



Dear Aspiring CMC[®] Certificant:

Thank you for taking the time to inquire about NAMB certification. Your interest places you in the top tier of mortgage professionals who are knowledgeable and committed to the highest standards of conduct. Achieving the CMC[®] credential demonstrates your commitment to the industry. Across the United States, and in a wide range of occupations, certification programs have enabled professionals to distinguish themselves from the competition. As the number of certified individuals has increased, customers and employers have learned to look for credentials when choosing a business partner. By meeting the stringent eligibility standards, passing the rigorous exam, satisfying the recertification requirements, and adhering to the NAMB Code of Ethics, the CMC[®] certification will enable you to prove your skill and promote your business.

There has never been a better time for mortgage professionals to seek certification for a number of reasons. Our industry is under increased scrutiny and it is important for those of us who are true professionals to conduct business with honesty and integrity, putting the best interests of our clients at the forefront of all we do. This year, NAMB is working to raise awareness of our credentialing programs to NAMB members, other brokers, and our industry partners. There is no doubt—certification will benefit you professionally.

The following pages will give you all the information you need to begin the process of becoming a certified mortgage professional who has the privilege of adding the CMC[®] credential to your signature.

I wish you success in your career as a mortgage professional. You are certainly off to a good start!

Guy Schwartz, CMC
Chair/NAMB Certification Committee

Introduction

This National Association of Mortgage Brokers (NAMB) Certification Applicant Handbook contains information on how to become a Certified Mortgage Consultant (CMC®). It was created to help guide interested mortgage professionals through the certification application process. If you have any questions about the policies and procedures of the NAMB Certification Program or about the processing of your application after reviewing the CMC® Candidate Handbook, please write, email, phone or fax NAMB using the following contact information:

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National Association of Mortgage Brokers
2701 West 15th Street
Suite 536
Plano, Texas 75075

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Website: www.namb.org

Eligibility standards, examination content, examination standards, fees and guidelines are all subject to change. **If the revision date of this handbook is more than six-months old please contact NAMB to obtain the current version before submitting your application.** The most current version of our handbook can also be found under the “Certification” tab on the main page of our website, www.namb.org.

**WE RECOMMEND THAT YOU KEEP THIS HANDBOOK FOR REFERENCE
THROUGHOUT YOUR APPLICATION PROCESS**

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NAMB Certification Exams – An Overview

NAMB established the GMA[®], CRMS[®], and CMC[®] certification exams to provide members with an opportunity to be recognized as leaders within the increasingly competitive field of mortgage brokering. Specifically, these three distinct, yet complimentary exams are designed to:

- raise the standards and improve the practices of the mortgage brokerage profession;
- identify persons with demonstrated knowledge of the principles and practices of the mortgage profession, its related disciplines, and laws;
- develop a foundation for future leaders in the industry; and
- encourage qualified persons to pursue a program of professional development.

Each exam requires different levels of work experience, the accumulation of qualifying points (awarded based on multiple factors including work experience and formal education) and the passing of a computer-based, multiple-choice test. The GMA[®], CRMS[®] and CMC[®] certifications are awarded by the NAMB Certification Committee. The credentials identify the certificant as having met the standards of required knowledge, skills, and abilities established by the Committee.

Who	NAMB Credential	Experience Required	Qualifying Points Required*
New Mortgage Broker or Loan Officer	General Mortgage Associate (GMA)	Entry level – no experience required	0 Points
Experienced Mortgage Broker	Certified Residential Mortgage Specialist (CRMS)	At least two years of experience in the mortgage industry	50 Points
Very Experienced Mortgage Broker	Certified Mortgage Consultant (CMC)	At least five years of experience in the mortgage industry	100 Points

* Points accumulated through combination of work experience, related experience, mortgage-related education, formal education, other designations, industry leadership and participation.

Exam Methodology

Developing and maintaining credible and relevant certification programs requires a significant investment of resources. NAMB is fully committed to ensuring that our certification programs remain the most respected designations in the mortgage brokerage industry. The GMA[®], CRMS[®], and CMC[®] certification exams are the result of a multi-step process that includes the following steps:

1. Conduct a job analysis. A job analysis is a survey of mortgage industry experts to evaluate their level of knowledge and skills necessary for competent performance. (NAMB repeats this step every five years);
2. Develop the exam using the job analysis findings and create exam questions;
3. Re-validate the exam. Review the content of each exam frequently to ensure

- that questions remain relevant as the profession evolves; and
4. Conduct performance and fairness reviews. Subject-matter experts and psychometricians review all questions extensively and update or remove outdated questions to stay in line with the natural flux of this industry.

Each exam is designed similarly to provide multiple-choice questions based on select subject-matter areas. The GMA[®] exam features 125 questions within seven subject-matter areas, the CRMS[®] exam has 125 questions within five subject-matter areas, and the CMC[®] exam has 200 questions within six subject-matter areas. *Note: Only the CRMS[®] and CMC[®] exams include additional un-scored pre-test items at this time. See Exam Format section for more details.* In all cases, four answer options are provided for each multiple-choice question. There are no “trick” questions. While no points are awarded for incorrect answers, no points are subtracted for incorrect answers either (i.e., incorrect answers have a point value of zero). This means that if you are uncertain of the correct answer, it is advantageous to make an educated guess.

Because these exams don’t measure “academic excellence” but rather competency, they are scored as either pass or fail. The exams are computer-based and are offered at more than 200 exam sites throughout the U.S.

Additional information about the GMA[®] and CRMS[®] exams can be found in separate handbooks available on the NAMB website at www.namb.org.

Examination Development

The findings of the job analysis serve as the foundation for developing the examination specifications. These specifications identify the linkages between the responsibility and knowledge areas and outline the following: (a) the topics covered on the examination, (b) the number of questions per topic area included on each examination, and (c) the cognitive level at which questions for each topic area are written. The examination specifications can be reviewed and adjusted by the Certification Examination Committee, as necessary, to reflect current professional practice, government regulations, etc. The examination form is assembled in accordance with the examination specifications.

Questions on the exam are written by Certified Mortgage Professionals who have been trained in preparing multiple-choice items by Kryterion, Inc. Every 2 years, at least 15 certified professionals are selected to write items for the examination.

Items written are sent to a validation committee where questions are assessed for content, level of difficulty, accuracy, and correctness. Once approved, the question goes to Kryterion for style editing to ensure consistency of question format and to be included in the bank of examination questions.

From that bank, Kryterion prepares a draft examination based on the exam specifications. The exam committee then meets and reviews the draft exam, substituting questions as needed to further balance and match the content of the examination to the test blueprint.

Pretesting of Items

To enable the addition of new items with proven sound statistical attributes to the active item bank, up to a quarter of new items are pre-tested on the examination form. Pre-test items are not scored. Pre-test items are intermingled among the active items and candidates do not know which items are being the pre-tested. Candidates are notified that a quarter of test items are pre-test items.

Value of Certification

Members seeking certification should know that the benefits of achieving this distinction are far-reaching and will enhance your career and reputation. Certification:

- distinguishes mortgage professionals who have received the highest level of professional knowledge available to them.
- helps borrowers select a qualified mortgage professional because certified brokers and loan officers are elite members of the industry. They have shown their dedication to the consumer by obtaining advanced education and demonstrating that they have the skills necessary to provide quality service.
- measures a core body of knowledge shared by competent professionals in the field;
- establishes portable evidence of professional competence, recognized throughout the U.S.; and
- promotes continuing professional development and ensures that certificants stay current with industry trends and changes.

Statement of Non-Discrimination

NAMB does not discriminate against any person on the basis of gender, age, sexual orientation, ethnicity, national origin, religion, disability, or marital status as defined and prohibited by law.

Statement of Confidentiality

A candidate's application and performance on the NAMB Certification examinations shall remain confidential unless otherwise stipulated by the candidate.

- The examination, test questions, and answers contained herein are the exclusive property of NAMB.
- The nature, format, content and results of examinations administered by NAMB and all application materials are considered confidential information and will be treated as such in accordance with policies and procedures adopted by NAMB, unless appropriate permission is obtained or where otherwise required by law.
- The examination and the items (questions and answers) contained herein are protected by copyright law. This examination may not be copied or

reproduced, in part or in whole, by any means whatsoever, including memorization.

- Future discussion or disclosure of the content of this examination, orally, in writing, or by any other means is prohibited.
- Any theft or attempted theft of exam items is punishable to the fullest extent of the law.
- Your participation in any irregularity during this examination including, but not limited to, giving or obtaining unauthorized aid, as evidenced by observation during the exam or by subsequent analysis may result in invalidation of the results of your examination, termination of your candidate status, revocation of your certification, civil liability, criminal prosecution, or other appropriate sanctions.

