

# FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM

## **ELEVATION CERTIFICATE**

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Instructions

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ATTENTION: Use of this certificate does not provide a waiver of the flood insurance purchase requirement. This form is used only to provide elevation information necessary to ensure compliance with applicable community floodplain management ordinances, to determine the proper insurance premium rate, and/or to support a request for a Letter of Map Amendment or Revision (LOMA or LOMR). Instructions for completing this form can be found on the following pages.

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SECTION A PROPERTY INFORMATION					FOR INSURANCE COMPANY USE
BUILDING OWNER'S NAME					POLICY NUMBER
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OTHER DESCRIPTION (Lot and	Slock Numbers, etc.)	+08-11	0-054 Yav	apai C	ounty, AZ.
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Provide the following from the	he proper FIRM (See	Instructions):			
1. COMMUNITY NUMBER 0 40093	2. PANEL NUMBER	3. SUFFIX	4. DATE OF FIRM INDEX 8 - 19 - 8 - 5	5. FIRM ZONE	6. BASE FLOOD ELEVATION (in AO Zones, use depth)
	no BFE is provided o	n the FIRM, ar	nd the community has est	ablished a BFE f	Other (describe on back) or this building site, indicate
SECTION C BUILDING ELEVATION INFORMATION					
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# THE NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM ELEVATION CERTIFICATE

#### PURPOSE OF THE ELEVATION CERTIFICATE

The Elevation Certificate is an important administrative tool of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

As part of the agreement for making flood insurance available in a community, the NFIP requires the community to adopt a floodplain management ordinance containing certain minimum requirements intended to reduce future flood losses. One such requirement is that the community "obtain the elevation of the lowest floor (including basement) of all new and substantially improved structures, and maintain a record of all such information." The Elevation Certificate is one way for a community to comply with this requirement.

The Elevation Certificate is also required to properly rate post-FIRM structures, which are buildings constructed after publication of the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM), for flood insurance in FIRM Zones A1-A30, AE, AO, AH, A (with Base Flood Elevations [BFE's]), V1-V30, VE, and V (with BFE's). In addition, the Elevation Certificate is also needed for pre-FIRM structures being rated under post-FIRM flood insurance rules.

Use of this certificate does not in any way alter the flood insurance purchase requirement. The Elevation Certificate is only used to provide information necessary to ensure compliance with applicable community floodplain management ordinances, to determine the proper flood insurance premium rate, and/or to support a request for a Letter of Map Amendment or Revision (LOMA or LOMR). Only a LOMA or LOMR from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) can amend the FIRM and remove the Federal requirement for a lending institution to require the purchase of flood insurance. Note that the lending institution may still require flood insurance.

This certificate is only used to certify the elevation of the reference level of a building. If a non-residential building is being floodproofed, then a Floodproofing Certificate must be completed in addition to certifying the building's elevation. Floodproofing of a residential building does not alter a community's floodplain management elevation requirements or affect the insurance rating unless the community has been issued an exception by FEMA to allow floodproofed residential basements.

#### INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE ELEVATION CERTIFICATE

The Elevation Certificate is to be completed by a land surveyor, engineer, or architect who is authorized by state or local law to certify elevation information when the elevation information for Zones A1-A30, AE, AH, A (with BFE's), V1-V30, VE, and V (with BFE's) is required. Community officials who are authorized by local law or ordinance to provide floodplain management information may also complete this form. For Zones AO and A (without BFE's), a building official, a property owner, or an owner's representative may also provide the information on this certification.

#### SECTION A Property Information

The Elevation Certificate identifies the building, its owner and its location. Provide the building owner's name(s), the building's complete street address, and lot and block number. If the property address is a rural route or PO box number, provide a legal description or an abbreviated location description based on distance from a reference point.

#### SECTION B Flood Insurance Rate Map Information

In order to properly complete the Elevation Certificate, it is necessary to locate the building on the appropriate FIRM, and record the appropriate information. To obtain a FIRM, contact the community or call 1-800-333-1363.

The Elevation Certificate may be completed based on either the FIRM in effect at the time of the certification or the FIRM in effect when construction of the building was started.

Items 1 - 6. Using the FIRM Index and the appropriate FIRM panel for the community, record the community number, panel (or page) number, suffix, and Index date. From the appropriate FIRM panel, locate the property and record the zone and the BFE (or flood depth number) at the building site. BFE's are shown on a FIRM for Zones A1-A30, AE, AH, V1-V30, and VE; flood depth numbers are shown for Zone AO.

