



Section 184 Program

Eligible Borrowers in Alaska

Overview

Eligible borrowers under the Section 184 program include federally recognized tribes, Alaska Native corporations formed pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA) and their members. To establish eligibility for Section 184, borrowers must provide documentation to verify their membership in a federally recognized tribe or ANCSA corporation.

Alaska Native tribes and ANCSA corporations establish their own rules for membership, maintain their own membership rolls and provide documentation of membership. Therefore the source of membership documentation is the tribe or ANCSA corporation and does not involve state or federal government.

Blood or race is not the basis for eligibility. Accordingly being a descendant of a member is not sufficient to be eligible for Section 184. The Certificate of Indian Blood issued by the Bureau of Indian Affairs typically does not address membership and is insufficient to document eligibility for the Section 184 program.

Typically borrowers have no difficulty providing verification of their membership of a tribe or ANCSA corporation. A borrower who needs membership documentation should contact the tribe or ANCSA corporation for which they claim membership. Typically members can contact their tribe or ANCSA corporation by phone and have verification of membership faxed within a few hours.

Alaska Native Villages

Approximately 230 Alaska Native Villages are federally recognized tribes. Federally recognized tribes and their members are eligible Section 184 borrowers. Documentation that the borrower is a member of a federally recognized tribe will establish their eligibility for the Section 184 program. The list of federally recognized tribes is published in the federal register. Here is a link to the list of the federally recognized tribes in the United States including Alaska:

<http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2008/E8-6968.htm>

ANCSA Corporations

Alaska Native Village Corporations and Alaska Native Regional Corporations were formed pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA). The ANCSA corporations and their members are eligible Section 184 program borrowers. Documentation that verifies a borrower is a shareholder of a village or regional corporation formed pursuant to ANCSA will establish their eligibility for the Section 184 program.

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