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Filed	Rate by Insurance	Promulgated Rate by NY State Department of Financial Services		Filed	Filed	Unregulated	Filed	Filed	Filed	Filed	Filed	Filed	Promulgated Rate by State Insurance Department	Filed	Filed	Not Filed; Required to be Published	Filed	Filed	Filed	Filed	Title Insurance Rates
w/ Covenants Against	Warranty Deed; Special Warranty Deed; Real Estate Contract	Deed	General Warranty Deed and Special Warranty Deed	Warranty Deed; Quitclaim Deed	Warranty Deed; Limited Warranty Deed; Quitclaim Deed; Fiduciary Deed; Survivorship Deed	Warranty Deed	Warranty Deed; Special Warranty Deed; Bargain and Sale Deed; Quitclaim Deed	Special Warranty Deed; General Warranty Deed	Warranty Deed; Quitclaim Deed; Bargain and Sale Deed	General Warranty Deed	Warranty Deed; Quit Claim Deed	Warranty Deed; Quitclaim Deed	Warranty Deed	Warranty Deed; Special Warranty Deed; Quitclaim Deed	Warranty Deed	Warranty Deed (General or Special)	Warranty Deed; Quitclaim Deed; Personal Rep. Deed	Warranty Deed; Quitclaim Deed	Warranty Deed; Quitclaim Deed; Special Warranty Deed; Other Special Deeds	Warranty Deed; Quitclaim Deed; Special Warranty Deed	Form of Conveyance
	Deed of Trust; Mortgage	Mortgage	Deed of Trust; Mortgage (rare)	Deed of Trust; Mortgage (rare)	Mortgage Deed	Mortgage	Deed of Trust; Mortgage	Deed of Trust; Mortgage (rare)	Mortgage	Mortgage	Mortgage	Deed of Trust; Mortgage (rare)	Vendor's Lien Retained in Deed; Deed of Trust	Deed of Trust (preferred); Mortgage	Mortgage	Deed of Trust; Mortgage (rare)	Deed of Trust; Mortgage	Deed of Trust	Mortgage	Deed of Trust (preferred); Mortgage	State Encumbrance Forms
	Title or Escrow Company	Title Company	Attorney	Attorney; Title Company	Title Agency or Company	Title Company	Title or Escrow Company; Others	Title or Escrow Company; Others	Attorney; Title Company	Attorney	Attorney; Title Company	Title or Escrow Company; Attorney	Attorney; Lender; Title Company	Title Company	Attorney	Registered Attorney and Non- Attorney Settlement Agent.	Attorney; Licensed Limited Practice Officer (LPO)	Attorney	Title or Escrow Company Others	Title Company	Customary Closing Entity
Y 180 Days	Y 6 Months	Y Duration not Limited	Y 6 Months	Y 6 Months	Y 6 Months	Y 180 Days	Y 6 Months	Y 6 Months	Y 6 Months	Y 6 Months	Y 6 Months	Y 6 Months	Y 90 Days	Y 6 Months	Y 6 Months	Y 6 Months	Y 6 Months	Y 6 Months	Y 6 Months	Y 6 Months	Commitment Issued? Duration?
	With Commitment; at Closing	At Closing	With Commitment	With Commitment	Included in Settlement Statement	With Commitment	At Closing		With Commitment	With Commitment	With Commitment	With Commitment or at Closing	At Closing	At Closing; Sometimes when Policy Issues	With Commitment or at Closing	With Commitment	At Closing	With Commitment	With Commitment	At Closing; Sometimes with Policy Issuance	When Is Invoice Issued?
Y Call Underwriter	N	Y State; NYC; Several Local Municipalities	Y Excise Tax	N	Real Property Y Conveyance Fee	Υ	Except N Washington County	Realty Transfer Tax (state, local municipalities and school districts)	Y Real Estate Conveyance Tax	Deed Y Recording Fee	Real Estate Transfer Tax	Υ	N	N	Y Property Transfer Tax	Y State/Local Grantee Tax; Grantor Tax	Y Real Estate Excise Tax	Υ	Y Real Estate Transfer Fee	N	Deed Transfer Tax?
