

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

TITLEMAX OF NEVADA, INC. and
TITLEBUCKS d/b/a
TITLEMAX, a Nevada corporation,

Respondent(s),
v.

STATE OF NEVADA,
DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS
AND INDUSTRY FINANCIAL
INSTITUTIONS DIVISION,

Appellant(s).

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3. The original term of a title loan may be up to 210 days if:
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The licensee also implemented "Grace Period Payments Deferment Agreement." During the onsite visitations of store locations it was observed employees are pre-printing this grace period agreement and putting it in customer's files. The employees are also encouraging the customers to enter into this grace period agreement. The employees are provided the following statement to read to customers:



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“TMX Employee:

Great! Your contract states that you have 7 payments of <Amortized Loan Payments> which are for every 30 days starting on < Due Date>. By making this payment on time, your loan will be paid in full when you make the final payment. However, for your convenience, you can also make a minimum payment of <Minimum Payment to Extend> during this time. Any principal left at the end of the term will be placed on a 0% payment plan for an additional seven months. Do you have any questions?”

This agreement consists of separating the interest and principal from the original amortized schedule payments and prolonging the payment of principal until the full interest is paid. This agreement has a schedule of 14 payments which for the first seven payment the customer pays only interest. For the remaining seven payments the customer pays the principal. The total amount paid under this agreement is higher from the original amortized payments scheduled under the original loan agreement.

The “Grace Period Payments Deferment Agreement” offered by TitleMax clearly contradicts with 604A.445(3).

Training

TitleMax provides training upon hire and annually thereafter. All employees are required to complete refresher courses on-line and as needed. The Compliance Department has the responsibility of overseeing that all training materials are up to date with any industry changes and demands.

Display of License, Notices, and Disclosures

The State of Nevada, Financial Institutions Division NRS 604A license is displayed conspicuously by the licensee which is in compliance with NRS 604A.635 and NAC 604A.060.

The contact number of the office of the Commissioner, notice of fees charged and business hours are posted conspicuously in the location where the licensee conducts business, which is in compliance with, NRS 604A.405, NAC 604A.130, NAC 604A.140, and NAC 604A.150.

Record Retention

According to the managers questionnaire, it is the licensee’s policy to maintain all records for five years which is in compliance with NRS604A.700 and NAC 604A.200.

Collection Agency Utilized by the Licensee

As of the examination date, the licensee does not utilize the services of a third party collection agency. The internal collection process consists of sending letters and making phone calls to delinquent customers by TitleMax’s collection department.



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FDCPA

TitleMax employees are required to be certified on an annually basis. All collection employees are required a minimum score of 80% to obtain the FDCPA certification. The store managers monitor all contact with debtors to assure that policy and produces are followed by all employees.

FinCen Registration

TitleMax is not considered a Money Services Business in accordance with 31 CFR Chapter X § 1022.380; as such, the licensee is not registered with FinCEN as a Money Service Business.

Complaints Filed Since the Previous Examination

The Financial Institutions Division complaint database was verified and indicates that as of October 14, 2014 there were three complaints filed against TitleMax since the previous examination. TitleMax responded to the complaints in a timely manner.

Total Sample Size

As of Exam Date	August 31, 2014
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	Population	Sample Size	Penetration
LOAN TYPES:			
Active Loans	151	10	6.62%
Delinquent Loans	54	6	11.11%
Closed Loans	22	4	18.18%
Declined Loans	3	3	100.00%
Total Loans =	230	23	10.00%

All of the loan samples were chosen randomly by the examiner. As of the examination date, the licensee had:



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PREVIOUS VIOLATIONS OF STATUTES AND REGULATIONS

NRS 604A.450 Title loans: Prohibited acts by licensee regarding amount of loan and customer's ability to repay loan. A licensee who makes title loans shall not:

2. Make a title loan without regard to the ability of the customer seeking the title loan to repay the title loan, including the customer's current and expected income, obligations and employment.

During the previous examination the licensee was found to be underwriting title loans in excess of the customer's disclosed income and obligations. There was no regard given to the customer's ability to repay the loan. This will be cited as a repeat violation. Please refer to the current violation section for more details.

NAC 604A.230 Prohibited acts: Miscellaneous acts.

1. A licensee shall not:

(a) Require or accept a guarantor to a transaction entered into with a customer.

NRS 604A.105 "Title loan" defined.

1. "Title loan" means a loan made to a customer pursuant to a loan agreement which, under its original terms

(b) Requires the customer to secure the loan by either:

(1) Giving possession of the title to a vehicle legally owned by the customer to the licensee or any agent, affiliate or subsidiary of the licensee.

NRS 604A.115 "Title to a vehicle" or "title" defined. "Title to a vehicle" or "title" means a certificate of title or ownership issued pursuant to the laws of this State that identifies the legal owner of a vehicle or any similar document issued pursuant to the laws of another jurisdiction.

During the previous examination several of the loan files reviewed showed co-borrowers which were not listed on the title of the vehicle. This violation will be cited as a repeat violation. Please refer to the current violation section for more details.

NRS 604A.410 Written loan agreement required; contents

2. The loan agreement must include, without limitation, the following information:

c) The date and amount of the loan, amount financed, annual percentage rate, finance charge, total of payments, payment schedule and a description and the amount of every fee charged, regardless of the name given to the fee and regardless of whether the fee is required to be included in the finance charge under the Truth in Lending Act and Regulation Z;

During the previous examination, the licensee did not indicate on the extension receipts the effective date of the extension. This violation occurred on the 30 day title loans. Since the previous examination the licensee has stopped offering the 30 day title loans. The new product 210 day title loan offered by the licensee does not allow any extensions. Therefore, this violation is deemed rectified.



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NAC 604A.160 Translation of documents written in language other than English.

2. A document translated pursuant to this section must be:

(a) Translated by an interpreter who is:

(1) Certified by the Court Administrator in accordance with the provisions of NRS 1.510 and regulations adopted pursuant thereto; or NAC 604A.200 Maintenance of books and records.

1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 604A.700, a licensee shall maintain for at least 3 years the original or a copy of each account, book, paper, written or electronic record or other document that concerns each loan or other transaction involving a customer in this State.

2. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 604A.620, those records must be maintained at a place of business in this State designated by the licensee.

