



To: All Texas Policy Issuing Agents of WFG National Title Insurance Company
From: WFG Underwriting Department
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Subject: COVID-19: TDI Relaxes Requirements for Escrow Check Signatures and Escrow Audit Report Filing

On March 25, 2020, the Texas Department of Insurance (“TDI”) issued Commissioner’s Bulletin # B-011-20, regarding COVID-19: Escrow check signature and escrow audit report filing, available [HERE](#).

Due to business interruptions and issues that COVID-19 is causing to Texas licensed title agents, direct operations and escrow officers, TDI has temporarily relaxed some of its requirements, which include:

1. Single Signature on Escrow Checks: Not enforcing the requirement for two (2) signatures on escrow checks, permitting a single escrow officer’s signature;
2. Extending the filing deadline for escrow audit reports by 45 days, and permitting them to be filed electronically rather than by certified mail; and
3. Filings to TDI may be made with an electronic signature, without sworn statements, affidavits or notarizations through April 30, 2020.

These relaxed TDI requirements should be routinely monitored to confirm that they have not been revoked or further amended. A link to TDI’s Modified filing requirements is available [HERE](#), and any question for TDI should be emailed to: TitleExaminations@tdi.texas.gov.

If you have any questions, please contact Texas underwriting counsel at SWLegal@wfgnationaltitle.com.