment Companies | Associate Deputy Administrator for Capital Access United States Small Business Administration 409 Third Street, S.W., Suite 8200 Washington, DC 20416 |
| 7. Brokers and Dealers | Securities and Exchange Commission 100 F Street, N.E. <br> Washington, DC 20549 |
| 8. Federal Land Banks, Federal Land Bank Associations, Federal Intermediate Credit Banks, and Production Credit Associations | Farm Credit Administration 1501 Farm Credit Drive McLean, VA 22102-5090 |
| 9. Retailers, Finance Companies, and All Other Creditors Not Listed Above | Federal Trade Commission Consumer Response Center 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, DC 20580 (877) 382-4357 |

## ADJUSTABLE-RATE MORTGAGE LOAN PROGRAM DISCLOSURE NATIONAL BANK OF TEXAS

This is not a contract nor a commitment to lend.

This disclosure describes the features of the adjustable-rate mortgage (ARM) program you are considering. It covers loans for which the interest rate and payment remain unchanged for the first 5 years ( $5 / 1$ ARMs) or 3 years ( $3 / 1$ ARMs). Information on other ARM programs is available upon request.

This disclosure does not constitute a commitment to make a loan to you. If you eventually obtain a loan, the note, security instrument and related documents will establish your legal rights and obligations regarding the loan.

## Information Applicable to All ARM Loans

## How Your Interest Rate and Payment Are Determined

- Your interest rate will be based on an index plus a margin.
-The interest rate will be based on the weekly average yield on United States Treasury Securities adjusted to a constant maturity of 10 years (your index), plus our margin.
-Information about the index is published weekly by the Federal Reserve in Statistical Release H. 15.
-Your interest rate will equal the index rate plus our margin unless your interest rate "caps" limit the amount of change in the interest rate.
-Your initial interest rate is based on the greater of $1.5 \%$ or the weekly average yield on United States Treasury Securities adjusted to a constant maturity of 10 years (your index), plus our margin. Ask for our current interest rate and margin.
-Your interest rate will never be less than your initial interest rate.
-Your index will be the most recent figure available as of each change date. If the index is discontinued, we may us a comparable index.
- Your payment will be based on the interest rate, loan balance, and remaining loan term.


## Additional Features:

- This loan program does not contain a demand feature.
- This loan program does not have a conversion option to a fixed interest rate.


## For additional information on:

5/1 ARM Loans - See Page 2
3/1 ARM Loans - See Page 3

## Additional Information for 5/1 ARM Loans

## How Your Interest Rate Can Change

- Your interest rate is fixed for the first 60 months(s), after which the interest rate can change every 12 months to the index value plus the margin, subject to the limits below.
- Your first interest rate cannot increase or decrease more than 2 percentage points ( $2 \%$ ).
- Your interest rate cannot increase or decrease more than 2 percentage points (2\%) at each adjustment after the first rate change.
- Your interest rate cannot increase or decrease by more than 6 percentage points (6\%) over the term of the loan.


## How Your Payment Can Change

- There is no change in your payment for the first 60 month(s). At the end of 60 month(s) your payment can change every 12 months based on changes in the interest rate.
- You will be notified at least 210, but no more than 240, days before the first payment at the adjusted level is due after the initial interest rate adjustment of the loan. This notice will contain information about the adjustment, including the interest rate, payment amount, and loan balance.
- You will be notified at least 60, but no more than 120, days before the first payment at the adjusted level is due after any interest rate adjustment resulting in a corresponding payment change. This notice will contain information about the adjustment, including the interest rate, payment amount, and loan balance.
- Your monthly payment can increase or decrease substantially based on changes in the interest rate.