(2) Approved in writing by the Division.

(b) Accompanied by a certificate issued by the interpreter.

During the previous examination, the licensee did not provide a copy of the Certified Court Interpreter in the State of Nevada. During the current examination the licensee was able to provide a copy of the Certified Court Interpreter for the State of Nevada. Therefore, this violation is deemed rectified.

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2. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 604A.620, those records must be maintained at a place of business in this State designated by the licensee.

During the previous examination, the licensee was unable to provide all the records requested by the examiner in charge. During the current examination the licensee was able to provide all the records requested. Therefore, this violation is deemed rectified.

NRS 604A.410 Written loan agreement required; contents.

1. Before making any loan to a customer, a licensee shall provide to the customer a written loan agreement which may be kept by the customer and which must be written in:

(a) English, if the transaction is conducted in English; or

(b) Spanish, if the transaction is conducted in Spanish.

During the previous examination the licensee was found to be using loan agreement written in English and receipts written in Spanish. During the current examination there was no evidence of such. Therefore, this violation is deemed rectified.



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NRS 604A.475 Repayment plan

2. If the licensee intends to commence any civil action or process of alternative dispute resolution or repossess a vehicle in an effort to collect a defaulted loan, the licensee shall deliver to the customer, not later than 15 days after the date of default, or not later than 5 days after a check is not paid upon presentment or an electronic transfer of money fails, whichever is later, written notice of the opportunity to enter into a repayment plan. The written notice must:

(a) Be in English, if the initial transaction was conducted in English, or in Spanish, if the initial transaction was conducted in Spanish.

During the previous examination the licensee had a repayment plan offer in English and the receipt was issued in Spanish. During the current examination, there was no evidence that the repayment plans and the receipts were done in separate languages. Therefore, this violation is deemed rectified.

NRS 604A.150 Additional terms defined under federal law; calculation of amount financed, annual percentage rate and finance charge.

2. For the purposes of this chapter, proper calculation of the amount financed, annual percentage rate and finance charge for a loan must be made in accordance with the Truth in Lending Act and Regulation Z.

During the previous examination the licensee was found understating the APR. During the current examination there was no evidence of such. Therefore, the violation is deemed rectified.

EXIT MEETING

The exit meeting was held telephonically on December 18, 2014. The licensee was represented by Carrie E. Carbone, SVP of Compliance and Product General Counsel, Victoria Newman, Compliance and Corporate Counsel, Sarah C. Poff, Director of Compliance. The Financial Institutions Division was represented by Christian Yanez, Examiner in charge, Harveen Sekhon, Supervisory Examiner, Christopher Eccles, Attorney, Andrea Bruce, Examiner.



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CURRENT VIOLATIONS OF APPLICABLE STATUTES AND REGULATIONS

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REPEAT VIOLATION

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The title loans itemized below were underwritten in excess of the customer's disclosed income and obligations, therefore, there was no regard given to the customer's ability to repay the loan:

No Regard to Customer's Ability to Repay the Title Loan						
Borrower's Name	Loan Number	Term	Stated Income	Stated Obligations	Total Amount of Loan(s)	Amount Over
Robert Ravdel	12969-0110805	30 day	\$3,500.00	\$2,000.00	\$5,279.52	\$3,779.52

Management's response: Ms. Sarah C. Poff, Director of Compliance, stated that a response will be sent to the Financial Institution Division once the report of examination is received.

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During the current examination, the licensee provided a policy which states the following:

“The primary borrower must be on the title; however if there is a co-borrower (on the title or not), he must sign the Application and Contract.”

During the stores visits, the examiner in charge found several files where the co-borrower was not in the vehicle title. In some instances the co-borrower had a different address and different last name.

Management’s response: Ms. Sarah C. Poff, Director of Compliance, stated that a response will be sent to the Financial Institution Division once the report of examination is received.

NRS 604A.445 Title loans: Restrictions on duration of loan and periods of extension.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter to the contrary:

3. The original term of a title loan may be up to 210 days if:

- (a) The loan provides for payments in installments;**
- (b) The payments are calculated to ratably and fully amortize the entire amount of principal and interest payable on the loan;**
- (c) The loan is not subject to any extension; and**
- (d) The loan does not require a balloon payment of any kind.**

NRS 604A.210 Chapter does not prohibit licensee from offering customer grace period. The provisions of this chapter do not prohibit a licensee from offering a customer a grace period on the repayment of a loan or an extension of a loan, except that the licensee shall not charge the customer:

- 1. Any fees for granting such a grace period; or**
- 2. Any additional fees or additional interest on the outstanding loan during such a grace period.**

Since the previous examination, Titlemax implemented a 210 day title loan product that mirrored NRS 604A.445 (3). The current examination showed that Titlemax’s original loan agreement complies with NRS 604A.445(3). The examination also showed that Titlemax markets and offers an amendment to the original loan agreement that violates NRS 604A.445 (3) and NRS 604A.210.

Onsite visits to Titlemax locations and conversations with store employees showed that Titlemax routinely offers an amendment to the original loan agreement called the “Grace Period Payments Deferment Agreement” (hereinafter, the “Amended Agreement”).

Regarding the marketing of the Amended Agreement by store employees, onsite store visits showed that employees routinely encourage customers to enter into the Amended Agreement. The employees are



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trained to encourage customers to participate in the Amended Agreement as soon as the original agreement is issued, and not wait until the loan is in default status. Pre-printed amended agreements were found in customers' files during the onsite store visits.

Moreover, management issued the below marketing statement with the instruction that employees should encourage customers to enter into the Amended Agreement. The marketing statement provides:

"Your contract states that you have 7 payments of <Amortized Loan Payments> which are for every 30 days starting on < Due Date>. By making this payment on time, your loan will be paid in full when you make the final payment. However, for your convenience, you can also make a minimum payment of <Minimum Payment to Extend> during this time. Any principal left at the end of the term will be placed on a 0% payment plan for an additional seven months. Do you have any questions?"

The marketing statement emphasizes lower payments. But, in fact, under the Amended Agreement, the total amount owed by the customer is **more** than the total amount owed under the original loan agreement, as further detailed below.

