# Home Loans

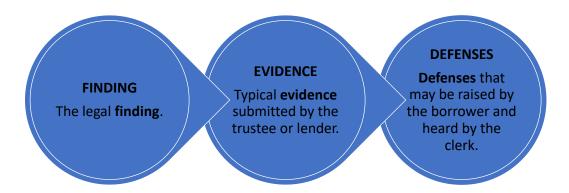
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# The Big Six

- 1. Holder of a valid debt
- 2. Right to foreclose
- 3. Default
- 4. Notice
- 5. Home Loan
- 6. Military Service

Plus one: loss mitigation pursuant to G.S. 45-21.16C.



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#### Home Loans

If the clerk finds that the underlying mortgage debt is

- 1. not a home loan as defined in G.S. 45-101(1b), or
- 2. if the loan is a home loan under G.S. 45-101(1b), that
  - a. the pre-foreclosure notice under G.S. 45-102 was provided in all material respects, and
  - b. the periods of time established by G.S. Chapter 45, Article 11 have elapsed.

G.S. 45-21.16(d)(v).

#### What is a home loan?

#### Depends on

- 1. Type of loan
- 2. Type of borrower
- 3. Type of debt
- 4. Amount of debt
- 5. Type of security
- 6. Purpose of the loan

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# Type of Loan

Not an equity line.

Not a construction loan with funds disbursed periodically.

Not a reverse mortgage.

Not a bridge loan with a term of 12 months or less.

Not a commercial/business loan.

G.S. 45-101(1b).

# Type of Borrower

Borrower must be a natural person.



G.S. 45-101(1b).

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# Type of Debt

Debt must be primarily for family, personal, or household purposes.



G.S. 45-101(1b).

#### Amount of Debt

Principal amount does not exceed Fannie Mae limits for single-family dwelling

G.S. 45-101(1b).

Units	Max Loan 2025	Max Loan 2024	Max Loan 2022	Max Loan 2021
1	\$806,500	\$766,550	\$647,200	\$548,250
2	\$1,032,650	\$981,500	\$828,700	\$702,000
3	\$1,248,150	\$1,186,350	\$1,001,650	\$848,500
4	\$1,551,250	\$1,474,400	\$1,244,850	\$1,054,500

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# Type of Security

Secured by a lien on current or future principal dwelling of the borrower, which is:

- Manufactured home,
- 1-4 family existing structure, or
- 1-4 family to be built structure

G.S. 45-101(1b).

# Purpose of the Loan

- Purchase the house,
- Construct, improve, repair, remodel, or improve the dwelling or the real property on which it is located,
- Refinance an existing obligation secured by the same real property, or
- Consolidate existing consumer debts into a new home loan.

G.S. 45-101(1b).

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#### Party Asserts: Not a Home Loan

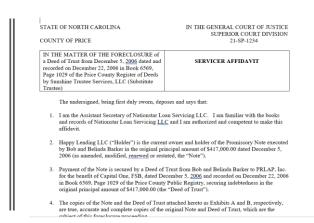
Clerk confirms competent evidence that it is not a home loan:

- 1. Look for statement in the affidavits
- 2. From party capable of certifying loan status
- 3. That gives a reason why not a home loan –what element of G.S. 45-101(1b) makes it not a home loan?

Trustee or holder may also obtain a "non-home loan certificate" from the AOD/Housing Finance Agency database.

# Evidence: Not a Home Loan



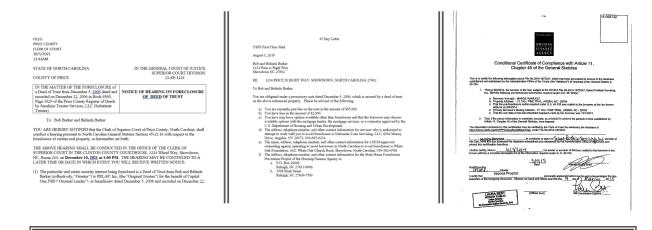


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#### Party Asserts: It is a Home Loan

- 1. 45-Day Letter: At least 45 days prior to filing the notice of hearing, servicer must send written notice by mail to the last known address of the borrower to inform the borrower of resources available to avoid foreclosure
- Registration: Servicer must register the loan within 3 business days of mailing the letter in the AOC/Housing Finance Agency Database
- 3. Certification: Trustee must include a certification in the notice of hearing that the pre-foreclosure notice (45-day letter) and information required in the registration were provided material respects and that all requisite time periods have elapsed.

<sup>\*</sup> Servicer includes any person or entity entitled to receive loan payments.



# Evidence: Home Loan

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Discussion: Is this sufficient?

#### Notice of hearing states:

"If the underlying mortgage debt is a home loan as defined by NCGS 45-101(1b), the filing party certifies that the pre-foreclosure notice and information required by G.S. 45-102 and G.S. 45-103 were provided in all material respects and that the periods of time established by Article 11 of Chapter 45 have elapsed."

#### The Clerk's Review: 45 Day Letter

Review copy of 45-day letter and confirm:

- 1. Sent at least 45 days (or more if required) before filing of the notice of hearing
- 2. Confirm the notice was provided in "all material respects"

GS 45-21.16(d)(v)

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#### Required Contents: 45 Day Letter

- 1. In writing, by mail
- 2. To borrower's last known address
- 3. At least 45 days prior to the NOH filing date
- 4. Itemize past due amounts
- 5. Itemize charges to bring the loan current
- Statement that other options may be available
- Contact info for servicer or other authorized agent authorized to attempt to work with the borrower to avoid foreclosure
- 8. Contact info for HUD counseling agency assisting borrowers in North Carolina avoid foreclosure
- 9. Contact info for State Home Foreclosure Prevention Project

Standard:
All Material Respects
G.S. 45-21.16(d)(v); 45-102

#### The Clerk's Review: Certificate of Compliance

Review copy of certificate of compliance and confirm

- 1. Registration occurred within **three business days** of mailing of the 45-day letter
- 2. Registration completed in all material respects

GS 45-21.16(d)(v); GS 45-107

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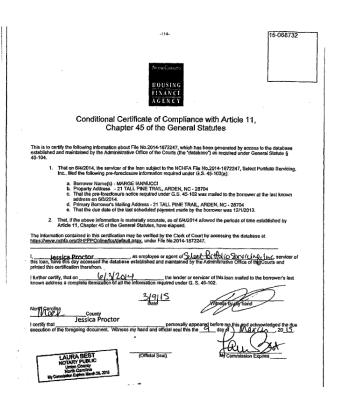
# Certificate of Compliance

Servicer must register:

- · Name and address of Borrower
- · Last scheduled payment made
- · Date 45-day notice mailed

GS 45-103(a)

Based on review of information submitted by the servicer, the Housing Finance Agency may order extension on bar to foreclosure filing – CSC can verify in database.



<sup>\*</sup>Clerk has AOC database access via Juno.

#### Database Access Through JUNO

Juno site wide search of "foreclosure database"

or

SP clerks page under "Judicial Groups" and then "Special Proceedings Clerks"

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#### Certification in Notice of Hearing

Materially inaccurate statement in the **certification in the notice of hearing** is cause for dismissal and for payment of the filing party of costs incurred by the borrower in defending the foreclosure.

G.S. 45-21.16(c2); 45-107(b)