## Interest Rate and Payment Example

- For example, on a $\$ 10,000$ loan with an initial interest rate of $4.50 \%$ (the index in effect March 4, 2020 or $1.50 \%$, whichever is higher, plus margin of $3.00 \%$ ) the maximum amount that the interest rate can rise under this program is 6.000 percentage points, to $10.50 \%$.
-On a 30 year loan, the monthly payment can rise from a first-year payment of $\$ 50.66$ to a maximum of $\$ 61.55$ in the $6^{\text {th }}$ year.
-On a 20 year loan, the monthly payment can rise from a first-year payment of $\$ 63.25$ to a maximum of $\$ 72.03$ in the 6th year.
-On a 15 year loan, the monthly payment can rise from a first-year payment of $\$ 76.47$ to a maximum of $\$ 83.80$ in the 6th year.
-On a 10 year loan, the monthly payment can rise from a first-year payment of $\$ 103.60$ to a maximum of $\$ 108.73$ in the 6th year.
- To see what your payments would be, divide your mortgage amount by $\$ 10,000$; then multiply the monthly payment by that amount. For example, the monthly payment for a mortgage amount of $\$ 60,000$ would be:
-On a 30 year loan: $\$ 60,000 \div \$ 10,000=6 ; 6 \times \$ 50.66=\$ 303.96$ per month.
-On a 20 year loan: $\$ 60,000 \div \$ 10,000=6 ; 6 \times \$ 63.25=\$ 379.50$ per month.
—On a 15 year loan: $\$ 60,000 \div \$ 10,000=6 ; 6 \times \$ 76.47=\$ 458.82$ per month.
-On a 10 year loan: $\$ 60,000 \div \$ 10,000=6 ; 6 \times \$ 103.60=\$ 621.60$ per month.


## Additional Information for 3/1 ARM Loans

## How Your Interest Rate Can Change

- Your interest rate is fixed for the first 36 months(s), after which the interest rate can change every 12 months to the index value plus the margin, subject to the limits below.
- Your first interest rate cannot increase or decrease more than 2 percentage points (2\%).
- Your interest rate cannot increase or decrease more than 2 percentage points (2\%) at each adjustment after the first rate change.
- Your interest rate cannot increase or decrease by more than 6 percentage points (6\%) over the term of the loan.


## How Your Payment Can Change

- There is no change in your payment for the first 36 month(s). At the end of 36 month(s) your payment can change every 12 months based on changes in the interest rate.
- You will be notified at least 210, but no more than 240, days before the first payment at the adjusted level is due after the initial interest rate adjustment of the loan. This notice will contain information about the adjustment, including the interest rate, payment amount, and loan balance.
- You will be notified at least 60, but no more than 120, days before the first payment at the adjusted level is due after any interest rate adjustment resulting in a corresponding payment change. This notice will contain information about the adjustment, including the interest rate, payment amount, and loan balance.
- Your monthly payment can increase or decrease substantially based on changes in the interest rate.


## Interest Rate and Payment Example

- For example, on a \$10,000 loan with an initial interest rate of $5.40 \%$ (the index in effect March 4, 2020 or $1.50 \%$, whichever is higher, plus margin of $3.90 \%$ ) the maximum amount that the interest rate can rise under this program is 6.000 percentage points, to $11.40 \%$.
-On a 15 year loan, the monthly payment can rise from a first-year payment of $\$ 81.15$ to a maximum of $\$ 90.15$ in the 4th year.
-On a 10 year loan, the monthly payment can rise from a first-year payment of $\$ 107.98$ to a maximum of $\$ 115.28$ in the 4th year.
- To see what your payments would be, divide your mortgage amount by $\$ 10,000$; then multiply the monthly payment by that amount. For example, the monthly payment for a mortgage amount of $\$ 60,000$ would be:
-On a 15 year loan: $\$ 60,000 \div \$ 10,000=6 ; 6 \times \$ 81.15=\$ 486.90$ per month.
-On a 10 year loan: $\$ 60,000 \div \$ 10,000=6 ; 6 \times \$ 107.98=\$ 647.88$ per month.


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## Adjustable-Rate Mortgages

Find out how
your payment can change over time


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## How to use the booklet

When you and your mortgage lender discuss adjustable-rate mortgages (ARMs), you receive a copy of this booklet. When you apply for an ARM loan, you receive a Loan Estimate. You can request and receive multiple Loan Estimates from competing lenders to find your best deal.

You may want to have your Loan Estimate handy for any loan you are considering as you work through this booklet. We reference a sample Loan Estimate throughout the booklet to help you apply the information to your situation.

You can find more information about ARMs at cfpb.gov/about-arms. You'll also find other mortgage-related CFPB resources, facts, and tools to help you take control of the homebuying process.

## About the CFPB

The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau regulates the offering and provision of consumer financial products and services under the federal consumer financial laws and educates and empowers consumers to make better informed financial decisions.

This booklet, titled Consumer Handbook on Adjustable Rate Mortgages, was created to comply with federal law pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 2604 and 12 CFR 1026.19(b)(1).

## How can this booklet help you?

This booklet can help you decide whether an adjustable-rate mortgage (ARM) is the right choice for you and to help you take control of the homebuying process.

Your lender may have already provided you with a copy of Your Home Loan Toolkit. You can also download the Toolkit from the CFPB's Buying a House guide at consumerfinance. gov/owning-a-home.