The text of the Amended Agreement provides:

"Because this is only an amendment and modification of the loan agreement in which we are only modifying and deferring your payments under the Title Loan Agreement, you acknowledge and agree that all of the terms and conditions of the Title Loan Agreement, including the charging of simple interest and waiver of jury trial and arbitration provision remain in full force and effect."

This statement shows an intent to avoid compliance with NRS 604A.445(3).

Under the original loan agreement the customer makes seven fully amortized payments (210 days) to pay the loan off without a balloon payment at the end, thereby complying with all provisions of NRS 604A.445(3). But, under the Amended Agreement, the customer makes 14 payments (390 days), the first seven payments are only interest and last seven payments are principal. Thus, Amended Agreement separates interest and principal from the original amortized schedule of payments, and thereby prolongs the payment of principal until the full interest is paid.

For an example of how customers owe more under the Amended Agreement compared to the original agreement, please see below:



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LOAN NUMBER	TOTAL AMOUNT TO BE PAID UNDER ORIGINAL LOAN AGREEMENT	TOTAL AMOUNT TO BE PAID UNDER “AMENDED” LOAN AGREEMENT	OVERAGE
12969-0117847	\$14,850.26	\$17,693.00	\$2,842.74
12969-0119790	\$3,500.21	\$4,281.00	\$780.79
12969-0118956	\$8,939.87	\$10,651.20	\$1,711.33
12969-0117949	\$1,582.29	\$1,909.30	\$327.01

Titlemax must comply with NRS 604A.445 (3) and NRS 604A.210. Customers who enter into the Amended Agreement owe **more** money compared to the original loan with its fully amortized payments. Thus, Titlemax’s Amended Agreement violates NRS 604A.445 (3) and NRS 604A.210.

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FEDERAL

No violations of Federal laws were noted during the examination. However, this examination should not be considered a full compliance examination relative to Federal statutes.

SUMMARY

Each licensee, upon completion of an examination, is rated “Satisfactory,” “Needs Improvement,” or “Unsatisfactory,” based primarily on compliance with applicable statutes and regulations and the perceived capability of management to achieve and maintain such compliance. The rating of the licensee at this examination is “Needs Improvement.”

A rating of “**Needs Improvement**” indicates that the licensee and the management of the licensee have demonstrated less than satisfactory compliance, or instances and situations involving a lack of compliance with applicable state and federal laws and regulations and that regulatory supervision is required. The licensee and management will be required to respond in writing to the report of examination within 30 days providing the procedures that have been initiated for the correction of the violations and deficiencies noted in the report made by the examiner pursuant to state and federal laws and regulations.



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CHAPTER 604A
REPORT OF EXAMINATION

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Total Exam Hours:	11.00	Examination Number:	65337

THIS REPORT IS STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL

The information contained in this report is based on the books and records of the licensee as licensed under NRS 604A, on statements made to the examiner by the directors, officers, and employees, and on information obtained from other sources believed to be reliable and presumed by the examiner to be correct. It is emphasized that this report is a report of examination, and not an audit of the licensee, and should not be construed as such. This report of examination does not replace nor relieve the principals of their responsibility for performing or providing for adequate audits of the business.

This copy of the report is the property of the Department of Business and Industry of the State of Nevada, and is furnished to the licensee for its confidential use. Under no circumstances shall the licensee, or any of its directors, officers, or employees disclose in any manner the report or any portion thereof to any person or organization not officially connected with the licensee as officer, director, attorney, or auditor unless otherwise directed. Should any legal process document be served calling for the surrender of this report or any portion thereof, the Commissioner of the Financial Institutions Division shall be notified immediately.

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State of Nevada
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Christian Yanez
Examiner In Charge

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EXAMINATION COMMENTS AND CONCLUSIONS

INTRODUCTION

The annual examination of TitleMax of Nevada, Inc. DBA: TitleMax located at 4750 W. lake Mead Blvd., Ste 102 Las Vegas, NV 89108 commenced on August 6, 2014. This business location currently holds a Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) Chapter 604A license issued by the State of Nevada Financial Institutions Division (FID). The licensee has been granted approval to initiate Title Loans in accordance with applicable statutes and regulations.

The licensee's website www.titlemax.com is used as the main source of information for different products and services that TitleMax offers. Customers have the ability to complete a loan applications on-line. The application is reviewed by the call center and the customer is referred to one of the stores to complete the loan process.

The licensee currently offers the 120 day loan which allows the customer to make installment payments.

TitleMax currently has 40 locations in the state of Nevada. All the locations were visited during the process of this examination.

SCOPE OF EXAMINATION

The primary purpose of the examination was to determine compliance with NRS 604A and NAC 604A. The examination consisted of a review of the following: active loans, paid-off loans, delinquent loans, loans that are in the repayment plan and declined loans, surety bonding requirement, completion of the manager's and statutory compliance questionnaires, and a review of the company's policies and procedures and forms used in the operation of the business. Emphasis was placed on compliance with state regulations as well as federal regulations such as the Truth in Lending Act (Regulation Z) and the Equal Credit Opportunity Act (Regulation B).

Annual Report

The annual report of operations is due to the Financial Institutions Division by April 15th each year. The annual report of operations for year ending 2013 was received on April 8th, 2014 which is in accordance with NRS 604A.750.

Surety Bond

The Surety Bond appears to be sufficient. It is currently posted at \$265,000.00 under Bond Number 60088894 with Capitol Indemnity Corporation and is due for renewal on February 15, 2014. The licensee is in compliance with NRS 604A.610.

Internal / External Review

Titlemax did not submit any internal or external reviews. Internal or external reviews were not part of the scope of the current examination.



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The licensee also implemented "Grace Period Payments Deferment Agreement." During the onsite visitations of store locations it was observed employees are pre-printing this grace period agreement and putting it in customer's files. The employees are also encouraging the customers to enter into this grace period agreement. The employees are provided the following statement to read to customers:



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“TMX Employee:

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This agreement consists of separating the interest and principal from the original amortized schedule payments and prolonging the payment of principal until the full interest is paid. This agreement has a schedule of 14 payments which for the first seven payment the customer pays only interest. For the remaining seven payments the customer pays the principal. The total amount paid under this agreement is higher from the original amortized payments scheduled under the original loan agreement.

The “Grace Period Payments Deferment Agreement” offered by TitleMax clearly contradicts with 604A.445(3).