Item 7. Record the vertical datum system to which the elevations on the applicable FIRM are referenced. The datum is specified in the upper right corner of the title block of the FIRM.

Item 8. In A or V Zones where BFE's are not provided on the FIRM, the community may have established BFE's based on data from other sources. For subdivisions and other development greater than 50 lots or 5 acres, establishment of BFE's is required by community floodplain management ordinance. When this is the case, complete this item.

#### INSTRUCTIONS

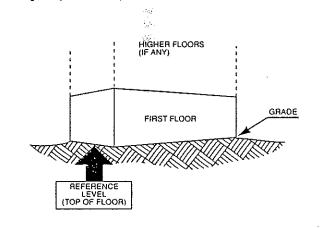
The following 8 diagrams contain descriptions of various types of buildings. Compare the features of your building with those shown in the diagrams and select the diagram most applicable. Indicate the diagram number on the Elevation Certificate (Section C, Item 1) and complete the Certificate. The reference level floor is that level of the building used for underwriting purposes.

NOTE: In all A Zones, the reference level is the top of the lowest floor; in V Zones the reference level is the bottom of the lowest horizontal structural member (see diagram on page 2). Agents should refer to the Flood Insurance Manual for instruction on lowest floor definition.

#### **DIAGRAM NUMBER 1**

ALL SINGLE AND MULTIPLE FLOOR BUILDINGS (OTHER THAN SPLIT LEVEL), INCLUDING MANUFACTURED (MOBILE) HOUSING AND HIGH RISE BUILDINGS, EITHER DETACHED OR ROW TYPE (E.G., TOWNHOUSE, ETC.); WITH OR WITHOUT ATTACHED GARAGE.

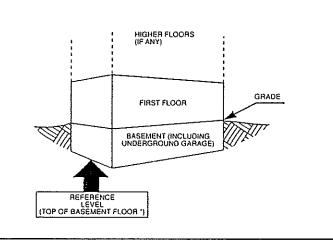
Distinguishing Feature - The first floor is *not* below ground level (grade) on all sides\*. This includes "walkout" basements, where at least one side is at or above grade. (Not illustrated)



#### **DIAGRAM NUMBER 2**

ALL SINGLE AND MULTIPLE FLOOR BUILDINGS (OTHER THAN SPLIT LEVEL), INCLUDING MANUFACTURED (MOBILE) HOUSING AND HIGH RISE BUILDINGS, EITHER DETACHED OR ROW TYPE (E.G., TOWNHOUSES, ETC.); WITH OR WITHOUT ATTACHED GARAGE.

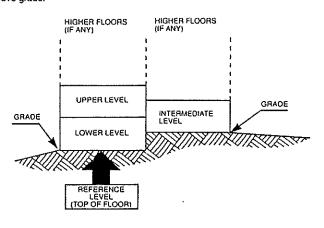
Distinguishing Feature - The first floor or basement (including an underground garage\*) is below ground level (grade) on all sides\*.



#### DIAGRAM NUMBER 3

ALL SPLIT LEVEL BUILDINGS, EITHER DETACHED OR ROW TYPE (E.G., TOWNHOUSES, ETC.); WITH OR WITHOUT ATTACHED GARAGE.

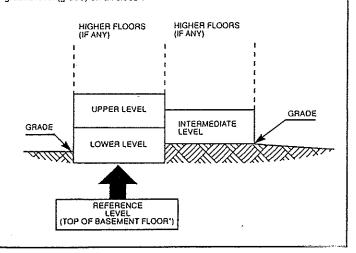
Distinguishing Feature - The lower level is *not* below ground level (grade) on all sides\*. This includes "walkout" basements, where at least one side is at or above grade.



#### **DIAGRAM NUMBER 4**

ALL SPLIT LEVEL BUILDINGS, EITHER DETACHED OR ROW TYPE (E.G., TOWNHOUSES, ETC.); WITH OR WITHOUT ATTACHED GARAGE.

Distinguishing Feature - The lower level (or intermediate level) is below ground level (grade) on all sides\*.



Under the National Flood Insurance Program's risk classification and insurance coverage, a floor that is below ground level (grade) on all sides is considered a basement even though the floor is used for living purposes, or as an office, garage, workshop, etc.