An ARM is a mortgage with an interest rate that changes, or "adjusts," throughout the loan.

With an ARM, the interest rate and monthly payment may start out low. However, both the rate and the payment can increase very quickly.

Consider an ARM only if you can afford increases in your monthly payment-even to the maximum amount.

## After you finish this booklet:

- You'll understand how an ARM works and whether it's the right choice for you. (page 2)
- You'll know how to review important documents when you apply for an ARM. (page 6)
- You'll understand the risks that come with different types of ARMs. (page 18)


## Is an ARM right for you?

ARMs come with the risk of higher payments in the future that you might not be able to predict. But in some situations, an ARM might make sense for you. If you are considering an ARM, be sure to understand the tradeoffs.

Don't count on being able to refinance before your interest rate and monthly payments increase. You might not qualify for refinancing if the value of your home goes down or if something unexpected damages your financial situation, like a job loss or medical costs.

| COMPARE | FIXED-RATE MORTGAGE | ADJUSTABLE-RATE MORTGAGE |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Consider <br> this option if | You prefer predictable <br> payments, or <br> - You plan to keep your home <br> for a long period of time | - You are confident you can afford increases <br> in your monthly payment-even to the <br> maximum amount, or |
| Interest rate | - Set when you take out the loan | You plan to sell your home within a short <br> period of time |
| - Stays the same for the entire | - Based on an index that changes |  |

## Learn about how ARMs work

As you decide whether to move ahead with an ARM, you should understand how they work and how your housing costs can be affected.

## Interest rate $=$ index + margin

The interest rate on an ARM has two parts: the index and the margin.

## INDEX

An index is a measure of interest rates generally that reflects trends in the overall economy. Different lenders use different indexes for their ARM programs.

Common indexes include the U.S. prime rate and the Constant Maturity Treasury (CMT) rate. Talk with your lender to find out more about the index they use, which is also shown on your Loan Estimate.

## MARGIN

The margin is an extra percentage that the lender adds to the index.

You can shop around to different lenders to find the lowest combination of the index plus the margin. Your Loan Estimate shows the index and the margin being offered to you.

## Changes to initial rate and payment

The initial interest rate and initial principal and interest payment amount on an ARM remain in effect for a limited period.

So, when you see ARMs advertised as $5 / 1$ or 5/6m ARMs:

- The first number tells you the length of time your initial interest rate lasts.
- The second number tells you how often the rate changes after that.

For example, during the first five years in a 5/6m ARM your rate stays the same. After that, the rate may adjust every six months (the 6 m in the $5 / 6 \mathrm{~m}$ example) until the loan is paid off. This period between rate changes is called the adjustment period. Adjustment periods can vary. Some last a month, a year, or like this example, six months.

For some ARMs, the initial rate and payment can be very different from the rates and payments later in the loan term. Even if the market for interest rates is stable, your rates and payments could change a lot.

## Use your Loan Estimate to understand your ARM

When you apply for a mortgage, the lender gives you a document called a Loan Estimate. It describes important features of the loan the lender is offering you. This section illustrates the parts of a Loan Estimate that are specific features of ARM loans. An interactive, online version of this Loan Estimate sample is available at: cfpb.gov/arm-explainer/


## Loan terms

## INTEREST RATE

The Loan Estimate shows the initial interest rate you pay at the beginning of your loan term. This row also shows how often your rate can change and how high it can go.

## MONTHLY PRINCIPAL \& INTEREST

The Loan Estimate shows the initial monthly principal and interest payment you'll make if you accept this loan. Your principal is the money that you originally agreed to pay back on your loan. Interest is a cost you pay to borrow the principal. The initial principal and interest payment amount for an ARM is set only for the initial period and may change after that.

## THE TALK

You might hear, "An ARM makes sense because you can refinance the loan before your interest rate and monthly payment increase."

Ask yourself, a spouse, or a loved one:
"What if the market value of the home goes down?"
"What if our financial situation or our credit score gets damaged by something unexpected like a job loss or illness?"
"If we can't refinance at a better rate, can we afford the maximum interest rate and payment increase under this loan?"

| Loan Terms |  | Can this amount increase after closing? |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Loan Amount | \$216,000 | NO |  |
| Interest Rate | 3\% | YES | Adjusts every year starting in year 6 Can go as high as $8 \%$ in year 8 See AIR Table for details |
| Monthly Principal \& Interest <br> See Projected Payments Below for Your Total Monthly Payment | \$910.66 | YES | Adjusts every year starting in year 6 Can go as high as $\$ 1,467$ in year 8 |
|  |  | Does the loan have these features? |  |
| Prepayment Penalty |  | NO |  |
| Balloon Payment |  | NO |  |

Example of "Loan terms" section. Find this on page 1 of your own Loan Estimate


Example of "Projected payments" section. Find this on page 1 of your own Loan Estimate

## Projected payments

## PRINCIPAL \& INTEREST

The monthly principal and interest payment on your ARM is likely to change after the initial period. Review this section to see how your payment can change based on your loan's interest rate.

