

Template for notifying national macroprudential measures not covered by CRR/CRD

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1. Notifying national authority and scope of the notification		
1.1	Name of the notifying authority.	Norges Bank
1.2	Name of the macroprudential measure that is notified.	Regulation on requirements for new residential mortgage loans
2. Description of the measure		
2.1	Description of the measure.	<p>The Regulation replaces a previous regulation that expired on 31/12/2016. It contains:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a stress test / sensitivity test (when assessing a borrower's debt-servicing ability, the lender needs to make allowance for an interest rate increase of 5 percentage points), • a loan-to-income requirement (total debt may not exceed five times gross annual income, new measure), • a loan-to-value requirement (LTV is capped at 85%, and a new cap at 60 % for secondary homes in Oslo, additional collateral is accepted) , • a loan amortisation requirement (residential mortgage loans with an LTV greater than 60% (tightened from 70%) need to be amortised at a rate of 2,5% per annum or equivalent to an annuity loan with a 30 year repayment period), and • a “speed limit” (10% of the mortgage volume per quarter is allowed not to meet the regulatory requirements, the limit is 8% for mortgages in

		Oslo.)
2.2	Legal basis and process of implementation of the measure.	National law
2.3	Coverage	Financial firms that issue mortgages in Norway, including Norwegian branches of foreign banks.
2.4	Any other relevant information.	
3. Timing		
3.1	Timing of the decision	
3.2	Timing of the publication	14 December 2016
3.3	Disclosure	Published by the Ministry of Finance https://www.regjeringen.no/en/aktuelt/new-regulation-on-requirements-for-residential-mortgage-loans/id2523967/
3.4	Timing of the application	1 January 2017

3.5	End date (if applicable)	30 June 2018
4. Reason for the activation of the measure		
4.1	Description of the macroprudential risk to be addressed.	Credit growth and leverage
4.2	Description of the indicators on the basis of which the measure is activated.	Household debt, house price inflation and Finanstilsynet's residential mortgage lending survey.
4.3	Effects of the measure.	The measures are intended to make vulnerable households more robust and will likely have some dampening effect on total borrowing.
5. Cross-border and cross-sector impact of the measure		
5.1	Assessment of cross-border effects and the likely impact on the internal market (Article 133(11)(d) of the CRD IV and Recommendation ESRB/2015/2)	The regulation applies for new mortgages given by both Norwegian banks and Norwegian branches of foreign banks. Effects on banks' overall portfolio composition are expected to be small.
5.2	Assessment of leakages and regulatory arbitrage within the notifying Member State	See 5.1

5.3	Request for reciprocation	According to national law the regulation applies for new mortgages given by both Norwegian banks and Norwegian branches of foreign banks. Thus, no need for a reciprocation request.
6. Miscellaneous		
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6.2	Any other relevant information.	