NAMB Code of Ethics

NAMB seeks to establish and maintain the highest standards of conduct and principles among its members. As applicants, NAMB members should recognize their responsibility for maintaining and promoting ethical practices. All NAMB certification applicants, even those who are not NAMB members, shall abide by NAMB's Code of Ethics, which are as follows:

- **Honesty and Integrity:** NAMB members shall conduct business in a manner reflecting honesty, honor, and integrity.
- **Personal Conduct:** NAMB members shall conduct their business activities in a professional manner. Members shall not pressure any provider of services, goods or facilities to circumvent industry professional standards. Equally, Members shall not respond to any such pressure placed upon them.
- **Honesty in Advertising:** NAMB members shall provide accurate information in all advertisements and solicitations.
- **Confidentiality:** NAMB members shall not disclose unauthorized confidential information.
- **Compliance with Law:** NAMB members shall conduct their business in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations.
- **Disclosure of Financial Interests:** NAMB members shall disclose any equity or financial interest they may have in the collateral being offered to secure a loan.

Lending Integrity Seal of Approval

NAMB saw a need for Hardworking, Professional, Ethical Mortgage Brokers to distinguish themselves from the few bad actors who operate in the mortgage industry. In 2007, the Association launched the Lending Integrity Seal of Approval to allow consumers to easily identify loan originators who have pledged to abide by a National Standard when it comes to a Professional

Standards, a Code of Ethics, Continuing Education, and more.

A mortgage professional can only make the Lending Integrity pledge and display the Seal if he or she meets the following criteria:

- Possess current state-issued mortgage broker license or has three letters of reference, including one from a NAMB mortgage broker (if a loan officer).
- Pass a federal criminal background check.
- Complete six hours of continuing education each year, including two hours of ethics training (or equivalent hours over multiple years depending on individual state multi-year licensing cycles). **Note: this requirement is waived for members who hold a valid GMA[®], CRMS[®], or CMC[®].**
- Pledge to adhere to the NAMB Code of Ethics and Professional Standards and Professional Standards and Best Lending Practices, and abide by the NAMB grievance review process.

NAMB Membership

If you're not already a NAMB member, consider joining. Established in 1973, NAMB is the only national trade association representing the mortgage broker industry. With members in all 50 states affiliates and more than 25,000 members, NAMB promotes the industry through programs and services such as education, professional certification, and government affairs representation. NAMB members subscribe to a code of ethics and best lending practices that foster integrity, professionalism, and confidentiality when working with consumers.

Membership provides you with all of the products and services that associations typically offer along with services specially tailored to the mortgage industry. Some of the benefits of NAMB membership include:

- entrance into NAMB's extensive grassroots member network;
- comprehensive educational opportunities that are reasonably priced and convenient – members pay a reduced fee for certification exams;
- subscription to *News from NAMB*, a weekly online newsletter, and the *National Mortgage Broker Magazine*, published monthly;
- access to consumer educational materials and other communications tools to help you build and sustain relationships with customers; and
- members-only discounts on a wide array of goods and services, including greatly-reduced rates to attend NAMB's annual convention.

How to Join

NAMB is a professional association with individual members, not mortgage companies. We are proud to have reciprocal membership agreements with many affiliated state associations across the country. This means that most of our members join by first contacting their local affiliated state association.

If you live in a state where we have an affiliated state association, you may join NAMB by completing the membership application for that state association. Your state and national dues are collected as a single fee by the state; then, the national portion is forwarded to us. The vast majority of our members are required to join by this method. Please visit the “Member Resources” section on www.NAMB.org for more information and a complete list of state affiliates.

Certified Mortgage Consultant (CMC) Certification Exam Information

Exam Overview

The Certified Mortgage Consultant (CMC[®]) certification exam measures the knowledge of mortgage professionals who have been in the industry for at least five years. NAMB created the exam as a way for mortgage professionals who have established themselves within the industry to validate their achievements through certification. The CMC[®] exam is open to NAMB members and non-members. If you're applying for this exam and are NOT a NAMB member, please visit www.NAMB.org to find out how you can join.

Benefits of Becoming a CMC[®]

In today's competitive market, it's more difficult than ever to stand out from the competition. Attaining the CMC[®] certification demonstrates your knowledge of the principles and practices of the mortgage profession, its related disciplines and laws, and shows that you have mastered the core skills that allow your business to grow.

Career Rewards:

- The GMA[®], CRMS[®], and CMC[®] credentials equate to quality and excellence.
- The opportunity for mortgage professionals to achieve a higher level of professionalism and demonstrate their commitment to a superior level of service to the borrower.
- NAMB's credentials distinguish mortgage professionals who have received the highest level of professional knowledge available to them.
- A valued addition to your resume/CV.
- Certification is an avenue for professional growth and a way for employers to recognize and promote loan officers and mortgage professionals.
- Professional achievement “right out of the gate.”

Rewards from NAMB:

- Certificate and lapel pin recognizing you as a certified CMC[®]
- Authority to use the CMC[®] credential and logo on letterhead, business cards, and all forms of address
- Access to self-marketing materials including a welcome kit with tools to help differentiate yourself in the market

- Inclusion in NAMB’s “Directory of Certified Mortgage Professionals” (found on-line and in the NAMB magazine)
- Priority listing on “Find-a-Broker” search engine
- Opportunity for industry recognition via print and online media communications
- Automatic subscription to “Cert Alert,” NAMB’s electronic newsletter for certificants and an opportunity to be featured as the “Certificant in the Spotlight”
- Automatic Silver Medallion status including discounts to NAMB conferences and events
- Special recognition at the NAMB national convention
- Listing on banner for Certified Professionals displayed at NAMB events

Personal Rewards:

- Personal confirmation that you’ve chosen the right career path for yourself
- Confidence in having achieved distinction in one of the most competitive industries in the United States
- Pride at being a part of an organization that supports its members through career growth opportunities
- The opportunity to earn more than uncertified peers
- Demonstration of your commitment to the consumer by obtaining advanced education and demonstrating that they have the skills necessary to provide quality service
- Distinction as a mortgage professional who have received the highest level of professional knowledge available to them
- Confidence in your knowledge and skill

Who Should Take the Exam?

The CMC[®] exam is open to mortgage professionals who:

- have at least five years of mortgage industry experience;
- specialize in residential mortgage lending;
- are currently employed in the mortgage brokerage industry;
- possess and have documented a minimum of 100 qualifying points (achieved through a combination of work experience, mortgage-related education, formal academic education, other professional designations, and industry leadership and participation);
- agree to abide by, and has no violations against, the NAMB Code of Ethics; and
- agree to abide by, and has no violations against, NAMB’s best-lending practices.

How to Apply for the CMC[®] Exam

Candidates wishing to take the CMC[®] exam must first apply to NAMB for eligibility. The application process includes successfully completing the CMC[®] Examination Application, providing all

requested and necessary documentation, and submitting an application fee. A copy of the application is included at the end of this handbook.

Remember: if the revision date of this handbook is more than six-months-old, visit www.namb.org, click on “Certification Handbook” under the “Certification” tab to obtain a current version.

Eligibility Requirements and Qualifying Points

CMC[®] candidates must document that they have earned at least 100 qualifying points through a combination of work experience, mortgage-related education, formal academic education, other professional designations, and industry leadership and participation. See below for a breakdown of the point structure. (For each category, candidates must have a minimum and maximum number of points in order to achieve eligibility).

Of the 100 points, at least 25 points must be from work experience in the mortgage industry and at least 30 points must be from mortgage-related educational activities.

CMC Qualifying Points		
Categories	Qualifiers	Points
Category I	Work Experience	5 points per year
Category II	Mortgage Education	1 point per credit hour or 1 point per class
Category III	Formal Education	3 – 10 points depending on degree
Category IV	Professional Certifications	5 points per mortgage industry credential 15 points per NAMB credential
Category V	Leadership & Participation	Points vary according to level of participation

Submitting Supporting Documentation

When submitting supporting documentation of qualifying points, please note the following:

- Do not send original diplomas as photocopies are sufficient.
- To substantiate your mortgage-related educational activities, you may submit either original or photocopied *certificates* of completion OR original or photocopied letters of completion (issued by an educational activity provider). All must include:
 - ✓ the name of the person who completed the educational activity;
 - ✓ the date(s) of instruction or date of course completion;

- ✓ the title of the educational activity;
- ✓ the name of the educational activity provider; and
- ✓ the number of clock hours or credit hours of the educational activity.

Denial of Eligibility

It is possible for your application to be denied. If this occurs, you will be notified by email and informed of the reason(s) for the rejection. You may appeal this decision in writing within 30 days of receipt of denial.

