

NAHMA Announces Grandfather Opportunity for its Certified Professional of Occupancy (CPO) Credential

November 29, 2007 - The National Affordable Housing Management Association announced today that it is offering a unique and limited opportunity for grandfathering into its Certified Professional of Occupancy (CPO) credential program. *Specifically, persons who hold a national affordable occupancy designation that is comparable to the NAHMA Certified Professional of Occupancy (CPO) designation may have this designation grandfathered into the CPO program through December 31, 2008.*

The CPO is NAHMA's designation developed especially for management professionals involved with properties operated under the 4350.3 Occupancy Handbook of the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The CPO course is the only comprehensive program covering the entire HUD Handbook 4350.3, including the latest revisions. Topics covered range from eligibility criteria, standards, tenant selection and screening, to non-discrimination, allowances, adjusted income, certifying tenants and annual recertification. After completing the two and one-half days of interactive instruction, participants in CPO courses have mastered using the HUD Handbook effectively, and then must pass a rigorous one-half day exam to become certified CPOs.

The CPO is a requirement for NAHMA's NAHP[®] certification program. Additional benefits of earning your CPO include:

- * Demonstrating your expertise, experience and professionalism by putting the CPO after your name
- * Earning an edge in the marketplace by demonstrating your commitment to excellence in your profession
- * Receiving a certificate and pin to acknowledge your achievement
- * Having your name listed in NAHMA's popular and prestigious Online Directory of Credentialed Professionals at www.nahma.org, as well as in the print version of the directory
- * Receiving a free subscription to NAHP Update, NAHMA's quarterly newsletter focusing on professional development and hands-on property management topics
- * Being part of the elite corps of managers who can demonstrate they are in the forefront of their profession

A CPO Grandfather application is posted at the NAHMA Website at <http://www.nahma.org/content/latestnews.html>.

NAHMA is the leading voice for affordable housing, advocating on behalf of multifamily property owners and managers whose mission is to provide quality affordable housing. NAHMA supports legislative and regulatory policy that promotes the development and preservation of decent and safe affordable housing, is a vital resource for technical education and information, fosters strategic relations between government and industry and recognizes those who exemplify the best in affordable housing. Founded in 1990, NAHMA's membership today includes the industry's most distinguished multifamily owners and management companies.

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