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NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM

**FLOODPROOFING CERTIFICATE
FOR NON-RESIDENTIAL
STRUCTURES**

AND

INSTRUCTIONS

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Authority: Title 44 CFR § 61.7 and 61.8.

Principal Purpose(s): This information is being collected for the primary purpose of estimate the risk premium rates necessary to provide flood insurance for new or substantially improved structures in designated Special Flood Hazard Areas.

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Disclosure: The disclosure of information on this form is voluntary; however, failure to provide the information requested may result in the inability to obtain flood insurance through the National Flood Insurance Program or may be subject to higher premium rates for flood insurance. Information will only be released as permitted by law.

**Purpose of the Floodproofing Certificate
for Non-Residential Structures**

Under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), the floodproofing of non-residential buildings may be permitted as an alternative to elevating to or above the Base Flood Elevation (BFE). A floodproofing design certification is required for non-residential structures that are floodproofed. This form is to be used for that certification.

A floodproofed building is a building that has been designed and constructed to be watertight (substantially impermeable to floodwaters) below the BFE and with structural components having the capability of resisting hydrostatic and hydrodynamic loads and effects of buoyancy. Before a floodproofed building is designed, numerous planning considerations, including flood warning time, uses of the building, mode of entry to and exit from the building and the site in general, floodwater velocities, flood depths, debris impact potential, and flood frequency, must be addressed to ensure that dry floodproofing will be a viable floodplain management measure.

The minimum NFIP requirement is to floodproof a building to the BFE. However, when it is rated for flood insurance one-foot is subtracted from the floodproofed elevation. Therefore, a building has to be floodproofed to one foot above the BFE to receive the same favorable flood insurance rates as a building elevated to the BFE.

Additional guidance can be found in FEMA Publication 936, Floodproofing Non-Residential Buildings (2013), available on FEMA's website at <https://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/34270>.

THIS LAYOUT OF THE REVISED FLOODPROOFING CERTIFICATE FOR NON-RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES, IS PROVIDED FOR YOUR REFERENCE. THE FINAL FORM WILL BE RELEASED UPON O.M.B. APPROVAL.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY
National Flood Insurance Program

FLOODPROOFING CERTIFICATE FOR NON-RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES

The floodproofing of non-residential buildings may be permitted as an alternative to elevating to or above the Base Flood Elevation; however, a floodproofing design certification is required. This form is to be used for that certification. 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. The permitting of a floodproofed residential basement requires a separate certification specifying that the design complies with the local floodplain management ordinance.

BUILDING OWNER'S NAME	FOR INSURANCE COMPANY USE POLICY NUMBER COMPANY NAIC NUMBER	
STREET ADDRESS (Including Apt., Unit, Suite, and/or Bldg. Number) OR P.O. ROUTE AND BOX NUMBER		
OTHER DESCRIPTION (Lot and Block Numbers, etc.)		
CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE

SECTION I – FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAP (FIRM) INFORMATION

Provide the following from the proper FIRM:

COMMUNITY NUMBER	PANEL NUMBER	SUFFIX	DATE OF FIRM INDEX	FIRM ZONE	BASE FLOOD ELEVATION (In AO Zones, Use Depth)
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Indicate elevation datum used for Base Flood Elevation shown above: NGVD 1929 NAVD 1988 Other/Source: _____

SECTION II – FLOODPROOFING INFORMATION (By a Registered Professional Engineer or Architect)

All elevations must be based on finished construction.

Floodproofing Elevation Information:

Building is floodproofed to an elevation of ____ . ____ feet (In Puerto Rico only: ____ . ____ meters). NGVD 1929 NAVD 1988 Other/Source: _____
(Elevation datum used must be the same as that used for the Base Flood Elevation.)

Height of floodproofing on the building above the lowest adjacent grade is _____ feet (In Puerto Rico only: _____ meters).

For Unnumbered A Zones Only:

Highest adjacent (finished) grade next to the building (HAG) ____ . ____ feet (In Puerto Rico only: ____ . ____ meters)

NGVD 1929 NAVD 1988 Other/Source: _____

(NOTE: For insurance rating purposes, the building's floodproofed design elevation must be at least 1 foot above the Base Flood Elevation to receive rating credit. If the building is floodproofed only to the Base Flood Elevation, then the building's insurance rating will result in a higher premium. See the Instructions section for information on documentation that must accompany this certificate if being submitted for flood insurance rating purposes.)

Non-Residential Floodproofed Construction Certification:

I certify the structure, based upon development and/or review of the design, specifications, as-built drawings for construction and physical inspection, has been designed and constructed in accordance with the accepted standards of practice (ASCE 24-14 or its equivalent) and any alterations also meet those standards and the following provisions.

The structure, together with attendant utilities and sanitary facilities is watertight to the floodproofed design elevation indicated above, is substantially impermeable to the passage of water, and shall perform in accordance with the 44 Code of Federal Regulations (44 CFR 60.3(c)(3)).

All structural components are capable of resisting hydrostatic and hydrodynamic flood forces, including the effects of buoyancy, and anticipated debris impact forces.

I certify that the information on this certificate represents my best efforts to interpret the data available. I understand that any false statement may be punishable by fine or imprisonment under 18 U.S. Code, Section 1001.

CERTIFIER'S NAME	LICENSE NUMBER (or Affix Seal)		
TITLE	COMPANY NAME		
ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
SIGNATURE	DATE	PHONE	

Copies should be made of this Certificate for: 1) community official, 2) Insurance agent/company, and 3) building owner.

Instructions for Completing the Floodproofing Certificate for Non-Residential Structures

To receive credit for floodproofing, a completed Floodproofing Certificate for Non-Residential Structures is required for non-residential and business buildings in the Regular Program communities, located in zones A1–A30, AE, AR, AR Dual, AO, AH, and A with BFE.

In order to ensure compliance and provide reasonable assurance that due diligence had been applied in designing and constructing floodproofing measures, the following information must be provided with the completed Floodproofing Certificate:

- Photographs of shields, gates, barriers, or components designed to provide floodproofing protection to the structure
- Written certification that the envelope of the structure is watertight with walls substantially impermeable to the passage of water required under 44 Code of Federal Regulations (44 CFR 60.3 (c)(3))
- A comprehensive Maintenance Plan for the entire structure to include but not limited to:
 - Exterior envelope of the structure
 - All penetrations to the exterior of the structure
 - All shields, gates, barriers, or components designed to provide floodproofing protection to the structure
 - All seals or gaskets for shields, gates, barriers, or components
 - Location of all shields, gates, barriers, and components as well as all associated hardware, and any materials or specialized tools necessary to seal the structure.