The application can be rejected if:

- the application is illegible or incomplete;
- the application is from an outdated version of the NAMB handbook;
- the required number of qualifying points is not achieved
- the application fee is incorrect or missing;
- you have a history of criminal conduct involving financial offenses, misrepresentation, fraud or abuse.

All applicants have 30 days to submit the missing items or the application will be invalidated and all fees will be forfeited.

Outdated and Incomplete application

If your application is incomplete (e.g., fails to document your qualifying points, is from an outdated version of the NAMB handbook, or does not include the applicant's signature and date), you will be notified by email which items are missing. Applicants still interested in seeking eligibility are welcome to complete the application and are responsible for all applicable fees within 30 days of the notice.

Not enough qualifying points

If your application is complete but you are short on qualifying points, you will be informed by email how many points you still need to qualify within 30 days.

Missing application Fee

Applications received without complete payment will not be processed. Applicants still interested in seeking eligibility are responsible for all applicable fees.

History of criminal conduct

A felony conviction is not an absolute bar to apply for certification. Each case will be evaluated individually. All applicants must enclose a signed letter of explanation and a copy of all pertinent court documents or arrest reports related to the conviction with the application (**those convicted of felonies of a financial nature are not eligible to sit for any of the exams**).

Appeal of Denial of Eligibility

NAMB grants certification status to individuals in the field of mortgage brokerage who meet the established eligibility requirements, complete the application procedure, ascribe to and abide by the NAMB Code of Ethics and Standards of Practice, ascribe to and abide by this NAMB Application Handbook, successfully pass a NAMB Certification Program examination, and pay all required fees within established deadlines.

Applicants who have been denied eligibility may appeal the decision in the following manner:

- The applicant submits a written notice of appeal to the Director of Certification. The notice shall include the name, current address, telephone number, fax number, and email address of the applicant.
- The applicant submits additional written, factual documentation to support the applicant's appeal with an explanation of why the applicant believes the denial decision is erroneous. The applicant shall bear the burden of proving that the denial of eligibility was based on an erroneous determination of fact or an erroneous interpretation of policy by NAMB staff.
- An initial review is conducted by the Director of Certification to ensure the applicant has met the above conditions. If the Director of Certification determines that the appeal meets the above conditions and the denial of eligibility was due to prior criminal history or misconduct, the case will be referred to the Ethics and Standards Subcommittee. If the denial of eligibility was due to other circumstances the case will be referred to the Eligibility Review Subcommittee. If the Director of Certification determines that the appeal has not met the above conditions, the applicant will be notified that the appeal is disallowed.
- The decision of the Ethics and Standards Subcommittee or the Eligibility Review Subcommittee will be communicated to the Director of Certification in writing. The Director of Certification will notify the applicant of the decision in writing.
- The decision of the Ethics and Standards Subcommittee or the Eligibility Review Subcommittee is final and may not be further appealed.
- There is no appeal allowed on the basis of incomplete applications or insufficient fees.
- This appeals procedure does not apply to certificants whose certification or recertification is denied, suspended, or revoked for fraud, misrepresentation, violation of testing procedures, or other conduct in violation of the Code of Ethics, Standards of Practice.

Foreign Language Applications

Applications and documents submitted in a language other than English must be translated by a translation agency and include a valid signature attesting to its content.

Background Check

NAMB reserves the right to perform a criminal background check on all applicants. By submitting an application, you are authorizing NAMB to access your confidential information

including employment, academic, and criminal records. This authorization is in effect until permission is revoked in writing. Mail, e-mail, or fax your written request to revoke this permission to:

Certification Department
 National Association of Mortgage Brokers
 2701 West 15th Street
 Suite 536
 Plano, Texas 75075

Telephone: 972-758-1151
 Fax: 530-484-2906
 Email: certification@namb.org

If an application is rejected based on a history of criminal conduct, you may appeal this decision with a Notice of Appeal to the NAMB Certification Committee within 30 days of denial. Include your name, contact information, any supporting documentation, and a brief description of your situation and mail, fax, or email required information to the NAMB Certification Department.

CMC[®] Exam Fees

The CMC[®] fee (to be submitted with the CMC[®] Application) is **\$200 for NAMB members** and **\$350 for non-members**. An additional fee of **\$200 for NAMB members** and **\$300 for non-members** is required during the online registration process after the application has been approved.

A \$25 discount on the CMC application fee is available to those who attend a NAMB Certification Workshop. Information on NAMB workshops is available at www.namb.org.

Acceptable methods of payment for NAMB exam fees include:

- Money order;
- Check (cashier’s, company or personal), made payable to NAMB; and
- Credit card (VISA, MasterCard and American Express)

There is an insufficient funds fee of \$25 for returned checks or if your credit card payment is declined. We will only accept subsequent payment by money order or cashier’s check.

Please note that all fees and discounts are subject to change and that **all fees are non-refundable and non-transferable**. There are no exceptions to this policy.

Summary of CMC Exam Fees		
Membership Status	Member	Non-member
Application Fee	\$ 200	\$350

Registration Fee	\$ 200	\$350
Re-examination Fee	\$ 140	\$ 140

Registering for the CMC[®] Exam

Once your application and fee are accepted by NAMB, you will receive notification on how to register for the exam with Webassessor, our online scheduling tool. You will be required to pay a registration fee to register and take the exam.

Scheduling Your Exam

Once the exam has been purchased online and fee has been processed, applicants will be sent a confirmation email including information needed to schedule and prepare for the exam. Instructions, name, and address of the test center are provided in the purchase confirmation email. All candidates must be sure to schedule their exam to occur before the expiration of the one-year examination period. Candidates may schedule their exam at one of Kryterion's (testing provider) convenient and exam locations. Reserve your date well in advance as test sites reach capacity quickly!

Exam Format

The CMC[®] exam is computer based and contains **200 multiple-choice questions** that fall within **six subject-matter areas**. Each subject-matter area is weighted to reflect its relative importance to the practice of a mortgage professional who has at least five- years of industry experience and specializes in residential mortgage lending. In addition, there are 30 pre-test items which do not affect your score but are being evaluated for future exams. Note: these pretest items are randomly scattered throughout the exam and are not identified as "pretest" questions. You should, therefore, answer each question as though it were a graded question. To pass the CMC[®] exam, you must answer at least **75%** of the exam questions correctly.

Subject-Matter Area	% of Exam Content	# of Items	Sub-Categories
General Industry Knowledge	27	54	Product pricing; appraisals; automated underwriting; financial calculator; loan programs; financial statements; mortgage industry origin; transaction analysis; primary and secondary markets; tax laws; government agencies; development and construction lending; mortgage types
Business Practices and Ethics	11	22	Professionalism; business ethics and integrity; handling customer funds; customer/broker relationship; advertising business to business and business to consumer; contents to a wholesale broker agreement; fraud
Insurance	7	14	Hazard; Mortgage; Title; Credit and Life; Builders; Business

Laws and Compliance	23	46	Fraud; real estate law; regulatory compliance
Residential Financing	17	34	Closing process and documentation; loan originating; pre-qualification process; underwriting procedures; post-closing; government agencies; client document evaluation; wholesale broker agreement; equity and non-conforming Lending
Commercial	15	30	Knowledge of property types; origination process; assembling the package for the investor; basic terminology; different calculations; commercial loans; analyzing loan risks

Preparing for the Exam

The following may be helpful as you prepare for the exam:

- Exam specifications and a study guide with sample questions are provided in this handbook. The sample questions are arranged in order of content area; however, on the exam, the questions are in random order.
- Answer all of the sample questions to see if there are any subject areas with which you have difficulty. You should review those subjects prior to taking the exam.
- Study the format of the sample questions; the exam questions will follow the same format. All of the questions are multiple-choice, will have only one correct answer, and can be answered independent of other questions.
- Reference materials used during the development of the exam are cited in the Reference List at the end of this handbook. NAMB does not recommend that you read all of these reference materials before taking the exam; however, you may want to refer to specific sources for help with subjects in which you need additional review.
- Before your scheduled exam date, make sure you know the exact location of the test site. Know the best way to get there, where parking can be found, and etc.

Additional Testing Information

Candidates with Disabilities

If you are unable to take the exam in person because of a disability, you may request a reasonable accommodation by contacting the test center. Please be sure to include all supporting documentation, including a letter from a licensed medical professional who is currently providing you treatment. If you are learning disabled, please also submit a diagnosis of the disability corroborated by psychological testing. NAMB will grant reasonable accommodations on a case-by-case basis to ensure that all candidates have the same opportunities to be tested.

