

Changes to Acceptance Criteria for Judgment Related Documents

In response to growing concerns about disclosure of personal information in the Land Registry and in recognition of our obligations under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, the Registrar General's Office has implemented changes to our policies and procedures regarding information which can be included in Certificates of Judgment or other judgment related documents filed in our Land Registry.

The Land Registry **will not accept** judgments or other judgment related documents **dated on or after July 19, 2010**, which contain the following information:

- Social insurance numbers (SINs)
- Passport numbers
- Master number - driver's license or vehicle permit
- Phone numbers (unless provided as contact information for a judgment creditor)
- Information relating to a third party (e.g. spouse/partner/child of the debtor) such as the other party's occupation, date of birth, physical characteristics, etc.
- Physical characteristics of the debtor such as hair color, eye color, etc.
- Other properties owned by the debtor

This change is in the interests of protection of privacy, prevention of identity fraud and to address concerns regarding the reliability of information submitted.

The Land Registry **will continue to accept** certificates of judgment or other judgment related documents **dated prior to July 19, 2010**, if all other acceptance criteria have been met.

The *Land Registration Act* mandates that additional information be provided concerning a judgment debtor that tends to distinguish the debtor from another person of the same or similar name. Examples of such information that the Land Registry will accept include:

- Date of birth
- Occupation and/or name of employer
- Name of current or former spouse
- Current or former civic address (place of residence)
- AKA or alias name, nickname or significantly different given name
- Name of parent

Please note: The additional information provided must be information that allows for the identity of the named judgment debtor and not that of a third party.

Any questions or comments may be directed by e-mail to the Registrar General's Office at RGLandTitles@gov.ns.ca.