Training

TitleMax provides training upon hire and annually thereafter. All employees are required to complete refresher courses on-line and as needed. The Compliance Department has the responsibility of overseeing that all training materials are up to date with any industry changes and demands.

Display of License, Notices, and Disclosures

The State of Nevada, Financial Institutions Division NRS 604A license is displayed conspicuously by the licensee which is in compliance with NRS 604A.635 and NAC 604A.060.

The contact number of the office of the Commissioner, notice of fees charged and business hours are posted conspicuously in the location where the licensee conducts business, which is in compliance with, NRS 604A.405, NAC 604A.130, NAC 604A.140, and NAC 604A.150.

Record Retention

According to the managers questionnaire, it is the licensee’s policy to maintain all records for five years which is in compliance with NRS604A.700 and NAC 604A.200.

Collection Agency Utilized by the Licensee

As of the examination date, the licensee does not utilize the services of a third party collection agency. The internal collection process consists of sending letters and making phone calls to delinquent customers by TitleMax’s collection department.



EXAMINATION COMMENTS AND CONCLUSIONS

FDCPA

TitleMax employees are required to be certified on an annually basis. All collection employees are required a minimum score of 80% to obtain the FDCPA certification. The store managers monitor all contact with debtors to assure that policy and produces are followed by all employees.

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TitleMax is not considered a Money Services Business in accordance with 31 CFR Chapter X § 1022.380; as such, the licensee is not registered with FinCEN as a Money Service Business.

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The Financial Institutions Division complaint database was verified and indicates that as of October 14, 2014 there were three complaints filed against TitleMax since the previous examination. TitleMax responded to the complaints in a timely manner.

Total Sample Size

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	Population	Sample Size	Penetration
LOAN TYPES:			
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Delinquent Loans	172	5	2.91%
Closed Loans	24	5	20.83%
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Total Loans =	784	23	2.93%

All of the loan samples were chosen randomly by the examiner. As of the examination date, the licensee had:



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PREVIOUS VIOLATIONS OF STATUTES AND REGULATIONS

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2. Make a title loan without regard to the ability of the customer seeking the title loan to repay the title loan, including the customer's current and expected income, obligations and employment.

During the previous examination the licensee was found to be underwriting title loans in excess of the customer's disclosed income and obligations. There was no regard given to the customer's ability to repay the loan. This will be cited as a repeat violation. Please refer to the current violation section for more details.

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During the previous examination several of the loan files reviewed showed co-borrowers which were not listed on the title of the vehicle. This violation will be cited as a repeat violation. Please refer to the current violation section for more details.

NRS 604A.410 Written loan agreement required; contents

2. The loan agreement must include, without limitation, the following information:

c) The date and amount of the loan, amount financed, annual percentage rate, finance charge, total of payments, payment schedule and a description and the amount of every fee charged, regardless of the name given to the fee and regardless of whether the fee is required to be included in the finance charge under the Truth in Lending Act and Regulation Z;

During the previous examination, the licensee did not indicate on the extension receipts the effective date of the extension. This violation occurred on the 30 day title loans. Since the previous examination the licensee has stopped offering the 30 day title loans. The new product 210 day title loan offered by the licensee does not allow any extensions. Therefore, this violation is deemed rectified.



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2. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 604A.620, those records must be maintained at a place of business in this State designated by the licensee.

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(a) English, if the transaction is conducted in English; or

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NRS 604A.475 Repayment plan

2. If the licensee intends to commence any civil action or process of alternative dispute resolution or repossess a vehicle in an effort to collect a defaulted loan, the licensee shall deliver to the customer, not later than 15 days after the date of default, or not later than 5 days after a check is not paid upon presentment or an electronic transfer of money fails, whichever is later, written notice of the opportunity to enter into a repayment plan. The written notice must:

(a) Be in English, if the initial transaction was conducted in English, or in Spanish, if the initial transaction was conducted in Spanish.

During the previous examination the licensee had a repayment plan offer in English and the receipt was issued in Spanish. During the current examination, there was no evidence that the repayment plans and the receipts were done in separate languages. Therefore, this violation is deemed rectified.

NRS 604A.150 Additional terms defined under federal law; calculation of amount financed, annual percentage rate and finance charge.

2. For the purposes of this chapter, proper calculation of the amount financed, annual percentage rate and finance charge for a loan must be made in accordance with the Truth in Lending Act and Regulation Z.

During the previous examination the licensee was found understating the APR. During the current examination there was no evidence of such. Therefore, the violation is deemed rectified.

EXIT MEETING

The exit meeting was held telephonically on December 18, 2014. The licensee was represented by Carrie E. Carbone, SVP of Compliance and Product General Counsel, Victoria Newman, Compliance and Corporate Counsel, Sarah C. Poff, Director of Compliance. The Financial Institutions Division was represented by Christian Yanez, Examiner in charge, Harveen Sekhon, Supervisory Examiner, Christopher Eccles, Attorney, Andrea Bruce, Examiner.



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CURRENT VIOLATIONS OF APPLICABLE STATUTES AND REGULATIONS

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REPEAT VIOLATION

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- 2. Make a title loan without regard to the ability of the customer seeking the title loan to repay the title loan, including the customer's current and expected income, obligations and employment.**

The title loans itemized below were underwritten in excess of the customer's disclosed income and obligations, therefore, there was no regard given to the customer's ability to repay the loan:

No Regard to Customer's Ability to Repay the Title Loan						
Borrower's Name	Loan Number	Term	Stated Income	Stated Obligations	Total Amount of Loan(s)	Amount Over
Vincent Flores	12169-0081269	30 day	\$1,020.00	\$600.00	\$605.96	\$185.96
Terina Anderson	12169-0103938	30 day	\$2,400.00	\$1,475.00	\$1,193.30	\$268.30
Angela Lechuga	12169-0087141	30 day	\$1,800.00	\$800.00	\$1,159.90	\$159.90
Chanel Bryant	12169-0057819	30 day	\$1,971.86	\$1,130.00	\$1,485.64	\$643.78

Management's response: Ms. Sarah C. Poff, Director of Compliance, stated that a response will be sent to the Financial Institution Division once the report of examination is received.