Bad Weather

The exam will be delayed or canceled only in emergencies. If severe weather or a natural disaster makes the test site inaccessible or unsafe, the exam will be canceled and candidates will be notified by the testing center. Exams that are canceled due to bad weather will be rescheduled as soon as possible without additional charge.

Test Security

Before taking the examination, you must read, understand, and agree to the terms listed in the Statement of Confidentiality during the scheduling process. Failure to comply with the terms in the Statement of Confidentiality may result in the invalidation of the results of your examination, termination of your candidate status, revocation of your certification, civil liability, criminal prosecution, or other appropriate sanctions.

Rescheduling the Exam

Your rescheduled examination date must still fall within your original one year eligibility period. The fee from your first reservation will be applied to your new examination appointment. Due to limited seating, you **MUST** notify NAMB at least five (5) business days *prior* to your scheduled examination appointment. If you wish to re-register at a later date you will be required to submit the applicable fee. Note: If you arrive late to your exam, you will be considered absent and will forfeit the registration fee.

Emergencies

There are, however, some exceptions to the above requirements which allow you to reschedule your exam. In the event of an emergency, please refer to the candidate handbook and contact NAMB within three (3) days of a scheduled examination appointment. You will be allowed to reschedule free of charge once. NAMB may ask for further documentation as needed. Note: your new exam date must fall within your original one-year exam eligibility period. You may reschedule free of charge if you experience one of the following:

- notify NAMB within three business days of your original exam date
- serious illness – either you or an immediate family member;
- death in the immediate family;
- disabling traffic accident;
- unforeseeable (within three days of the exam) court appearance or jury duty; and
- unforeseeable (within three days of the exam) military duty activation

If it's been longer than three business days, you may reschedule the exam at your convenience, however all paid fees will be forfeited. If you miss your original one-year eligibility period, you must reapply and pay all appropriate fees to sit for the exam.

Taking the Exam

The CMC® exam is conducted via computer. The computer records your responses and automatically times the exam. You have four hours to complete the exam. You are able to change your answers, skip questions, and flag questions for later review. Your exam will be automatically scored as you complete it; your pass/fail status will be displayed on the computer screen at the end of the exam.

You do not need extensive computer experience to take this exam (test site proctors are available to answer questions you may have about the computer's testing system, but they cannot answer any questions about the content of the examination).

The Day of the Exam Checklist

- ✓ Arrive **at least 30 minutes** before your scheduled exam time to allow time to register and have your identification verified.
- ✓ Bring two forms of identification bearing your name and signature. At least one must be government-issued and include a recent photograph. (Non-US citizens must bring a valid passport.)
- ✓ Confirmation of your exam date and time.
- ✓ The purchase confirmation email which includes your test taker authorization code. The proctor **WILL NOT** be able to launch your exam without this code.
- ✓ A *financial* calculator (Please review list of acceptable calculators).

During the Exam

The following rules are in place to ensure that every test taker has the same opportunity for success while taking this exam; failure to follow these rules may result in dismissal from the testing site and additional sanctions are possible.

- With the exception of a financial calculator, **NOTHING** may be brought into the exam room with you. This includes papers, all books, food, drinks, bags (including handbags/purses and backpacks) or electronic devices (including cell phones and PDAs/Blackberries).
- Scrap paper and pencils will be provided and collected at the conclusion of the exam.
- You may not leave the exam room without the test proctor's permission.
- You must present your government-issued, photo ID each time you enter the exam room.
- Do not attempt to browse outside your testing window or access the Internet. This will cause your test session to immediately terminate.
- Cheating is not tolerated. Anyone suspected of cheating will be reported and the certification status may be revoked by NAMB.
- Do not provide assistance to or accept assistance from anyone taking the test.
- Do not click the 'Submit' button until you have completed the **ENTIRE** test.
- Do not remove test materials from the exam room.
- It is not recommended that you take a break during the testing session as this is a timed test and the clock will continue to run during your break.
- Only test takers are permitted in the waiting room.

- There is no smoking or tobacco use in the exam room.

After the Exam

Once you have submitted your exam, you will receive a pass/fail notification which also includes your score report on the computer screen. The score report will provide a break down of the percentage passed in each content area and will include a pass/fail report of the entire exam. For those who successfully pass the CMC[®] exam a congratulatory email along with the CMC[®] logo will be provided and a CMC[®] Welcome Packet will be mailed within 3- 4 weeks of the exam date. For those who fail, an email confirming the score and a re-examination form will be sent via email.

Note: Please do NOT contact NAMB unless you have not received a notice (via email) within two weeks of your exam date

Retaking the Exam

A candidate who fails the CMC[®] exam may retake it one more time within the one-year eligibility window. Candidates must wait at least one month before being eligible to retake the exam and the exam must be taken within the one year exam eligibility period. If you fail the exam once, NAMB will email you confirmation of your exam results. You may re-register online to take the exam and pay **the \$140 re-examination registration fee after the one-month waiting period.**

If you should fail the exam twice, you are welcome to reapply for eligibility and begin the application process after a mandatory one-year waiting period (note: the date you were notified of the *second* failed exam begins your waiting period).

Exam Results and Verification of Credentials

For those who successfully pass the CMC[®] exam, please follow the timeline below for verification and use of credentials.

At Exam	You receive a pass/fail notification on the computer screen
Immediately after exam	Score report notification email is sent and score results are available on the secure online system (Webassessor). If successful, you may use the CMC [®] designation in all of your materials at this point.
Within 10 business days of your exam	Receive CMC [®] Welcome Packet, which includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Congratulatory letter and useful information • Certificate recognizing you as a CMC[®] • CMC[®] lapel pin

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>How to Promote your Designation</i> booklet |
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Using the CMC® Designation

The CMC® designation is valid for three years through 31 December following the date on which the certification exam was passed. For example, if you pass the CMC® exam on May 20, 2008, your certification will be valid through December 31, 2011.

Once you are a certified CMC®:

- you are entitled to display the CMC Certification Credential;
- your name will be published in NAMB’s “Directory of Certified Mortgage Professionals” (found on-line and in the NAMB magazine);
- if you are a NAMB member, your name will appear before non-members in the NAMB Find-A-Broker search engine. (If you’re not a member, please visit www.NAMB.org to learn about benefits of membership); and
- automatic Silver Medallion Status, entitling you to various benefits including discounted NAMB conference registration fees.

Revocation of Certification

NAMB reserves the right to revoke a CMC® certification if the designee:

- divulges exam content;
- commits false representation (misrepresents himself or herself or attempts to take the exam for someone else);
- cheats on the examination;
- violates the NAMB Code of Ethics;
- violate the NAMB Best Business Practices;
- uses the “Certified Mortgage Consultant®” or “CMC®” designation in a manner which creates the appearance that a business, company or other group is certified by NAMB;
- “otherwise misuses the “Certified Mortgage Consultant®” or “CMC®” designation;
- pleads guilty or nolo contendere to or is found guilty of financial offenses, physically violent offenses or offenses involving misrepresentation or fraud; and
- fails to satisfy the recertification requirements by the 31st day after the certification expiration date.

Recertification

The CMC® certification is valid for three years. To ensure that NAMB-certified mortgage professionals stay current of changes in the industry, and to provide continuing professional development, CMC® certificants are required to complete at least 30 hours of mortgage-related continuing education every three years to maintain their certification. To recertify for the next three-year period, submit a completed recertification application, **recertification fee of \$150** for members and **\$250 for non-members**, and documentation of successfully completing the required 30 hours of mortgage-related continuing education to NAMB during the last year of your CMC® certification period.

All materials must be received before your current certification expires, so make a note of that date - it is your responsibility to remember when your certification expires. If you don't submit your application before the expiration date, your certification will be suspended for 30 days during which you may still apply for recertification. However, if after 30 days you have not applied your certification will be revoked. If you wish to become certified again, you are welcome to go through the reinstatement process.

Successful recertification depends on submitting a complete application and appropriate fee. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

NOTE: If you hold more than one NAMB Certification, you pay one recertification fee every three years, rather than two or three separate recertification fees.

Recertification fee discounts are available for candidates who:

- passed the examination within 90 days of the date of eligibility (first recertification fee waived);
- passed the examination within 180 days of the date of eligibility (\$25 discount on first recertification fee); and
- served as a mentor to a successful CRMS or CMC applicant (\$25 discount on the recertification fee per successful applicant mentored).

NOTE: If you hold more than one NAMB Certification, you pay one recertification fee every three years, rather than two or three separate recertification fees.

All NAMB certifications are valid for three years.

Reinstatement

As a NAMB-Certified Mortgage Professional you are required to renew your NAMB certification every three years, through the recertification process. If you do not complete the recertification process within the appropriate timeframe, you are no longer certified and lose the privilege of using the designation.