N	N/A	Varies by City and County	N	N	N	Υ	N	N	N	N	N	Υ	N	N	Land Gains and Non- Resident Witholding Tax may apply	Υ	N	N	N	N	Mortgage Tax?
N Unless Lease is for ≥ 99 Years	N	Y Outside of NYC	N Some Counties if Lease ≥10 years	N	N	N	N	Y If ≤ 30 Years (including options to renew)	N	N	N	N	N	N	If Lease Contains Purchase Opt ion & Allows Construction/ Major Capital Improvements are Taxable; 2 50 Years	Υ	N Improvements May be Taxed	N	N	N	Leasehold Tax?
				•	N. OH: Split S. OH: Buyer Pays		Sometimes Negotiated				Negotiable	Negotiable	Typically Seller Pays, but Negotiable	•	-		•		•	•	Owner's Policy Premium
				•											-		B: Add'l Coverage; S: Basic Coverage				Loan Policy Premium
	Premium	Buyer pays most title insurance		•	S. OH: Buyer Pays	Seller pays Abstracting; Buyer pays everything else	Included in Premium				Or Included in Premium	Negotiable; Some Counties Include Premium	Included in Premium	Included in Premium			Included in Premium		Included in Premium	Included in Premium	Title Search &
	Negotiable	NYC and state	B: Survey; S: Inspection	Sometimes Negotiated	Sometimes Negotiated	B: Survey; S: Inspection	Negotiable			Sometimes Negotiated	Sometimes Negotiated	Negotiable	Sometimes Negotiated	Negotiable	Sometimes Negotiated	Sometimes Negotiated	Sometimes Negotiated		Included in Premium	Negotiable	Survey Charges
Call Underwriter	Not Applicable	transfer taxes. Search and Exam are included in		Not Applicable	•	•	Usually Divided Equally; Neotiable	Divided Equally	Unless Otherwise Agreed Upon Between Parties	•	•		Not Applicable	Not Applicable	-	B: Grantee Tax; S: Grantor Tax	Seller's Obligation, but may be Paid by Buyer		•	Not Applicable	Deed Transfer Tax
lot Applicable	Not Applicable	premium in Zone 2, not included in Zone 1.		Not Applicable	Not Applicable		Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable		Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Call Underwriter	Borrower	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Mortgage Tax
outh Jersey it is plit; North Jersey he buyer pays.	Divided Equally or Negotiable		Negotiable		Negotiable; Usually Divided Equally; S. OH: Buyer pays	Divided Equally	Negotiable; Usually Divided Equally	Included in Premium			•	Varies by City Location. Contact local Underwriter for more info.	Divided Equally	Divided Equally	Negotiable	Negotiable	Divided Equally; can be varied by Agreement	Residential: Buyer; Commercial: Divided Equally	B: Loan Closing Fees; S: Deed Closing Fees	Divided Equally	Closing Fees
	A		B: Deed of Trust; S: Deed	B: pays to rec. new Mtg; S: pays to rec. docs to xfer ownership & rm Encumbrances	A	B: Mortgage; S: Deed	A	A	A		B: rec. of new Mortgage; S: rec. of Deed; release of Encumbrances		A	A	A		•	A	A	A	Recording Fees
NEW JERSEY	NEW MEXICO	NEW YORK	NORTH CAROLINA	NORTH DAKOTA	ОНЮ	OKLAHOMA	OREGON	PENNSYLVANIA	RHODE ISLAND	SOUTH CAROLINA	SOUTH DAKOTA	TENNESSEE	TEXAS	UTAH	VERMONT	VIRGINIA	WASHINGTON	WEST VIRGINIA	WISCONSIN	WYOMING	MT - WY
	Buyer Pays	Seller Pays	▲ Buyer Seller	Pays to record Pays to Record	Deed & Mortgag Documents to F	e; Remove Encuml	orances	Effective ()2/28/2019					RE	AL ES	TATE I	LAWS	ម C ប	STOM	S BY S	STATE



REAL ESTATE LAWS & CUSTOMS BY STATE



A State-by-State Guide

