

To:All Massachusetts Policy Issuing Agents of WFG National Title Insurance CompanyFrom:WFG Underwriting DepartmentDate:January 3, 2019Bulletin No:MA 2019-01Subject:Massachusetts Deed Indexing Standards 2018

Please be reminded that as of January 1, 2018, the Massachusetts Registers and Associate Registers of Deed Association enacted revisions to the Deed Indexing Standards applicable to all Registries of Deeds in Massachusetts.

For a copy of the Massachusetts Deed Indexing Standards 2018, please see <u>http://www.sec.state.ma.us/rod/rodpdf/Index-Standards-2018.pdf</u>.

These changes are based upon case law, new and revised statutes and changes in informational technology and practice standards, and may affect the way in which documents are indexed for searching, as well as whether documents will be accepted for recording at Registries of Deeds throughout the Commonwealth. Please be advised that each Register may also adopt specific revisions to the Indexing Standards applicable to their own specific County based upon local custom. Care should be taken to review these Standards prior to submitting documents to Registries for recording.

If you have any questions about the new or revised Standards, please contact a Massachusetts Underwriter.

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