As a former NAMB-Certified Mortgage Professional, you are eligible to complete the reinstatement process and regain the certification status without retaking the CMC®. You have 2 years from your expiration date to submit a completed reinstatement application, reinstatement fee of \$500 for members and \$600 for non-members, and documentation of successfully completing the required 30 hours of mortgage-related continuing education to NAMB.

If you miss this reinstatement deadline and wish to become certified again, you are welcome to reapply to take and pass the certification exam again.

CMC® Application Checklist

- Read the entire NAMB Certification Applicant Handbook carefully before completing this application. It is important that you properly follow the directions and provide all of the information necessary to successfully process your application.
- Confirm that this application is the MOST CURRENT version. Outdated applications will not be processed.
- Please either print in ink or type your application.
- Attach all supporting documentation (copy of certificate or letter of completion, college degree if applicable, etc.)
- Remember to include the application fee. The application will not be processed without it.
- If you are unsure of your NAMB membership status, contact NAMB or your state association.
- Remember to sign and date the application. It will not be processed without a signature and date.

Admin Use Only
TP _____ P _____
M/NM _____



Certified Mortgage Consultant[®] (CMC[®]) CERTIFICATION APPLICATION

SECTION 1: PERSONAL DATA

Please print the name you would like printed on your certificate.

Name: Mr. Ms. Mrs. _____
FIRST NAME M.I. LAST NAME SUFFIX
Social Security Number _____ Date of Birth: ____/____/____
Month / Day / Year

SECTION 2: CONTACT INFORMATION

Unless otherwise requested in writing by you, most correspondence regarding your application and certification will be sent to you by email.

This address is: Home Business
Company Name: _____
Street Address: _____ Suite Number: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Telephone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

SECTION 3: Do you have a State License? No Yes

If Yes, in which State(s)? _____

If No, please explain why _____

SECTION 4: HISTORY OF CRIMINAL CONDUCT

Have you ever been convicted of a felony? Note: A felony conviction is not an absolute bar to apply for certification. Each case will be evaluated individually. If this applies to you, please enclose a signed letter of explanation and a copy of all pertinent court documents or arrest reports related to the conviction with your application (those convicted of felonies of a financial nature are not eligible to sit for any of the exams).

No Yes (please attach supporting documentation)

SECTION 5: FEES (IN U.S. DOLLARS)

Your application fee is non-refundable and non-transferable. The application fee is \$350. The discounted application fee for NAMB Members is \$200.

Applications should be sent via email to certapplication@namb.org.

Checks or money orders should be made payable to NAMB and mailed with the application to:
NAMB Certification Department, 2701 W. 15th St., Suite 536, Plano, TX 75075

Check **Money Order**

A check in the amount of \$ _____ is enclosed for the application fee above. Check No. _____

Credit Card

I authorize NAMB to charge \$ _____ to my: VISA MasterCard American Express

Account #: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

SECTION 6: ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS & QUALIFYING POINTS

An applicant must earn a minimum of **100** qualifying points within the following five categories to be eligible for candidate status and to take the CMC ® exam. Each category is outlined in each of the corresponding sections of the application. A complete breakdown is provided below, including their corresponding minimum points required and maximum points available.

Category #	Category Name	Minimum Requirement	Maximum Available
Category I	Work Experience	25	55
Sub cat. A	<i>Mortgage Business</i>	25	50
Sub cat. B	<i>Related Business</i>	0	30
Category II	Educational Activities	30	60
Category III	Formal Education	0	27
Category IV	Professional Certifications	0	15
Category V	Leadership & Participation	0	30

CATEGORY I - WORK EXPERIENCE

MINIMUM 25 POINTS - MAXIMUM 55 POINTS

Points will be given for work experience in a **Qualifying Occupation** within the mortgage-brokerage industry. **Five (5) points per year will be given for Mortgage Business work experience and three (3) points per year will be given for Related Business work experience.**

QUALIFYING OCCUPATIONS

MORTGAGE BUSINESS (MB) - 5 points per year (minimum 25 - maximum 50)

Mortgage Broker | Mortgage Banker | Mortgage Underwriter | Mortgage Office Manager
Loan Officer | Loan Originator | Loan Processor | Wholesale Mortgage Account Manager

RELATED BUSINESS (RB) - 3 points per year (minimum 0 - maximum 30)

Real Estate Broker | Real Estate Salesperson | Real Estate Appraiser | Commercial Banker | Savings & Loan Officer | Executive Officer of a Real Estate Lender | Title Officer | Title Industry Member or Employee | Financial Planner | Accountant | Attorney

Company Name _____ Qualifying Occupation _____

Supervisor's Name _____ Supervisor's telephone number _____

Number of year(s) employed _____ X **5 (MB) or 3 (RB) = Points Earned**

Company Name _____ Qualifying Occupation _____

Supervisor's Name _____ Supervisor's telephone number _____

Number of year(s) employed _____ X **5 (MB) or 3 (RB) = Points Earned**

Company Name _____ Qualifying Occupation _____

Supervisor's Name _____ Supervisor's telephone number _____

Number of year(s) employed _____ X **5 (MB) or 3 (RB) = Points Earned**

Company Name _____ Qualifying Occupation _____

Supervisor's Name _____ Supervisor's telephone number _____

Number of year(s) employed _____ X **5 (MB) or 3 (RB) = Points Earned**

Total Points Earned

CATEGORY II – EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES**MINIMUM 30 POINTS – MAXIMUM 60 POINTS**

Applicants will receive one (1) point per documented clock hour or credit hour for each mortgage-related educational activity. This includes courses, seminars, and workshops taken within the five-year period preceding the date of the application. **There is an eight (8) point maximum per day of educational activity.**

Documentation must be in the form of a photocopy or original certificate or letter of completion issued by the educational activity provider, and must cite the listed information below. All educational activities must be provided by an approved Provider.

MORTGAGE –RELATED EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITY:

Educational Provider	Educational Activity	Location	Date (s)	Clock / Credit Hours

***Please attach documentation of all completed educational activities.**

Total Points Earned**CATEGORY III – FORMAL EDUCATION****MINIMUM 0 POINTS – MAXIMUM 27 POINTS**

Varying points are available for degrees from fully accredited schools. **Documentation must be in the form of a photocopy of a diploma. Points are not available for incomplete degrees. Please check the degrees you have completed and attach documentation.**

ACCREDITED SCHOOLS

Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools | North Central Association of Colleges and Schools | Southern Association of Colleges and Schools | New England Association of Schools and Colleges | Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges | Western Association of Schools and Colleges

DegreePoint Value

Associate’s degree in a mortgage- or finance-related field

5

Bachelor’s degree in any field

10

Master’s degree in any field

5

Doctoral degree in any field

7

Total Points Earned

CATEGORY IV – PROFESSIONAL DESIGNATIONS**MINIMUM 0 POINTS – MAXIMUM 15 POINTS**

Applicants can earn points for having a current, valid professional certification (s). **Applicants will receive five (5) points per professional certification listed below. *Fifteen (15) points per NAMB designation. Documentation must be in the form of a photocopy or a currently valid certificate.**

ABR – Accredited Buyer Representative	CRB – Certified Real Estate Brokerage Manager	CEBA – Certified Exclusive Buyer Agent	CLHMS – Certified Luxury Home Marketing Specialist
ABRM – Accredited Buyer Representative Manager	CRE – Counselor of Real Estate	CFP – Certified Financial Planner	CMB – Certified Mortgage Banker
AHWD – At Home with Diversity	CREA – Certified Real Estate Appraiser	CGA – Certified Graduate Associate	CMP – Certified Mortgage Professional
ALC – Accredited Land Consultant	*CRMS – Certified Residential Mortgage Specialist	CMPS – Certified Mortgage Planning Specialist	CMT – Certified Mortgage Technologist
ARO – Accredited Residential Originator	CRMU – Certified Residential Mortgage Underwriter	CSP – Certified New Homes Sales Professional	MAI – Member Appraisal Institute
ARU – Accredited Residential Underwriter	CRP – Certified Risk Professional	DREI – Distinguished Real Estate Instructor	MCSP – Master Certified New Home Sales Professional
ASA – American Society of Appraisers	CRS – Certified Residential Specialist	GAA – General Accredited Appraiser	RAA – Residential Accredited Appraiser
CLA – Certified Liability Advisor	CBG – Certified Graduate Builder	*GMA – General Mortgage Associate	SIOR – Society of Industrial and Office Realtors
CCMB – Colorado Certified Mortgage Broker	CCIM – Certified Commercial Investment Member	GMB – Graduate Master Builder	SRA – Senior Residential Appraiser
CPA – Certified Public Accountant	C-CREC – Certified-Consumer Real Estate Consultant	GRI – Graduate Realtor Institute	SREA – Senior Real Estate Analysis
CPM – Certified Property Manager		CIPS – Certified International Property Specialist	