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Title Insurance Rates	Filed	Filed	Filed	Filed	Filed	Filed	Filed	Filed	Filed	Promulgated Rate by FL Dept of Financial Services	Published Rates	Filed	Filed	Unregulated	Filed	No Title Insurance Companies are licensed with the State; Title Policies are written outside State	Filed	Filed	Filed	Filed	Filed	Published Rates	Filed	Filed	Not Filed	Risk Rates are Filed	Risk Rates are Filed	Filed	Filed	Risk Rates are Filed	Title Insurance Rates
Form of Conveyance	Warranty Deed	Warranty Deed; Quitclaim Deed	Warranty Deed; Special Warranty Deed; Quitclaim Deed	Warranty Deed	Grant Deed; Quitclaim Deed	Warranty Deed	Warranty Deed; Quitclaim Deed	Special Warranty Deed; Quitclaim Deed; General Warranty Deed	Warranty Deed	Warranty Deed; Special Warranty Deed; Quitclaim Deed; Trustee Deed; Personal Rep's Deed; Leasehold	Warranty Deed, Limited Warranty Deed, Quitclaim Deed, Fiduciary Deed	Warranty Deed (Fee Simple): Assignment of Lease (Lease); Warranty Deed or Assignment of Lease (Condo)	Warranty Deed; Quitclaim Deed; Special Warranty Deed	Deed (various forms)	Warranty Deed	Warranty Deed; Quitclaim Deed; Trustees Deed; etc.	Warranty Deed	Warranty Deed; Limited or Special Warranty Deed; Quitclaim Deed	Warranty Deed; Act of Sale	Residential: Warranty Deed; Commercial: Quitclaim Deed; Quitclaim Deed with Covenant	Warranty Deed	Warranty Deed or Quitclaim Deed (depend on location of property)	Warranty Deed; Quitclaim Deed; Covenant Deed	Warranty Deed; Limited Warranty Deed; Quitclaim Deed; Trustee's Deed; Personal Representative's Deed; etc.	Warranty Deed	Warranty Deed	Warranty Deed; Quit claim Deed; Special Warranty	Warranty Deed	Grant, Bargain and Sale Deed	Warranty Deed	Form of Conveyance
State Encumbrance Forms	Mortgage	Deed of Trust; Mortgage	Deed of Trust; Mortgage	Deed of Trust (preferred); Mortgage	Deed of Trust; Mortgage	Deed of Trust; Mortgage	Mortgage; Deed	Mortgage	Deed of Trust; Mortgage	Mortgage	Security Deed (aka, Deed to Secure Debt)	Mortgage	Deed of Trust (preferred); Mortgage	Mortgage	Mortgage	Mortgage	Mortgage	Mortgage	Act of Mortgage	Mortgage	Deed of Trust; Mortgage	Mortgage	Mortgage	Mortgage	Deed of Trust	Deed of Trust	Deed of Trust (preferred; ≤ 40 acres).	Deed of Trust	Deed of Trust	Mortgage	State Encumbrance Forms
Customary Closing Entity	Attorney (except Mobile & Baldwin counties)	Title or Escrow Company; Others	Title or Escrow Company; Others	Title or Abstract Company; Others	Title or Escrow Company; Others	Title or Escrow Company; Others	Attorney	Attorney	Title Company; Attorney	Attorney; Title Company; Lender	Attorney	Title or Escrow Company; Others (must be licensed Escrow Depository)	Title Company	Title Company	Title Company; Others	Attorney or Iowa-Based Escrow Company	Title or Escrow Company; Others	Attorneys and Title Companies	Notaries Public who generally are Attorneys	Title Company; Attorney	Title Company; Attorney	Attorney	Title Company	Attorney; Title Company	Attorney; Title Company	Title Company	Title Company	Title or Escrow Company; Others	Title or Escrow Company	Title Company; Attorney	Customary Closing Entity
Commitment Issued? Duration?	Y 6 Months	Y 6 Months	Y 6 Months	Y 6 Months	Upon Request; 6 Months	Y 6 Months	Y 6 Months	Y 6 Months	Y 6 Months	Y 6 Months	Y 6 Months	Y Upon Request; 6 Months		Y 6 Months		Y 6 Months		Y 6 Months	Y 6 Months	Upon Request; 6 Months	Y 6 Months	Upon Request; 6 Months	Y 6 Months	Y 6 Months	Y 6 Months	Y 6 Months	Y 6 Months	Y 6 Months	Y Upon Request; 6 Months	Y 6 Months	Commitment Issued? Duration?
