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# Multifamily Selling and Servicing Guide

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## 221.04C Preparing IRS Form 1099-C

The Servicer is responsible for completing the Cancellation of Debt (IRS Form 1099-C) accurately, and for filing it with the Internal Revenue Service and providing the information to the Borrower and to Fannie Mae by the required dates. The form must be filed on or before February 28 (or March 31 if filing electronically) of the year following the calendar year in which the discharge of indebtedness occurs.

If the Internal Revenue Service penalizes Fannie Mae because the Servicer failed to file a return or filed an incorrect or late return, Fannie Mae will require the Servicer to reimburse Fannie Mae for any penalty fees the Internal Revenue Service assesses (unless the Servicer can document that it met the filing requirements).

The Servicer also must furnish the Borrower with an information statement before January 31 of that year. The requirement for notifying the Borrower can be satisfied by sending Copy B of a completed IRS Form 1099-C (or a substitute statement that complies with Internal Revenue Service requirements for substitute forms) to the Borrower's last known address, and the Servicer must send Copy C to those states that require it. When the form is filed on Fannie Mae's behalf, it must show Fannie Mae's name as the "Creditor," Fannie Mae's address and federal identification number (52-0883107), and include a legend identifying the statement as important tax information that is being furnished to the Internal Revenue Service.

Information that must be reported on IRS Form 1099-C includes:

- the Borrower's name, address, and taxpayer identification number (the Social Security number if the borrower is a natural person);
- the date the debt was cancelled;
- the amount of the cancelled debt, which does not include interest or any amount received in satisfaction of the debt from a foreclosure sale or other means;
- a description of the debt, such as "mortgage loan," and a description of the Property if a combined IRS Form 1099-C and 1099-A is filed;
- whether the Borrower is personally liable for the debt;
- whether the debt was cancelled in bankruptcy; and
- the fair market value of the Property if a combined IRS Form 1099-C and 1099-A is filed.



If the cancelled Mortgage Loan had an original principal amount of \$10,000 or more, was originated after 1994, and involves Borrowers who are jointly and severally liable for the debt, a separate information return for each Borrower must be filed, and each return must report the entire amount of the cancelled debt. If the Mortgage Loan was originated prior to January 1, 1995, or if the original principal amount of the cancelled Mortgage Loan was less than \$10,000, and if there are multiple Borrowers, reporting is required only with respect to the primary (or first-named) Borrower. In addition, only one information return is required, regardless of the origination date or the original principal amount, if the Servicer knows, or has reason to know, that co-Borrowers were husband and wife living at the same address when the Mortgage Loan was originated, and does not know or have reason to know that such circumstances have changed when the Mortgage Loan is cancelled.



# Glossary

## B

**Borrower** Person who is the obligor per the Note.

### **Synonyms**

- Borrowers
- Borrower's

## M

**Mortgage Loan** Mortgage debt obligation evidenced, or when made will be evidenced, by

- the Loan Documents, or
- a mortgage debt obligation with a Fannie Mae credit enhancement.

### **Synonyms**

- Mortgage Loans
- Mortgage Loan's

## P

**Property** Multifamily residential real estate securing the Mortgage Loan, including the

- fee simple or Leasehold interest,
- Improvements, and
- personal property (per the Uniform Commercial Code).

### **Synonyms**

- Properties
- Property's

## S

**Security** MBS, PFP MBS, or REMIC.

### **Synonyms**

- Securities



## Servicer

Primary Person servicing the Mortgage Loan, including

- the originator,
- seller, or
- a third party.

### **Synonyms**

- Servicers
- Servicer's