

## Credit Suisse Mortgage Settlement



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### **Consumer Relief Available Under the Settlement Agreement Between the United States Department of Justice and Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC.**

This document sets forth the types of relief that Credit Suisse will offer to satisfy its Consumer Relief obligations as part of its Settlement with the Department of Justice.

Credit Suisse will offer the types of relief below to borrowers determined by Credit Suisse that meet its eligibility requirements consistent with the Settlement:

1. Modification of residential mortgage loans through principal forgiveness, forbearance, and balance forgiveness.
2. Extinguishment of residential mortgage loans for homeowners with second and junior mortgages.

Credit Suisse will review mortgage loans serviced by its affiliate Select Portfolio Servicing, Inc. (“SPS”) and non-affiliated mortgage servicers to determine eligibility for the above types of relief.

Consumer Relief may only be offered to certain borrowers. Credit Suisse will make individual determinations about eligibility and amount of relief. Borrowers who meet Credit Suisse’s criteria for Consumer Relief generally will be contacted, but borrowers in need of assistance or suffering financial hardship should nonetheless contact SPS at the number listed below or their current mortgage servicer. All borrowers should continue to make their regular mortgage payments.

Any borrower receiving Consumer Relief may have tax consequences and should consult a tax advisor. For example, for principal forgiveness loan modifications, borrowers may have to pay income tax on the amount of principal forgiven. This is because the amount of principal forgiven is generally considered income to the borrower in the year forgiven, unless the borrower qualifies for a tax exclusion. Importantly, federal laws regarding the taxation of principal forgiveness changed in 2019. In December 2019, Congress retroactively extended the Mortgage Forgiveness Debt Relief Act, which exempts certain borrowers from paying income tax on principal forgiveness mortgage modifications. As a result, certain borrowers who received principal forgiveness mortgage modifications between January 1, 2018 and December 31, 2020 may not have to pay income tax on the amount forgiven.

Credit Suisse will be sponsoring borrower outreach events at least three times a year until it completes its Consumer Relief obligations. For these events, Credit Suisse will proactively reach out to borrowers in default or at risk of default and encourage them to attend and engage in one-on-one mortgage assistance consultations. Credit Suisse will conduct targeted borrower outreach through letters of invitation in different languages and/or telephone calls. Mortgage assistance consultants will be at each event to provide comprehensive customer support and guidance regarding the full range of relief alternatives. Borrowers will be able to submit the necessary documentation on-site to complete modification applications. When possible, same-day decisions will be given to borrowers informing them of modification approval or denial.

In addition to direct assistance to borrowers, Credit Suisse will be providing funds to facilitate the construction, rehabilitation or preservation of affordable rental or for-sale housing.

#### **Contact Information:**

**For assistance, please call Select Portfolio Servicing, Inc., the Credit Suisse affiliated mortgage servicer at 800-258-8602.**

**Hours of operation: Monday-Thursday 8 AM – 11 PM ET, Friday 8 AM – 9 PM ET, Saturday 8 AM – 2 PM ET**