When Is Invoice Issued?	With Commitment	At Closing- Mandatory Cancellation Charge	At Closing	With Commitment	At Closing	With Commitment	With Commitment	At Closing	At Closing Unless Requested Earlier	With Commitment	At Closing	At Closing	At Closing or When Policy is Issued	With Commitment	With Commitment	With Commitment	Varies; With Commitment or at Closing	With Settlement Statement	With Commitment	With Commitment	At Closing Unless Requested Earlier	With Commitment	When Commitment is Sent Out	With Commitment	With Commitment	Varies; With Commitment or at Closing	Varies; With Commitment or at Closing	With Commitment	At Closing	Varies; With Commitment or at Closing	When Is Invoice Issued?
Deed Transfer Tax?	y Deed Tax	N	N	Y Deed Transfer Tax	P Documentary 8 City Transfer Tax, where applicable	Y Documentary Transfer Tax	Y State/Municipal Real Estate Conveyance Tax	Realty Y Transfer Tax	Υ	P Documentary Tax (Dade County has surtax)	Υ	Y State Conveyance Tax	N	Υ	N	Real Estate Y Revenue Stamp Tax	N		N Except New Orleans	Y Real Estate Transfer Tax	Y State and Y Some Counties	Peed Excise Tax (Martha's Vineyard Nantucket impose add'l transfer fee)	3.75 per \$500 - County \$0.55 per \$500)	Y State Deed Tax	N	N	N	N	•	Real Estate Y Transfer Tax (RETT)	Deed Transfer Tax?
Mortgage Tax?	Υ	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y Recordation Tax	Y Documentary Tax; Intangible Tax	Υ	N	N	N	N	N	Y Mortgage Registration Tax	N	N Except New Orleans	N	Y Recordation		N	Mortgage Registration Tax	N	N	N	N	N	N	Mortgage Tax?
Leasehold Tax?	Υ	N	N	N	If < 35 Years (less options) Documentary, 6 City Transfer Tax, where applicable	N	Yes, if ≥ 99 Years (including renewals)	N	y If ≤ 30 Years	Yes, if 99 Years or longer (including renewals)	N	Y Leasehold Transfer Tax	N	Υ	N	N	N	N	N Except New Orleans	N	Ground 8 Y Commercial ≥ 7 Years	N Assignment of Lease for Consideration	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y RETT; ≥99 Years	Leasehold Tax?