Total Points Earned **CATEGORY V – LEADERSHIP & PARTICIPATION****MINIMUM 0 POINTS – MAXIMUM 30 POINTS**

Varying points are allocated per year of leadership and participation (or per article) specified below. **Points are available only for documented leadership and participation activities within the five-year period preceding the date of the application.**

<p>10 Points - NAMB President</p> <p>9 Points - NAMB State Affiliate ; Association President ; NAMB Education Program Instructor</p> <p>6 Points - NAMB State Affiliate Association Local Chapter President; NAMB Officer</p> <p>5 Points - NAMB Director; NAMB State Affiliate Association Officer; NAMB Committee Chair; Attended NAMB Annual Convention; Mortgage Industry Organization Education</p>	<p>4 Points - NAMB State Affiliate Association Director; NAMB State Affiliate Association Local Chapter Officer; NAMB Committee Vice Chair</p> <p>3 Points - NAMB State Affiliate Association Local Chapter Director; Mortgage Industry Organization Officer or Director; NAMB Committee Member; Attended NAMB Legislative Conference; Sole author of published book or article (at least 7,500 words), industry-related</p> <p>2 Points - NAMB State Affiliate Association or Local Chapter Committee Chair</p> <p>1 Point - NAMB State Affiliate Association or Local Chapter Comm. Vice Chair or Member; Attended NAMB State Affiliate</p>
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Total Points Earned

SECTION 7: APPLICATION STATEMENT, AGREEMENT, & AUTHORIZATION

I hereby apply for Certified Mortgage Consultant ® (CMC ®) candidate status and pledge to abide by the **NAMB Code of Ethics** and **NAMB Best Business Practices Guidelines** in their current form and as they may be hereafter amended. I certify that the information contained in this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and hereby authorize NAMB to investigate all statements contained in this form. I hereby grant NAMB permission to access my confidential information, including criminal, employment, and academic records, indefinitely until such permission is revoked in writing. I agree that I shall be subject to the recertification requirements and recertification fees in force at the time of recertification, even when those requirements or fees differ from the requirements or fees in force at the time of initial certification or prior recertification. I understand and agree that any information submitted by me may be provided by NAMB to law enforcement agencies and federal, state, county, and local regulatory agencies at the discretion of NAMB or the request of such agencies. I have read and agree to be bound by the **NAMB Policy and Procedures Manual** in its current form and as it may be hereafter amended.

Signature _____

Date _____

CMC® Exam Specifications

General Industry Knowledge

Weighting = 27%

Number of items = 54

A. Knowledge of mortgage product pricing as related to:

1. Add-ons
2. Gross vs. net price
3. Service Release Premium-SRP's
4. Effective yield
5. Lender fees

B. Knowledge of the types of appraisals as related to:

1. Narrative
2. Letter
3. Uniform Residential Appraisal Report
4. Short form (2055 & 2065)

C. Knowledge of the appraisal as related to:

1. Analyzing appraisals
 - a) Approaches to valuation
 - (1) Cost
 - (2) Income
 - (3) Market
 - b) Types of obsolescence
2. Appraisal terms

D. Knowledge of automated underwriting

E. Knowledge of the functions of a financial calculator as related to:

1. Identifying the 5 financial functions
 - a) Payment
 - b) Future value
 - c) Term
 - d) Interest rate
 - e) Present value
2. Determining annual percentage rate

F. Knowledge of financial calculating as related

to:

1. Calculating
 - a) Payment
 - b) Future value
 - c) Term
 - d) Interest rate
 - e) Present value
2. Determining annual percentage rate

G. Knowledge of mortgage loan program guidelines as related to:

1. Pre-qualifying the clients
2. Determining client needs

H. Knowledge of the client/broker relationship as related to:

1. Brokerage agreement

I. Knowledge of financial statements as related to:

1. Analyzing financial statements
2. Types of financial statements

J. Knowledge of the origin of the mortgage industry as related to:

1. How it started and why
2. Terminology (including fiduciary duty)

K. Knowledge of the analysis of a transaction as related to:

1. Credit
2. Collateral
3. Character
4. Coverage
5. Capital
6. Capacity
7. Condition

L. Knowledge of environmental liability and its impact as related to:

1. Physical hazards
2. Properties with special concerns

M. Knowledge of primary and secondary markets as related to:

1. Primary
 - a) Financial institutions
 - b) Mortgage bankers
 - c) Mortgage brokers
2. Secondary
 - a) Fannie Mae
 - b) Freddie Mac
 - c) Securities dealers
 - d) Conduits
 - e) Portfolio lenders
3. Seller-Servicer

N. Knowledge of the impact of tax laws on the mortgage industry as related to:

1. Business
 - a) Federal Accounting Standards Board
 - b) Generally Accepted Accounting

Practices

2. Clients
 - a) Legal implications of giving tax advice
 - b) Tax deductibility as it related to the

mortgage process

- (1) Points
- (2) Interest

O. Knowledge of financial markets as related to:

1. Bonds
2. Treasury bills
3. LIBOR (London Inter-Bank Offering Rate)
4. COFI (Cost of Funds Index)
5. Statistical reports
 - a) Consumer price index
 - b) Unemployment statistics
 - c) H. 15 Federal Reserve Statistical Release
6. Impact of governmental fiscal policies
7. Impact of monetary policy

P. Knowledge of governmental impact on the

mortgage industry as related to:

1. Legislative Process
 - a) Proposal
 - b) Bill
 - c) Hearing
 - d) Law
2. Regulatory Process
 - a) Proposal
 - b) Comment period
 - c) Hearing
 - d) Final Rule

Q. Knowledge of governmental authorities as related to:

1. Legislators-Elected Officials
 - a) Write laws
 - b) Respond to constituency
2. Regulators-Appointed Officials
 - a) Interprets
 - b) Enforces

R. Knowledge of development and construction lending as related to:

1. Acquisition
2. Development
3. Construction

S. Knowledge of different types of mortgages (i.e., fixed, balloon, adjustables)

Business Practices

Weighting = 11%

Number of items = 22

A. Knowledge of advertising as related to:

1. The client
2. The public

B. Knowledge of professionalism, business ethics, and integrity as related to:

1. NAMB code of ethics
2. Building and maintaining business

relationships

- a) With the investor
- b) With the borrower
- c) With the referral source
3. Honoring the lock-in
 - a) With the investor
 - b) With the borrower

C. Knowledge of handling client funds as related to:

1. Trust/escrow accounts
2. Impound accounts
3. Repair holdbacks accounts

D. Knowledge of Warehouse Lines as related to:

1. Advantage/disadvantage
2. Administration
3. Terminology (i.e., haircut, utilization)

Insurance

Weighting = 7%

Number of items = 14

A. Knowledge of hazard insurance as related to:

1. Condo
2. Flood
3. Force place
4. Homeowners
5. Fire and extended coverages

B. Knowledge of mortgage insurance as related to:

1. Coverage
2. Fannie/Freddie requirements
3. Lender paid

C. Knowledge of title insurance as related to:

1. Commitment
2. Policy
3. Early issue/GAP

D. Knowledge of credit-life and disability

E. Knowledge of builders insurance as related to:

1. Performance bonds
2. Homeowners warranty

F. Knowledge of types of business insurance as related to:

1. E & O
2. Fidelity bonds
3. General liability

Laws and Compliance

Weighting = 23%

Number of items = 46

A. Knowledge of fraud as related to:

1. Preventing fraud
2. Detecting fraud
3. Understanding the consequences of fraud
4. Knowing the definition of fraud
5. Identifying potential sources of fraud
6. Taking corrective actions when fraud has occurred
7. Reporting of fraud

B. Knowledge of real estate law as related to:

1. Reading and understanding real estate documentation
 - a) Real estate contracts
 - b) Purchase agreements
 - c) Land contracts or agreements for deed
 - d) Lease options
 - e) Land leases
 - f) Plats
2. Understanding general real estate law (i.e., liens, types of ownership, torrens)
3. Understanding general real estate principles
 - a) Right of way
 - (1) Ingress & Egress

- (2) Easements
- b) Mineral rights
- c) Water rights
- d) Personal vs. real property
- e) Legal descriptions
- f) Encroachment
- g) Zoning