REPEAT VIOLATION

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During the current examination, the licensee provided a policy which states the following:

“The primary borrower must be on the title; however if there is a co-borrower (on the title or not), he must sign the Application and Contract.”

During the stores visits, the examiner in charge found several files where the co-borrower was not in the vehicle title. In some instances the co-borrower had a different address and different last name.

Management’s response: *Ms. Sarah C. Poff, Director of Compliance, stated that a response will be sent to the Financial Institution Division once the report of examination is received.*

NRS 604A.445 Title loans: Restrictions on duration of loan and periods of extension.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter to the contrary:

3. The original term of a title loan may be up to 210 days if:

- (a) The loan provides for payments in installments;
- (b) The payments are calculated to ratably and fully amortize the entire amount of principal and interest payable on the loan;
- (c) The loan is not subject to any extension; and
- (d) The loan does not require a balloon payment of any kind.

NRS 604A.210 Chapter does not prohibit licensee from offering customer grace period. The provisions of this chapter do not prohibit a licensee from offering a customer a grace period on the repayment of a loan or an extension of a loan, except that the licensee shall not charge the customer:

- 1.** Any fees for granting such a grace period; or
- 2.** Any additional fees or additional interest on the outstanding loan during such a grace period.

Since the previous examination, Titlemax implemented a 210 day title loan product that mirrored NRS 604A.445 (3). The current examination showed that Titlemax’s original loan agreement complies with NRS 604A.445(3). The examination also showed that Titlemax markets and offers an amendment to the original loan agreement that violates NRS 604A.445 (3) and NRS 604A.210.

Onsite visits to Titlemax locations and conversations with store employees showed that Titlemax routinely offers an amendment to the original loan agreement called the “Grace Period Payments Deferment Agreement” (hereinafter, the “Amended Agreement”).

Regarding the marketing of the Amended Agreement by store employees, onsite store visits showed that employees routinely encourage customers to enter into the Amended Agreement. The employees are



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trained to encourage customers to participate in the Amended Agreement as soon as the original agreement is issued, and not wait until the loan is in default status. Pre-printed amended agreements were found in customers' files during the onsite store visits.

Moreover, management issued the below marketing statement with the instruction that employees should encourage customers to enter into the Amended Agreement. The marketing statement provides:

"Your contract states that you have 7 payments of <Amortized Loan Payments> which are for every 30 days starting on < Due Date>. By making this payment on time, your loan will be paid in full when you make the final payment. However, for your convenience, you can also make a minimum payment of <Minimum Payment to Extend> during this time. Any principal left at the end of the term will be placed on a 0% payment plan for an additional seven months. Do you have any questions?"

The marketing statement emphasizes lower payments. But, in fact, under the Amended Agreement, the total amount owed by the customer is **more** than the total amount owed under the original loan agreement, as further detailed below.

The text of the Amended Agreement provides:

"Because this is only an amendment and modification of the loan agreement in which we are only modifying and deferring your payments under the Title Loan Agreement, you acknowledge and agree that all of the terms and conditions of the Title Loan Agreement, including the charging of simple interest and waiver of jury trial and arbitration provision remain in full force and effect."

This statement shows an intent to avoid compliance with NRS 604A.445(3).

Under the original loan agreement the customer makes seven fully amortized payments (210 days) to pay the loan off without a balloon payment at the end, thereby complying with all provisions of NRS 604A.445(3). But, under the Amended Agreement, the customer makes 14 payments (390 days), the first seven payments are only interest and last seven payments are principal. Thus, Amended Agreement separates interest and principal from the original amortized schedule of payments, and thereby prolongs the payment of principal until the full interest is paid.

For an example of how customers owe more under the Amended Agreement compared to the original agreement, please see below:



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LOAN NUMBER	TOTAL AMOUNT TO BE PAID UNDER ORIGINAL LOAN AGREEMENT	TOTAL AMOUNT TO BE PAID UNDER "AMENDED" LOAN AGREEMENT	OVERAGE
12169-0118892	\$771.13	\$948.92	\$177.79

Titlemax must comply with NRS 604A.445 (3) and NRS 604A.210. Customers who enter into the Amended Agreement owe **more** money compared to the original loan with its fully amortized payments. Thus, Titlemax's Amended Agreement violates NRS 604A.445 (3) and NRS 604A.210.

FEDERAL

No violations of Federal laws were noted during the examination. However, this examination should not be considered a full compliance examination relative to Federal statutes.

SUMMARY

Each licensee, upon completion of an examination, is rated "Satisfactory," "Needs Improvement," or "Unsatisfactory," based primarily on compliance with applicable statutes and regulations and the perceived capability of management to achieve and maintain such compliance. The rating of the licensee at this examination is "Needs Improvement."

A rating of "**Needs Improvement**" indicates that the licensee and the management of the licensee have demonstrated less than satisfactory compliance, or instances and situations involving a lack of compliance with applicable state and federal laws and regulations and that regulatory supervision is required. The licensee and management will be required to respond in writing to the report of examination within 30 days providing the procedures that have been initiated for the correction of the violations and deficiencies noted in the report made by the examiner pursuant to state and federal laws and regulations.



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CHAPTER 604A
REPORT OF EXAMINATION

TITLEMAX OF NEVADA, INC.
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Examiner In Charge:	Christian Yanez	Examined as of:	August 31, 2014
Examination Started:	August 6, 2014	Examination Closed:	December 18, 2014
Total Exam Hours:	11.00	Examination Number:	65294

THIS REPORT IS STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL

The information contained in this report is based on the books and records of the licensee as licensed under NRS 604A, on statements made to the examiner by the directors, officers, and employees, and on information obtained from other sources believed to be reliable and presumed by the examiner to be correct. It is emphasized that this report is a report of examination, and not an audit of the licensee, and should not be construed as such. This report of examination does not replace nor relieve the principals of their responsibility for performing or providing for adequate audits of the business.

This copy of the report is the property of the Department of Business and Industry of the State of Nevada, and is furnished to the licensee for its confidential use. Under no circumstances shall the licensee, or any of its directors, officers, or employees disclose in any manner the report or any portion thereof to any person or organization not officially connected with the licensee as officer, director, attorney, or auditor unless otherwise directed. Should any legal process document be served calling for the surrender of this report or any portion thereof, the Commissioner of the Financial Institutions Division shall be notified immediately.