## ESTIMATED TOTAL MONTHLY PAYMENT

Review this row to see the total minimum and maximum monthly payments. The payments include mortgage insurance, property taxes, homeowners insurance, and any additional property assessments or other escrow items. Learn more about these mortgage terms at cfpb.gov/mortgage-terms/

Keep in mind that other parts of your monthly and annual housing costs can change, such as your property taxes and homeowners insurance payments.

## THE TALK

Talk over how your financial life could be affected if your ARM monthly payment increases. In future years, you might face money decisions like:

- Job changes
- School or other education expenses
- Medical needs and expenses

Because ARM adjustments are unpredictable, you might have less or more financial flexibility for other parts of your life.

## Adjustable Interest Rate (AIR) table

You should read and understand the AIR table calculations before committing to an ARM. It's important to know how your interest rate changes over the life of your loan.

INDEX + MARGIN
Your lender is required to show you how your interest rate is calculated, which is determined by the index and margin on your loan. See page 2 of this booklet for more about index and margin.

## INITIAL INTEREST RATE

This is the interest rate at the beginning of your loan. The initial interest rate changes to the index plus the margin at your first adjustment (subject to the limits on interest rate changes). Your loan servicer tells you your new payment amount seven to eight months in advance, so you can budget for it or shop for a new loan.

## MINIMUM/MAXIMUM INTEREST RATE

This shows how low or high your interest rate could be over the life of your loan. Generally, an ARM's interest rate is never lower than the margin.

## (! "TEASER" RATES

Some lenders offer a "teaser," "start," or "discounted" rate that is lower than their fully indexed rate. When the teaser rate ends, your loan takes on the fully indexed rate. Don't assume that a loan with a teaser rate is a good one for you. Not everyone's budget can accommodate a higher payment.

## CHANGE FREQUENCY

This indicates when the interest rate on your loan will change. Your loan servicer sends you advance notices of changes.

## LIMITS ON INTEREST RATE CHANGES

This shows the highest amount your interest rate can increase when there is a change.

| Adjustable Interest Rate (AIR) Table |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Index + Margin | 1 Year Cmt $+2.5 \%$ |
| Initial Interest Rate | $3 \%$ |
| Minimum/Maximum Interest Rate | $2.5 \% / 8 \%$ |
| Change Frequency |  |
| First Change | Beginning of 61st month |
| Subsequent Changes | Every 12 months after first change |
| Limits on Interest Rate Changes |  |
| First Change | $2 \%$ |
| Subsequent Changes | $2 \%$ |

Example of "AIR table" section. Find this on page 2 of your own Loan Estimate

Consider this example:

- A lender's fully indexed rate is $4.5 \%$ (the index is $2 \%$ and the margin is $2.5 \%$ ).
- The loan also features a "teaser" rate of 3\%.
- Even if the index doesn't change, your interest rate still increases from 3\% to $4.5 \%$ when your teaser rate expires.

| ARM OFFER 1 | ARM OFFER 2 | FIXED-RATE <br> OFFER |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | \$ |
| \% |  | \% |
| \$ |  |  |
|  |  |  |
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|  |  |  |

## My best loan offer is:

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## ■ THE TALK

You are in control of whether or not to proceed with an ARM. If you prefer to proceed with a fixed-rate mortgage, here is one way to start the conversation with a lender:
"A fixed-rate mortgage seems to be a better fit for me. Let's talk about what you can offer and how it compares to other loans I may be able to get."

## Review your lender's ARM program disclosure

Your lender gives you an ARM program disclosure when they give you an application. This is the lender's opportunity to tell you about their different ARM loans and how the loans work. The index and margin can differ from one lender to another, so it is helpful to compare offers from different lenders.

Generally, the index your lender uses won't change after you get your loan, but your loan contract may allow the lender to switch to a different index in some situations.

