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Re: Fee GIT/REP-4 Waiver Form for Short Sales

## NEW JERSEY TITLE BULLETIN

## GIT/REP-4 Waiver Form for Short Sales

The State of New Jersey, Division of Taxation has expanded the GIT/REP-4 Waiver to real estate transactions commonly known as "short sales". According to a Bulletin dated 5/20/09 from the Division of Taxation, when a non-resident individual, trust or estate is claiming that property is being sold as a short sale, with all proceeds from the sale being paid to a mortgage lender and the seller receiving no proceeds, then the transaction may be exempt from the customary payment of 2% of the sales proceeds. In order to confirm the exemption, the seller or settlement agent must send to the Division copies of the following:

- 1. The Proposed Deed;
- 2. HUD-1 Settlement Statement;
- 3. A statement from the existing mortgagee that the sale is a "short sale" with all proceeds of the sale paid to the mortgagee, and the seller receiving no proceeds; and
- 4. The GIT/REP-4 Waiver form.

If the Division approves the request for the Waiver, it will stamp the GIT/REP-4 Waiver form with its raised seal and return it to the seller or settlement agent for filing with the deed.

Attached are the <u>Bulletin dated 5/20/09 from the Division of Taxation</u> and the <u>GIT/REP-4 Waiver</u> Form. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call our office.

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