Each principal has the responsibility to review the contents of this report.

State of Nevada
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Christian Yanez
Examiner In Charge

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REPORT OF EXAMINATION

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INTRODUCTION

The annual examination of TitleMax of Nevada, Inc. DBA: TitleMax located at 4811 West Craig Rd., Las Vegas, NV 89130 commenced on August 6, 2014. This business location currently holds a Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) Chapter 604A license issued by the State of Nevada Financial Institutions Division (FID). The licensee has been granted approval to initiate Title Loans in accordance with applicable statutes and regulations.

The licensee's website www.titlemax.com is used as the main source of information for different products and services that TitleMax offers. Customers have the ability to complete a loan applications on-line. The application is reviewed by the call center and the customer is referred to one of the stores to complete the loan process.

The licensee currently offers the 120 day loan which allows the customer to make installment payments.

TitleMax currently has 40 locations in the state of Nevada. All the locations were visited during the process of this examination.

SCOPE OF EXAMINATION

The primary purpose of the examination was to determine compliance with NRS 604A and NAC 604A. The examination consisted of a review of the following: active loans, paid-off loans, delinquent loans, loans that are in the repayment plan and declined loans, surety bonding requirement, completion of the manager's and statutory compliance questionnaires, and a review of the company's policies and procedures and forms used in the operation of the business. Emphasis was placed on compliance with state regulations as well as federal regulations such as the Truth in Lending Act (Regulation Z) and the Equal Credit Opportunity Act (Regulation B).

Annual Report

The annual report of operations is due to the Financial Institutions Division by April 15th each year. The annual report of operations for year ending 2013 was received on April 8th, 2014 which is in accordance with NRS 604A.750.

Surety Bond

The Surety Bond appears to be sufficient. It is currently posted at \$265,000.00 under Bond Number 60088894 with Capitol Indemnity Corporation and is due for renewal on February 15, 2014. The licensee is in compliance with NRS 604A.610.

Internal / External Review

Titlemax did not submit any internal or external reviews. Internal or external reviews were not part of the scope of the current examination.



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Financial Audit / CPA

The CPA of the Financial Institutions Division performed an analysis of key financial figures for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2013, which were included in the 2013 Annual Report of Operations. No areas of concern were noted.

Internal Routine and Control

The licensee uses CashWise Financial Services Software for its loan operations. Title loan underwriting process includes:

- Loan application form
- Income and obligations
- Government issued photo identification
- Valid phone number
- Title of the vehicle
- Proof of insurance
- Current registration
- Affidavit stating the customer's ability to repay the loan

During the previous examination the licensee was offering 30 day title loans. On January 28, 2014 the licensee sent a letter to the Financial Institutions Division stating that TitleMax is going to stop offering the 30 day title loans and start offering the 210 day title loans.

During the on-site visitation of current examination it was discovered that TitleMax stopped offering the 30 day loans as of July, 2014. The new product, 210 day title loan is currently being offered in all TitleMax locations in the State of Nevada.

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During the previous examination, the licensee did not provide a copy of the Certified Court Interpreter in the State of Nevada. During the current examination the licensee was able to provide a copy of the Certified Court Interpreter for the State of Nevada. Therefore, this violation is deemed rectified.

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During the previous examination the licensee was found to be using loan agreement written in English and receipts written in Spanish. During the current examination there was no evidence of such. Therefore, this violation is deemed rectified.



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NRS 604A.475 Repayment plan

2. If the licensee intends to commence any civil action or process of alternative dispute resolution or repossess a vehicle in an effort to collect a defaulted loan, the licensee shall deliver to the customer, not later than 15 days after the date of default, or not later than 5 days after a check is not paid upon presentment or an electronic transfer of money fails, whichever is later, written notice of the opportunity to enter into a repayment plan. The written notice must:

(a) Be in English, if the initial transaction was conducted in English, or in Spanish, if the initial transaction was conducted in Spanish.

During the previous examination the licensee had a repayment plan offer in English and the receipt was issued in Spanish. During the current examination, there was no evidence that the repayment plans and the receipts were done in separate languages. Therefore, this violation is deemed rectified.

NRS 604A.150 Additional terms defined under federal law; calculation of amount financed, annual percentage rate and finance charge.

2. For the purposes of this chapter, proper calculation of the amount financed, annual percentage rate and finance charge for a loan must be made in accordance with the Truth in Lending Act and Regulation Z.

During the previous examination the licensee was found understating the APR. During the current examination there was no evidence of such. Therefore, the violation is deemed rectified.

EXIT MEETING

The exit meeting was held telephonically on December 18, 2014. The licensee was represented by Carrie E. Carbone, SVP of Compliance and Product General Counsel, Victoria Newman, Compliance and Corporate Counsel, Sarah C. Poff, Director of Compliance. The Financial Institutions Division was represented by Christian Yanez, Examiner in charge, Harveen Sekhon, Supervisory Examiner, Christopher Eccles, Attorney, Andrea Bruce, Examiner.



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CURRENT VIOLATIONS OF APPLICABLE STATUTES AND REGULATIONS

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REPEAT VIOLATION

NRS 604A.450 Title loans: Prohibited acts by licensee regarding amount of loan and customer's ability to repay loan. A licensee who makes title loans shall not:

- 2. Make a title loan without regard to the ability of the customer seeking the title loan to repay the title loan, including the customer's current and expected income, obligations and employment.**

The title loans itemized below were underwritten in excess of the customer's disclosed income and obligations, therefore, there was no regard given to the customer's ability to repay the loan:

No Regard to Customer's Ability to Repay the Title Loan						
Borrower's Name	Loan Number	Term	Stated Income	Stated Obligations	Total Amount of Loan(s)	Amount Over
Melody Bryant	10769-0083714	30 day	\$600.00	\$200.00	\$825.93	\$425.93
Hector Gallardo	10769-0079504	30 day	\$1,900.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,146.40	\$446.40
Tony Miller	10769-0106248	30 day	\$3,000.00	\$2,300.00	\$4,399.60	\$3,699.60
Ariel Nuel	10769-0071746	30 day	\$700.00	\$400.00	\$1,130.34	\$830.34

Management's response: Ms. Sarah C. Poff, Director of Compliance, stated that a response will be sent to the Financial Institution Division once the report of examination is received.