C. Knowledge of mortgage law and regulatory compliance as related to:

1. Understanding RESPA (Real Estate Settlement Protection Act)
 - a) Good Faith
 - b) HUD-1
 - c) Settlement cost booklet
 - d) Notice of transfer of servicing
 - e) Aggregate escrow analysis
 - f) Kick backs and referral fees
 - g) Reg X
 - h) Exempt transactions
 - i) Terms defined in RESPA
 - j) Settlement services
 - k) Penalties
2. Understanding of the Truth in Lending Act (i.e., Reg Z, APR, definitions)
3. Understanding of the fair lending laws
 - a) FH/Act (Fair Housing Act)
 - b) ECOA (Equal Credit Opportunity Act)
 - c) HMDA (Home Mortgage Disclosure Act)
 - d) CRA (Community Reinvestment Act)
 - e) FCRA (Fair Credit Reporting Act)
4. Understanding of the FIRREA (Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery and Enforcement Act)
5. Understanding of the Telemarketing Act
6. Presentation and explanation of disclosures to client

Residential Financing

Weighting = 17%
Number of items = 34

A. Knowledge of the components of the lender commitment letter

B. Knowledge of the closing process as related to:

1. Fee sheets (broker demands)
2. Final conditions
3. General conditions
4. Surveys
5. Review
6. Inspections
7. Aggregate accounting
8. Prorations

C. Knowledge of the closing documents as related to:

1. Uniform Settlement Statement (HUD-1)
2. Note (Riders) and Mortgage/Deed of Trust
3. TIL Federal Box Form
4. Compliance documents
5. Notice of right to cancel

D. Knowledge of adverse action procedures

E. Knowledge of originating a loan as related to:

1. Residential loan application
 - a) Uniform
 - b) Lender specific
2. Compliance documents
3. Disclosure documents (i.e., GFE, TIL initial)
4. Lock-in and float agreements

F. Knowledge of the pre-qualifying process as related to:

1. Knowing the difference between information and application
2. Knowing the difference between pre-approval vs. pre-qualifying
3. Taking preliminary financial information
4. Determining source of funds for closing
5. Determining acceptability of funds for closing

6. Performing a credit evaluation
7. Performing an income evaluation

G. Knowledge of underwriting procedures and guidelines as related to:

1. FHA
2. VA
3. Government sponsored entities
4. Private investors
5. Conduits

H. Knowledge of post-closing review and documentation as related to:

1. Internal quality control
2. Investor's rules and compliance

I. Knowledge of government agencies as related to:

1. Fannie Mae
2. Freddie Mac
3. Ginnie Mae
4. Federal Reserve Bank
5. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
6. Veteran's Administration
7. Federal Trade Commission (FTC)

J. Knowledge of mobile homes/manufactured housing lending

K. Knowledge of assembling, verifying and evaluating all information represented by the client as related to:

1. Financial statements
 - a) Personal
 - b) Corporate
 - c) Partnership
2. Credit history
 - a) Credit scoring
3. Income
4. Expenses
5. Property
6. Assets
 - a) Stocks/mutual funds

- b) Retirement
- c) Closely held corporation
- d) Mattress money
7. Tax returns and all schedule

L. Knowledge of the contents of a wholesale broker agreement as related to:

1. Fraud
2. Buy-back
3. Compliance
4. Early default
5. Premium recovery

M. Knowledge of Equity and Non-conforming lending as related to:

1. Understanding underwriting procedures and guidelines
 - a) Equity
 - b) Sub-prime (B, C, D)
 - c) Jumbo
 - d) HELOC (Home Equity Line of

Credit)

Commercial

Weighting = 15%

Number of items = 30

A. Knowledge of property types as related to:

1. Apartments
2. Retail
3. Hotel
4. Industrial
5. Nursing homes
6. Special use
7. Assisted living facilities
8. Mixed use

B. Knowledge of the origination process as related to:

1. Requesting documentation
2. Analyzing the property (i.e., APOD, appraisals)

3. Qualifying the borrower

C. Knowledge of assembling the package for the investor as related to:

1. Components

D. Knowledge of basic terminology as related to:

1. Gross operating income
2. Adjusted gross income
3. Amenities
4. Break even point
5. Bridge financing
6. Capitalization rate
7. Capitalization
8. Cash flow
9. Common area maintenance
10. Debt service coverage
11. Feasibility study
12. Front foot
13. Gross income
14. Hard cost
15. Infrastructure
16. Interest reserve
17. Member Appraisal institute
18. Net operating income
19. Net usable area
20. Non-recourse
21. Operating expenses
22. Recourse
23. Reserve for replacement
24. Soft cost
25. Special purpose facilities
26. Take out commitment
27. Stabilization
28. Vacancy and collection
29. Preleases/presale
30. Yield maintenance

E. Knowledge of different calculations as related to:

1. Loan to value
2. Loan per unit
3. Loan per gross square foot
4. Loan per net square foot

5. Debt service
6. Net operating income (NOI)
7. Value by capitalization rate
8. Cash flow before taxes

F. Knowledge of the investors as related to:

1. Insurance companies
2. Pension funds
3. Financial institutions
4. Fannie Mae
5. Freddie Mac
6. Securities markets
 - a) Conduits
 - b) Mortgage REITs (Real Estate Investment Trusts)

G. Knowledge of different types of commercial loans as related to:

1. Acquisition
2. Construction
3. Permanent
4. Bridge financing
5. Take outs
6. Forwards
7. Revolving

H. Knowledge of analyzing loan risks for various types of properties as related to:

1. Loan to value
2. Loan to cost
3. Debt coverage ratio
4. Debt service
5. NOI (Net Operating Income)
6. BEPT (Break Even Point)
7. Break Even Ratio
8. Income
 - a) Unit
 - b) Net square foot
 - c) Gross square foot
 - d) Adjusted gross

I. Knowledge of assembling, verifying and evaluating all information represented by client as related to:

1. Financial statements
 - a) Personal
 - b) Corporate
 - c) Partnership
1. Credit history

2. Income
3. Expenses
4. Property
5. Tax returns and all schedules

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The following six sections of the CMC[®] Study Guide provide questions similar to the ones you will encounter in the CMC[®] exam. The number of questions appearing below is proportional to the number of questions appearing on the exam.

Section I: General Industry Knowledge

1. The primary interest of life insurance companies in mortgage investment is
 - (A) To participate in the Community Reinvestment Act.
 - (B) To provide the highest yield and lowest risk to their policy holders.
 - (C) To get leads for more insurance business and sell credit life insurance.
 - (D) To earn servicing income
2. The Federal National Mortgage Association (FNMA) was started for the purpose of:
 - (A) Restoring depositors' confidence in the mortgage banking system
 - (B) Buying FHA-insured mortgage loans
 - (C) Regulating the sale of securities to the general public
 - (D) Issuing government-guaranteed, mortgage backed securities
3. What is the applicable term if an investor/institution acquires a block of mortgage loans to hold as an income-producing asset?
 - (A) Purchasing loans for portfolio
 - (B) Purchasing loans for secondary market
 - (C) Purchasing loans for resale
 - (D) Purchasing loans for security
4. Which of the following reflects a corporation's assets, liabilities, and net worth?
 - (A) A balance sheet
 - (B) An operating statement
 - (C) A pro forma statement
 - (D) A profit and loss statement
5. In analyzing a Schedule C, how would depletion and depreciation be handled?
 - (A) Deduct from the income
 - (B) Add back to the income
 - (C) Make no adjustment
 - (D) Add depreciation only
6. Which act was responsible for providing a commitment to providing a decent home and suitable living environment for every American family?
 - (A) The Servicemen's Readjustment Act
 - (B) The Housing Act of 1949
 - (C) The Homeowner's Loan Act
 - (D) The Housing and Community Development Act
7. When evaluating corporate tax returns, the taxable income reflects the corporation's:

- (A) Adjusted business income
- (B) Gross profit
- (C) Interest income
- (D) Net profit

8. A lender that holds its loans and does not sell to investors in the secondary market is a:

- (A) Mortgage broker
- (B) Conduit
- (C) Portfolio lender
- (D) Mortgage banker

9. How are unreimbursed employee business expenses treated?

- (A) Add to the borrower's gross income
- (B) Deduct from the borrower's gross income
- (C) Add 20% to the borrower's gross income
- (D) Make no adjustment to the gross income

10. Since its origin in 1938, Fannie Mae has worked more closely with which of the following as seller/servicers?

- (A) Savings associations
- (B) Mortgage companies
- (C) Commercial banks
- (D) Life insurance companies

11. What does an environmental impact statement assess?

- (A) Cost of impact fee
- (B) Land development cost
- (C) Wildlife removal plan
- (D) Land development action

12. The profit and loss statement reflects a corporation's:

- (A) Assets and liabilities
- (B) Income and expenses
- (C) Net worth
- (D) Vacancy and credit losses

13. The broker has an opportunity to buy a note. The rate is 14% and monthly payments are \$2,647.43. The original amount was \$215,000. The seller is willing to take \$180,000 after receiving 27 payments. What will the yield be, to the buyer?

