

can be obtained from the renewal or inception date if it is determined that the insured property is located in a lower rated zone. During subsequent policy terms, such revisions may also be made effective with the start of the policy term.

#### 4. Map Revision

A map change (reprinting, Letter of Map Amendment [LOMA], Letter of Map Revision [LOMR], or Letter of Determination Review [LODR]) may change the flood zone in which a property is located to a lower rated zone, or it may change the Base Flood Elevation. In such cases, the policy rating may be revised for the current and prior policy years if the change occurred prior to the current policy year.

Before processing the endorsement, the producer should check the Flood Map Status Information Service to make sure that the LOMA, LOMR, or LODR is still valid (or has been recertified) based on the most recent map revision. Also, if the revised map changes the BFE, verify that the same elevation datum is used to determine the building elevations on the Elevation Certificate.

When a community has been converted from the Emergency Program to the Regular Program, the policy rating may be revised to reflect the correct flood zone. However, no premium refund is allowed on premium previously paid.

#### C. Misrated Policy

Premium refunds will be allowed with proper documentation (see III.B.2.a.) going back a maximum of 6 calendar years when there was a misrating such as an incorrect building description, lowest floor elevation, community number, flood zone, or Base Flood Elevation, so long as the insured can provide proof of the misrating.

The flood zone and Base Flood Elevation can only be corrected using the current FIRM.

Any lapse in coverage does not extend the number of years the premium refund is allowed.

#### D. Conversion of Standard Rated Policy to PRP Due to Misrating or Map Revision

A policy written as a Standard B, C, or X Zone policy and later found to be eligible for a PRP may be endorsed or rewritten as a PRP for only the current policy term.

When the risk has been rated with other than B, C, or X Zone rates, but is later found to be in a B, C, or X Zone and eligible for a PRP, the writing company will be allowed to endorse or cancel/rewrite up to 6 years.

The policy may be canceled/rewritten using Cancellation Reason Code 22 if both of the following conditions are met:

- The request to endorse or cancel/rewrite the policy is received during the current policy term.
- The policy has no open claim or closed paid claim.

The new PRP building coverage will be equal either to the building limit issued under the Standard B, C, or X Zone policy or the next higher limit available under the PRP if there is no PRP option equal to the Standard B, C, or X Zone building limit.

#### E. Changing Deductibles

Increasing deductibles is permitted during the current policy term. (See Example 7 at the end of this section.) Deductibles cannot be reduced mid-term, unless required by the mortgagee and written authorization is provided by the mortgagee. A 30-day waiting period will apply unless the request to reduce the deductible is in connection with making, extending, or renewing a loan.

The ICC premium is not eligible for the deductible discount or surcharge. First calculate the deductible discount or surcharge, then add in the ICC premium.

#### F. Correcting Property Address

A policy cannot be endorsed to change the location. This includes relocation from one unit to another unit in the same building.

However, an erroneous address (e.g., through typographical error) can be corrected through endorsement. The agent must provide proof or a reasonable explanation for the error.

### II. ENDORSEMENT PROCESSING PRIOR TO POLICY RENEWAL (NFIP DIRECT BUSINESS ONLY)

#### A. During Last 90 Days of Policy Term

1. If the premium payment for renewal of the policy has not already been processed by the NFIP, a General Change Endorsement processed will produce a revised Renewal Notice for the upcoming term.
2. If the original Renewal Notice has not been paid, the payor may use the revised Renewal Notice or subsequent Final Notice.