REPEAT VIOLATION

NAC 604A.230 Prohibited acts: Miscellaneous acts.

- 1. A licensee shall not:**

(a) Require or accept a guarantor to a transaction entered into with a customer.

NRS 604A.105 "Title loan" defined.

- 1. "Title loan" means a loan made to a customer pursuant to a loan agreement which, under its original terms**

(b) Requires the customer to secure the loan by either:



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(1) Giving possession of the title to a vehicle legally owned by the customer to the licensee or any agent, affiliate or subsidiary of the licensee.

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During the current examination, the licensee provided a policy which states the following:

“The primary borrower must be on the title; however if there is a co-borrower (on the title or not), he must sign the Application and Contract.”

During the stores visits, the examiner in charge found several files where the co-borrower was not in the vehicle title. In some instances the co-borrower had a different address and different last name.

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No violations of Federal laws were noted during the examination. However, this examination should not be considered a full compliance examination relative to Federal statutes.

SUMMARY

Each licensee, upon completion of an examination, is rated “Satisfactory,” “Needs Improvement,” or “Unsatisfactory,” based primarily on compliance with applicable statutes and regulations and the perceived capability of management to achieve and maintain such compliance. The rating of the licensee at this examination is “Needs Improvement.”

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CHAPTER 604A
REPORT OF EXAMINATION

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Examiner In Charge:	Christian Yanez	Examined as of:	August 31, 2014
Examination Started:	August 6, 2014	Examination Closed:	December 18, 2014
Total Exam Hours:	11.00	Examination Number:	65301

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INTRODUCTION

The annual examination of TitleMax of Nevada, Inc. DBA: TitleMax located at 4944 Boulder Hwy., Las Vegas, NV 89121 commenced on August 6, 2014. This business location currently holds a Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) Chapter 604A license issued by the State of Nevada Financial Institutions Division (FID). The licensee has been granted approval to initiate Title Loans in accordance with applicable statutes and regulations.

The licensee's website www.titlemax.com is used as the main source of information for different products and services that TitleMax offers. Customers have the ability to complete a loan applications on-line. The application is reviewed by the call center and the customer is referred to one of the stores to complete the loan process.

The licensee currently offers the 120 day loan which allows the customer to make installment payments.

TitleMax currently has 40 locations in the state of Nevada. All the locations were visited during the process of this examination.

SCOPE OF EXAMINATION

The primary purpose of the examination was to determine compliance with NRS 604A and NAC 604A. The examination consisted of a review of the following: active loans, paid-off loans, delinquent loans, loans that are in the repayment plan and declined loans, surety bonding requirement, completion of the manager's and statutory compliance questionnaires, and a review of the company's policies and procedures and forms used in the operation of the business. Emphasis was placed on compliance with state regulations as well as federal regulations such as the Truth in Lending Act (Regulation Z) and the Equal Credit Opportunity Act (Regulation B).

Annual Report

The annual report of operations is due to the Financial Institutions Division by April 15th each year. The annual report of operations for year ending 2013 was received on April 8th, 2014 which is in accordance with NRS 604A.750.

Surety Bond

The Surety Bond appears to be sufficient. It is currently posted at \$265,000.00 under Bond Number 60088894 with Capitol Indemnity Corporation and is due for renewal on February 15, 2014. The licensee is in compliance with NRS 604A.610.

Internal / External Review

Titlemax did not submit any internal or external reviews. Internal or external reviews were not part of the scope of the current examination.



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Financial Audit / CPA

The CPA of the Financial Institutions Division performed an analysis of key financial figures for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2013, which were included in the 2013 Annual Report of Operations. No areas of concern were noted.

Internal Routine and Control

The licensee uses CashWise Financial Services Software for its loan operations. Title loan underwriting process includes:

- Loan application form
- Income and obligations
- Government issued photo identification
- Valid phone number
- Title of the vehicle
- Proof of insurance
- Current registration
- Affidavit stating the customer's ability to repay the loan

During the previous examination the licensee was offering 30 day title loans. On January 28, 2014 the licensee sent a letter to the Financial Institutions Division stating that TitleMax is going to stop offering the 30 day title loans and start offering the 210 day title loans.

During the on-site visitation of current examination it was discovered that TitleMax stopped offering the 30 day loans as of July, 2014. The new product, 210 day title loan is currently being offered in all TitleMax locations in the State of Nevada.

The 210 day product mirrors NRS 604A.445 (3):

3. The original term of a title loan may be up to 210 days if:
 - (a) The loan provides for payments in installments;
 - (b) The payments are calculated to ratably and fully amortize the entire amount of principal and interest payable on the loan;
 - (c) The loan is not subject to any extension; and
 - (d) The loan does not require a balloon payment of any kind.

The licensee also implemented "Grace Period Payments Deferment Agreement." During the onsite visitations of store locations it was observed employees are pre-printing this grace period agreement and putting it in customer's files. The employees are also encouraging the customers to enter into this grace period agreement. The employees are provided the following statement to read to customers:



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“TMX Employee:

Great! Your contract states that you have 7 payments of <Amortized Loan Payments> which are for every 30 days starting on < Due Date>. By making this payment on time, your loan will be paid in full when you make the final payment. However, for your convenience, you can also make a minimum payment of <Minimum Payment to Extend> during this time. Any principal left at the end of the term will be placed on a 0% payment plan for an additional seven months. Do you have any questions?”

This agreement consists of separating the interest and principal from the original amortized schedule payments and prolonging the payment of principal until the full interest is paid. This agreement has a schedule of 14 payments which for the first seven payment the customer pays only interest. For the remaining seven payments the customer pays the principal. The total amount paid under this agreement is higher from the original amortized payments scheduled under the original loan agreement.

The “Grace Period Payments Deferment Agreement” offered by TitleMax clearly contradicts with 604A.445(3).

Training

TitleMax provides training upon hire and annually thereafter. All employees are required to complete refresher courses on-line and as needed. The Compliance Department has the responsibility of overseeing that all training materials are up to date with any industry changes and demands.

Display of License, Notices, and Disclosures

The State of Nevada, Financial Institutions Division NRS 604A license is displayed conspicuously by the licensee which is in compliance with NRS 604A.635 and NAC 604A.060.

