

## Consumer Participant Recruitment Telephone Script

1. Hello, my name is [first and last name]. May I speak to [name]?

If someone other than Respondent asks why you are calling, say: I'm calling regarding an important study about mortgage loans and disclosures.

(Check one answer)

- No one by that name at this number → Go to question 2
- Respondent not home or busy → Go to question 2
- Speaking to Respondent : Respondent comes to the phone → Go to question 3

2. Confirm you have dialed correctly. If no one there by that name, ask if respondent was ever at this number (do they have his/her new number)? If not home or busy, leave a message.

If no new number is given, finalize as not located.

3. Hello, my name is [your name] and I'm calling from [marketing company's name] for the Kleimann Communication Group. The Kleimann Communication Group, along with the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau in Washington, DC, is conducting a study to improve mortgage loan disclosures. These questions have been approved by the Office of Management and Budget and have been assigned OMB Control Number 3170-0003.

We have chosen you to participate in an interview being held during the week of October 8th, 2012. In this interview, we will ask you to perform a series of tasks and give you opinions about the final disclosures you receive just before closing on a loan to purchase or refinance a house. **It is important that you know and agree to audio-taping of your interview so that we can be sure to collect what you say accurately. Also, just so you are not surprised, we wanted to let you know this will be a one-on-one interview, not a focus group.**

4. We will pay you [\$75 for individuals or \$125 for floaters staying for 2 interviews] at the end of the 90 minute interview for your participation. Do you have a few minutes to answer some pre-qualifying questions? (if "No," what would be a convenient time to call back?)

Include if necessary: (We are not selling anything, we are looking to recruit people to help out with a study CFPB is conducting. Everything you say will be kept private to the extent permitted by law, and your identity or other identifying personal information is not given to CFPB.)

If needed: The exact location of the interview is

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(Check One Answer)

- Yes
- No → Call back time \_\_\_\_\_
- Refuse→ Terminate. Thank respondent.

5. Are you a mortgage loan broker, lender, loan originator, or settlement agent?

- Yes → Terminate. I am sorry, but this study is focused on people who are less familiar with the real estate industry. Thank you for talking with us.
- No

6. Are you a realtor, appraiser, or title insurer, or do you work in an office that deals with the real estate transactions?

- Yes → Terminate. I am sorry, but this study is focused on people who are less familiar with the real estate industry. Thank you for talking with us.
- No

7. Would you be involved in the decision in your household about choosing and closing on a mortgage loan to buy a house or refinance?

- Yes, I am involved in the decision-making
- No→ Terminate. I am sorry, but the focus of our study requires us to get information from a person who is involved in making financial decisions. Thank you talking with us.

8. Have you bought a home or refinanced a mortgage in the past 5 years? (half the participants need to answer yes to EITHER or ANY of Q8,9,10 and the other half of participants need to answer NO to ALL of 8,9,10)

- Yes, bought
- Yes, refinanced
- No

9. Have you experienced a delinquency (a foreclosure or loan modification, or short sale) within the past 5 years? (Don't need to recruit for this but we would like to have the information)

- Yes

No

10. Do you currently own or have you owned a home in the past?

Yes

No

11. Do you primarily read and speak Spanish at home?

Yes

No → Terminate. I am sorry, but you do not fit the background we need for participation in this particular study. Thank you for talking with us.

12. What is your gender?

Male

Female

13. What is your marital status?

Now married

Widowed

Divorced

Separated

Never married

14. Are you of Hispanic or Latino origin (ethnicity):

No, not of Hispanic or Latino origin

Yes, Hispanic or Latino origin

Cuban

Mexican

Puerto Rican

South or Central American

Another Hispanic or Latino Origin

15. What is your race? Please select one or more:

American Indian or Alaska Native

Asian

- Black or African American
- Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
- White

16. What is your current age?

- 18-30
- 31-45
- 46-60
- Older than 60

17. What is the highest level of education you have completed?

- Less than high school, high school or GED (**STRONGLY PREFER HS or less**)
- Some college or a 2-year college program
- College graduate
- Additional education, please indicate: \_\_\_\_\_

18. What is your current household income? Household income refers to the total amount of money everyone in your household together brings in each year before taxes. Would you say it is:

- Less than \$35k
- \$35,001-70,000
- \$70,001-125,000
- Over \$125,000

I will now give you the interview times that we have available. The interviews will take no longer than 90 minutes unless you are a floater (up to 180minutes). (Calendar to be updated before each call.) **[Revise this calendar as necessary.]**

| Day and Date |  |  |  |  |  |
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- No, can't make those times → thank Respondent for time, end of interview
- Refuse → thank Respondent for time, end of interview

I will send you a letter confirming the time and date of the interview, and giving you the exact location of the interview. The letter will include a number for you to call if you have any questions. In order to send you the letter, I need to have your current address.

If marketing group does not have address listed, ask Respondent to give a current address and list below.

If marketing group has address listed, ask Respondent if it is still correct:

(Check One Answer)

- Yes, address is correct → continue
- No, address is not correct → make corrections below, then continue.

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/state/zip: \_\_\_\_\_

And to make sure I send it to the right person, can I check the spelling of your name? (Verify name is correct as listed, make any changes below.)

(Check One Answer)

- Yes, name is correct → continue
- No, name is not correct → make corrections below, then continue

Respondent's correct name: \_\_\_\_\_

We will need to call you the day before the interview to remind you about the appointment. Is it OK to call you at this number?

(Check one answer)

- Yes, ok to call this number → continue
- No, call different number → record number below

Number to call to remind Respondent: \_\_\_\_\_

**Thank you for your help. I'm glad you can come to the interview.  
Please watch for a reminder letter from (marketing company's name).**

# Acknowledgement Letter to Participants

[Date]

Dear [participant]:

Thank you for agreeing to participate in the mortgage loan disclosure research being conducted by Kleimann Communication Group for the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB). Below are the date, time, and location that we have reserved for you. We are also attaching directions for you.

[Date, time, and location here]

If you cannot keep this appointment, please call us at [local number here]. For this study to be successful, we need a certain number of confirmed participants, so if your plans change, it is vitally important that you contact us to let us know you can no longer participate.

**If you wear glasses or a hearing aid**, please make sure you bring those as the study requires looking at a document and answering questions about the document.

We look forward to meeting you and hearing your valuable insights for this important research.

Sincerely,

# Participant Reminder Telephone Script

1. Hello, my name is **[first and last name]**. May I speak to **[name from confirmed participant list]**?

Speaking to Respondent : Respondent comes to the phone → skip to question 3A

If someone other than Respondent asks why you are calling, say: I'm calling regarding an important study of mortgage loan disclosures that **[name from confirmed participant list]** is participating in. Is **[confirmed participant]** in?

2. If no, ask, may I leave a message for him or her? Go to question 3B
3. A. My name is **[first and last name]** and I'm calling from **[marketing company's name]** for the Kleimann Communication Group to confirm your participation on **[date and time]** for the mortgage loan disclosure study. Will you still be able to make it?

B. If leaving a message say, will you please give **[name of confirmed participant]** this message and have them call me at **[telephone number]** to confirm that they will be able to make it on \_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_.

Also, if you [or name of confirmed participant] **wear(s) glasses or a hearing aid**, please make sure you [or he or she] bring[s] those as the study requires looking at a document and answering questions about the document.

Thank Respondent or person taking message.