Owner's Policy Premium	Negotiable (Seller customarily pays in Jefferson/Shelby counties)	Sometimes Negotiated	Buyer pays difference if Extended Coverage Policy Required	•	Varies by County	•				Varies by County	Negotiable	B: 40%; S: 60%; Buyer pays Extended Coverage Policy	•	Commercial Only, but varies (usually 30%)	•	Negotiable	Varies by County	Negotiable; usually paid by Buyer	•	•	•		60/40 Between Agents	Negotiable	•	Paid by Buyer in St. Louis Metro Area		Varies by County			Owner's Policy Premium
Loan Policy Premium	•	•					Borrower				Negotiable	•		Not Applicable	•	-	•	Negotiable; usually paid by Buyer	•	•	Buyer or Borrower		60/40 Between Agents	•	Sometimes Negotiable	Paid by Buyer in St. Louis Metro Area					Loan Policy Premium
Title Search & Exam	Negotiable	Included in Premium	Included in Premium	Negotiable	Included in Premium	Included in Premium	Borrower				Negotiable	Included in Premium	Included in Premium	Negotiable; Buyer pays Loan Policy	Varies by County	B: post-closing charges; S: pre-closing abstract charges	Varies by County	Negotiable; usually paid by Buyer	•	•	Buyer or Borrower	Except for parts of Worcester County	All Inclusive Rate	Seller provides evidence of ownership; Buyer pays to examine evidence	•	Varies by County	Included in Premium	Included in Premium	Included in Premium		Title Search & Exam
Survey Charges	Negotiable	Sometimes Negotiated	Unless Contract Specifies Otherwise	Negotiable	Sometimes Negotiated	Contract Dictates Charges	Party Requesting Survey	Sometimes Negotiated		Can Be Negotiated	Negotiable	•	Negotiable	•		Negotiable	Sometimes Buyer Obtains Survey or Cost Divided Equally	Negotiable; usually paid by Buyer	Sometimes Negotiated	•	Buyer or Borrower	Sometime Negotiated	Negotiable	Negotiable	Sometimes Negotiable		Negotiable	Sometimes Buyer obtains Survey or Cost Divided Equally	Sometimes Buyer obtains Survey or Cost Divided Equally	Sometimes Negotiable	Survey Charges
Deed Transfer Tax	•	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Divided Equally (unless agreed upon otherwise)	Varies for City Taxes	•	•	Divided Equally	Seller Customarily Pays/ Negotiable		Negotiable	•	Not Applicable	Varies for County/ Municipality Taxes	Not Applicable	•	Not Applicable	Negotiable; usually paid by Buyer	Not Applicable	50/50 or Negotiable	50/50 or Negotiable. (Absent 1st time home buyer; same holds for recordation taxes on deed)	•	•	•	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Divided Equally	Deed Transfer Tax
Mortgage Tax		Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Buyer Customarily Pays/ Negotiable		Negotiable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Buyer Pays Recordation Tax on Mortgage/ DoT	Not Applicable	Not Applicable		Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Mortgage Tax
Closing Fees	Negotiable	Negotiable; Usually Divided Equally	Divided Equally	Divided Equally	Varies by County	Divided Equally	Negotiable	Negotiable	Divided Equally or by Contract	Negotiable	Negotiable	Divided Equally	Divided Equally		Commercial: Negotiable; Residential: Buyer	Negotiable; B: pays post-closing charges; S: pays pre-closing exam/abstracting	Divided Equally	Negotiable; usually paid by Buyer	Shared by Parties		Negotiable	Negotiable	Negotiable	Shared by Parties	Sometimes Negotiable	Divided Equally	Divided Equally	Divided Equally	Divided Equally	Buyer customarily pays; negotiation allowed.	Closing Fees
Recording Fees	•	Negotiable; Usually Divided Equally	A		A	Buyer or Seller (based on doc)	A	•	B: Pays to Record Deed and DoT; S: Pays to Record Release of Liens	A	Negotiable	B: Record Mortgage S: Record Deed	A	•	•	A	A	Negotiable	A	A	B: Pays to Record Deed and DoT; S: Pays to Record any Releases	A	except Wayne County: \$15 for first page: \$3 per	S: Pays to Record Deed, Release Encumbrances; B: Pays to Record all Other Documents	Sometimes Negotiable		•	A	A	A	Recording Fees
AL - MO	ALABAMA	ALASKA	ARIZONA	ARKANSAS	CALIFORNIA	COLORADO	CONNECTICUT	DELAWARE	D.C.	FLORIDA	GEORGIA	HAWAII	IDAHO	ILLINOIS	INDIANA	IOWA	KANSAS	KENTUCKY	LOUISIANA	MAINE	MARYLAND	MASSACHUSETTS		MINNESOTA	MISSISSIPPI	MISSOURI	MONTANA	NEBRASKA	NEVADA	NEW HAMPSHIRE	AL - MO