- (A) 14.00%
- (B) 16.91%
- (C) 20.84%
- (D) 23.82%

Section 2:
Business Practices and Ethics

14. When the funds are segmented into an account held in trust, the account is called the:

- (A) Fee account
- (B) Special account
- (C) Escrow account
- (D) Reimbursement account

15. The difference between assets and liabilities on a company's balance sheet is known as the:

- (A) Retained earnings
- (B) Income statement
- (C) Net worth
- (D) Cash flow

16. Which of the following is not considered one of the most important in attracting consumers?

- (A) Reputation of the firm
- (B) Referrals by real estate brokers
- (C) Low loan rates
- (D) Print advertising

17. A mortgage broker has quoted a rate to a client, but forgot to lock the loan with an investor. However, the broker still gave that rate to the client, even though interest rates increased. This is an example of which of the following?

- (A) Honoring the lock in
- (B) Compliance with the law
- (C) Fair business practice
- (D) Lock in agreement

18. A mortgage broker distributes flyers offering mortgages at interest rates the mortgage broker does not intend on honoring. This is an example of which of the following?

- (A) Aggressive marketing
- (B) Test marketing
- (C) Violation of RESPA
- (D) Violation of NAMB's code of ethics

19. Which one of the following best describes a broker's requirement to list any equity or ownership they may have in the collateral being offered to secure a loan?

- (A) Honesty and Integrity
- (B) Professional Conduct
- (C) Disclosure of Financial Interest
- (D) Compliance with the law

Section 3:
Insurance

20. The practice of a lender placing hazard insurance on a mortgaged property when the borrower has allowed the insurance to lapse is called:
- (A) Lender insured risk
 - (B) Special MI coverage
 - (C) Force place insurance
 - (D) Federal insurance coverage
21. What is the name of the document from an insurance company to the lender, providing proof that the property is insured?
- (A) Letter of Insurance
 - (B) Binder
 - (C) Agency document
 - (D) Proof of coverage
22. Condominium individual owners insurance covers which of the following?
- (A) Dwelling and detached buildings
 - (B) Outside and inside of the building
 - (C) The inside of the structure only
 - (D) Outside, inside, and furniture
23. Since mortgages require hazard insurance coverage for the lender's protection, what is the best way for lenders to assure coverage is initiated?
- (A) The lender should order the coverage and add the expense to the closing costs.
 - (B) The lender should refer at least three insurers to the home buyer program.
 - (C) The contract should require the homebuyer to provide annual verification of coverage to the lender.
 - (D) The lender requires a full year's paid up policy before releasing loan proceeds.

Section 4: Law and Compliance

24. Which one of the following is sufficient to constitute delivery of a deed?
- (A) Promise of transfer
 - (B) Intent to pass title
 - (C) Intent to pass title and surrender of the instrument
 - (D) Oral statement "I hereby deliver and intend to transfer...."
25. What is the key concept in the recording process?
- (A) Caveat emptor
 - (B) Notice to third parties
 - (C) Title insurance
 - (D) Essentials of a deed

26. Which one of the following best characterizes personal property?

- (A) Valuable
- (B) Moveable
- (C) Tangible
- (D) Intangible

27. A real estate investment trust:

- (A) Is a tax shelter against dual taxation
- (B) Is a method of getting income directly to heirs
- (C) Is a corporation
- (D) Usually involves fewer than 35 investors

28. A life estate holder can do all of the following except

- (A) Sell it
- (B) Mortgage it
- (C) Rent it
- (D) Bequeath it

29. What is the most extensive interest possible, in land?

- (A) Leasehold estate
- (B) Fee simple
- (C) Defeasible fee
- (D) Life estate

30. Reliance upon a false statement

- (A) Is not negated by an independent investigation.
- (B) Can be justified even if the information is inconsequential to the transaction.
- (C) Is not justified if the information is inconsequential to the transaction.
- (D) Is an essential element to an action for fraud.

31. Which of the following may terminate tenancy by the entirety?

- (A) Consent of both the husband and wife
- (B) Sale by either the husband or wife
- (C) Disagreement between the husband and wife
- (D) Death of an heir

32. Which of the following best describes the right to the limited use or enjoyment of land held by another?

- (A) Easement
- (B) Eminent Domain
- (C) Lease
- (D) Rent

33. What is the purpose of an acceleration clause in a mortgage instrument?

- (A) Allows the rate of interest to be increased
- (B) Makes a late payment an act in default
- (C) Increases the payment amount at periodic intervals
- (D) In case of default, all future payments become due now

34. An enforceable agreement between two or more parties is called a:
- (A) Will
 - (B) Lien
 - (C) Contract
 - (D) Deed

**Section 5:
Residential**

35. Which one of the following must be included in the Truth-in-Lending finance charge?
- (A) Mortgage insurance premiums
 - (B) Title insurance premiums
 - (C) Appraisal fee
 - (D) Credit report fee
36. Which of the following is acceptable to FNMA for verification of assets at the time of application?
- (A) Last year's bonus statement
 - (B) Bank statement no more than 45 days old
 - (C) Verbal verification of assets
 - (D) Affidavit of income from the borrower
37. Which one of the following is a Government Sponsored Enterprise (GSE)?
- (A) All mortgage wholesalers
 - (B) IRS mortgage audit division
 - (C) FNMA
 - (D) FHLB
38. The property value acceptable to FHA as loan collateral is determined
- (A) By any certified FHA appraiser.
 - (B) As the lesser of the FHA appraised value or the purchase price.
 - (C) By the amount of the FHA insured commitment.
 - (D) By an opinion of the FHA loan underwriter.
39. Denial of a loan, or increasing the price of a loan based on certain parts of a city is called:
- (A) Steering
 - (B) Redlining
 - (C) Blockbusting
 - (D) Churning
40. A bill comes for an appraisal that the borrower requested through you, but has not given you the money to pay for it. How should the bill be paid?
- (A) From the trust/escrow account
 - (B) From your operating account
 - (C) Do not pay until you collect the funds from the borrower

(D) Do not pay and forward the bill to the borrower

41. Which type of loan has a residual income qualification test?

- (A) FHA
- (B) Conforming
- (C) Non-conforming
- (D) VA

42. The Good Faith Estimate must be delivered or mailed within what time frame?

- (A) At the time the application is received
- (B) 3 business days after the application is received
- (C) 5 business days after the application is received
- (D) No time limit, but buyers like to see it as soon as possible

Section 6: Commercial

43. What is the definition of a Basis Point?

- (A) The point at which interest begins on a loan
- (B) One one-tenth of one percent
- (C) One one-hundredth of one percent
- (D) One percent

44. Debt service is best described as the relationship between:

- (A) Net operating income and operating expenses
- (B) Debt service and gross income
- (C) Operating expenses and gross income
- (D) Net operating income and annual debt service

45. What best describes a first mortgage loan that is committed and expected to be made upon completion of a specific real estate project?

- (A) Bond loan
- (B) Permanent loan
- (C) Take-out loan
- (D) Bridge loan

46. A bridge loan is usually replaced by:

- (A) Property income
- (B) Permanent financing
- (C) Temporary financing
- (D) The property owner

47. Operating expenses divided by the potential gross income is the:

- (A) Break-even ratio

- (B) Occupancy ratio
- (C) NOI ratio
- (D) Gross income ratio

48. Congress envisioned a vehicle to allow smaller investors to participate in ownership and equity of real estate. Which **best** describes this vehicle?

- (A) Pension Fund
- (B) Real Estate Investment Trust
- (C) Credit Unions
- (D) Mortgage Backed Securities

49. Assuming all of the following, what is the monthly payment?

Gross income=\$360,000, expenses=\$162,000, vacancy and credit, deduction=5%, debt service coverage=1.25, 20-year amortization, rate=275 basis points over 10 year T bill now at 6.625%, 11% cap rate, and LTV of 75.

- (A) \$9,085.66
- (B) \$10,369.40
- (C) \$11,339.80
- (D) \$13,122.11

50. The growth of cities by building on vacant land between existing buildings is best called:

- (A) Spot building
- (B) Developing
- (C) Spec building
- (D) In filling

CMC[®] ANSWER KEY

1: B	2: A	3: A	4: A	5: B
6: B	7: D	8: C	9: B	10: B
11: D	12: B	13: B	14: C	15: C
16: D	17: A	18: D	19: C	20: C
21: B	22: C	23: D	24: C	25: B
26: B	27: A	28: D	29: B	30: D
31: A	32: A	33: D	34: C	35: A
36: B	37: C	38: B	39: B	40: B
41: D	42: B	43: C	44: D	45: C
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