## GATHER FACTS

Review your program disclosure and ask your lender questions to understand their ARM loan offerings:
$\square$ How are the interest rate and payment determined?
$\square$ Does this loan have interest-rate caps (that is, limits on interest rate changes)?How often do the interest rate and payment adjust?What index is used and where is it published?Is the initial interest rate lower than the fully indexed rate? (see "Teaser rates," on page 12)What type of information is provided in notices of adjustment and when do I receive them?

# Ask about other options offered by your lender 

## Conversion option

Your loan agreement may include a clause that lets you convert the ARM to a fixed-rate mortgage in the future.

When you convert, the new rate is generally set using a formula given in your loan documents. That fixed rate may be higher or lower than interest rates available to you in the market at that time. Also your lender may charge you a conversion fee. Ask your lender whether the loan you are being offered has a conversion feature and how it works.

## Special features

You can shop around to understand what special ARM features may be available from different lenders.

Not all programs are the same. Talk with your lender to find out if there's anything special about their ARM programs that you may find valuable.

## Check your ARM for features that could pose risks

Some types of ARMs have features that can reduce your payments in the short term but may include fees or the risk of higher payments later. Review your loan terms and make sure that you understand the fees and how your rate and payment may change. Lower payments at the beginning could mean higher fees or much higher payments later.

## Paying points to reduce your initial interest rate

Lenders can offer you a lower rate in exchange for paying loan fees at closing, or points.

With an ARM, paying points often reduces your interest rate only until the end of the initial period-the reduction most likely does not apply over the life of your loan.

If you are using an ARM to refinance a loan, points are often rolled into your new loan amount. You might not realize you are paying points unless you look carefully. Points are disclosed on the top of Page 2 of your Loan Estimate.

Lenders may give you the option to pay points, but you never have to take that option. To figure out if you have a good deal, compare your cost in points with the amount that you will save with a lower interest rate.

| Loan Costs |  |
| :--- | ---: |
| A. Origination Charges | $\mathbf{\$ 3 , 1 6 0}$ |
| 1\% of Loan Amount (Points) | $\$ 2,160$ |
| Application Fee | $\$ 500$ |
| Processing Fee | $\$ 500$ |

Example of "Loan costs" section. Find this on page 2 of your own Loan Estimate

## THE TALK

If your Loan Estimate shows points, ask your lender:

- "What is my interest rate if I choose not to pay points?"
- "How much money do I pay in points? And, compared to the total reduction in my payments during the initial period, am I coming out ahead?"
- "Can I see a revised Loan Estimate with the points removed and the interest rate adjusted?"


## Interest-only ARMs

With an interest-only ARM payment plan, you pay only the interest for a specified number of years. During this interest-only period, you have smaller monthly payments, but you are not paying anything toward your mortgage loan balance.

When the interest-only period ends, your monthly payment increases-even if interest rates stay the same-because you must start paying back the principal plus the interest each month. Your monthly payments can increase a lot. The longer the interest-only period, the more your monthly payments increase after the interest-only period ends.

## Payment option ARMs

Payment option ARMs were common before 2008 when the housing crisis began, and some lenders might still offer them.

A payment option ARM means the borrower can choose from different payment options, such as:

- A traditional principal and interest payment
- An interest-only payment (see above)
- A minimum payment, which could result in negative amortization

Negative amortization happens when you are not paying enough to cover all of the interest due. Your loan balance goes up instead of down.

## GATHER FACTS

Learn more information about payment option ARMs and negative amortization at:

- cfpb.gov/askcfpb/102/
- cfpb.gov/askcfpb/103/

Choosing the right home loan is just as important as choosing the right home. By equipping yourself with knowledge about ARMs, you can decide whether or not this type of loan is the right choice for you.

## Consumer Handbook on Adjustable-Rate Mortgages

## ASK YOUR LENDER

- How high can my payment go?
- How high can my interest rate go?
- How long is my initial principal and interest payment guaranteed?


## ASK YOURSELF

- Have I shopped around to compare ARMs and fixed-rate loans?
- If an ARM has a lower initial interest rate than a fixed-rate mortgage, is paying less money now worth the risk of an increase later?
- Can I afford the highest payment possible with the ARM if I can't sell the home, or refinance into a lower rate, before the increase?


## ONLINE TOOLS

CFPB website
cfpb.gov
Answers to common questions
cfpb.gov/askcfpb
Tools and resources for home buyers
cfpb.gov/owning-a-home
Talk to a housing counselor
cfpb.gov/find-a-housing-counselor
Submit a complaint
cfpb.gov/complaint


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    Sex:
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    $\square$ Male
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