The contact number of the office of the Commissioner, notice of fees charged and business hours are posted conspicuously in the location where the licensee conducts business, which is in compliance with, NRS 604A.405, NAC 604A.130, NAC 604A.140, and NAC 604A.150.

Record Retention

According to the managers questionnaire, it is the licensee’s policy to maintain all records for five years which is in compliance with NRS604A.700 and NAC 604A.200.

Collection Agency Utilized by the Licensee

As of the examination date, the licensee does not utilize the services of a third party collection agency. The internal collection process consists of sending letters and making phone calls to delinquent customers by TitleMax’s collection department.



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FDCPA

TitleMax employees are required to be certified on an annually basis. All collection employees are required a minimum score of 80% to obtain the FDCPA certification. The store managers monitor all contact with debtors to assure that policy and produces are followed by all employees.

FinCen Registration

TitleMax is not considered a Money Services Business in accordance with 31 CFR Chapter X § 1022.380; as such, the licensee is not registered with FinCEN as a Money Service Business.

Complaints Filed Since the Previous Examination

The Financial Institutions Division complaint database was verified and indicates that as of October 14, 2014 there were three complaints filed against TitleMax since the previous examination. TitleMax responded to the complaints in a timely manner.

Total Sample Size

As of Exam Date	August 31, 2014
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	Population	Sample Size	Penetration
LOAN TYPES:			
Active Loans	416	9	2.16%
Delinquent Loans	104	6	5.77%
Closed Loans	20	4	20.00%
Declined Loans	1	1	100.00%
Total Loans =	541	20	3.70%

All of the loan samples were chosen randomly by the examiner. As of the examination date, the licensee had:



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PREVIOUS VIOLATIONS OF STATUTES AND REGULATIONS

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2. Make a title loan without regard to the ability of the customer seeking the title loan to repay the title loan, including the customer's current and expected income, obligations and employment.

During the previous examination the licensee was found to be underwriting title loans in excess of the customer's disclosed income and obligations. There was no regard given to the customer's ability to repay the loan. This will be cited as a repeat violation. Please refer to the current violation section for more details.

NAC 604A.230 Prohibited acts: Miscellaneous acts.

1. A licensee shall not:

(a) Require or accept a guarantor to a transaction entered into with a customer.

NRS 604A.105 "Title loan" defined.

1. "Title loan" means a loan made to a customer pursuant to a loan agreement which, under its original terms

(b) Requires the customer to secure the loan by either:

(1) Giving possession of the title to a vehicle legally owned by the customer to the licensee or any agent, affiliate or subsidiary of the licensee.

NRS 604A.115 "Title to a vehicle" or "title" defined. "Title to a vehicle" or "title" means a certificate of title or ownership issued pursuant to the laws of this State that identifies the legal owner of a vehicle or any similar document issued pursuant to the laws of another jurisdiction.

During the previous examination several of the loan files reviewed showed co-borrowers which were not listed on the title of the vehicle. This violation will be cited as a repeat violation. Please refer to the current violation section for more details.

NRS 604A.410 Written loan agreement required; contents

2. The loan agreement must include, without limitation, the following information:

c) The date and amount of the loan, amount financed, annual percentage rate, finance charge, total of payments, payment schedule and a description and the amount of every fee charged, regardless of the name given to the fee and regardless of whether the fee is required to be included in the finance charge under the Truth in Lending Act and Regulation Z;

During the previous examination, the licensee did not indicate on the extension receipts the effective date of the extension. This violation occurred on the 30 day title loans. Since the previous examination the licensee has stopped offering the 30 day title loans. The new product 210 day title loan offered by the licensee does not allow any extensions. Therefore, this violation is deemed rectified.



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NAC 604A.160 Translation of documents written in language other than English.

2. A document translated pursuant to this section must be:

(a) Translated by an interpreter who is:

(1) Certified by the Court Administrator in accordance with the provisions of NRS 1.510 and regulations adopted pursuant thereto; or NAC 604A.200 Maintenance of books and records.

1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 604A.700, a licensee shall maintain for at least 3 years the original or a copy of each account, book, paper, written or electronic record or other document that concerns each loan or other transaction involving a customer in this State.

2. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 604A.620, those records must be maintained at a place of business in this State designated by the licensee.

(2) Approved in writing by the Division.

(b) Accompanied by a certificate issued by the interpreter.

During the previous examination, the licensee did not provide a copy of the Certified Court Interpreter in the State of Nevada. During the current examination the licensee was able to provide a copy of the Certified Court Interpreter for the State of Nevada. Therefore, this violation is deemed rectified.

NAC 604A.200 Maintenance of books and records.

1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 604A.700, a licensee shall maintain for at least 3 years the original or a copy of each account, book, paper, written or electronic record or other document that concerns each loan or other transaction involving a customer in this State.

2. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 604A.620, those records must be maintained at a place of business in this State designated by the licensee.

During the previous examination, the licensee was unable to provide all the records requested by the examiner in charge. During the current examination the licensee was able to provide all the records requested. Therefore, this violation is deemed rectified.

NRS 604A.410 Written loan agreement required; contents.

1. Before making any loan to a customer, a licensee shall provide to the customer a written loan agreement which may be kept by the customer and which must be written in:

(a) English, if the transaction is conducted in English; or

(b) Spanish, if the transaction is conducted in Spanish.

During the previous examination the licensee was found to be using loan agreement written in English and receipts written in Spanish. During the current examination there was no evidence of such. Therefore, this violation is deemed rectified.



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NRS 604A.475 Repayment plan

2. If the licensee intends to commence any civil action or process of alternative dispute resolution or repossess a vehicle in an effort to collect a defaulted loan, the licensee shall deliver to the customer, not later than 15 days after the date of default, or not later than 5 days after a check is not paid upon presentment or an electronic transfer of money fails, whichever is later, written notice of the opportunity to enter into a repayment plan. The written notice must:

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2. For the purposes of this chapter, proper calculation of the amount financed, annual percentage rate and finance charge for a loan must be made in accordance with the Truth in Lending Act and Regulation Z.

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The exit meeting was held telephonically on December 18, 2014. The licensee was represented by Carrie E. Carbone, SVP of Compliance and Product General Counsel, Victoria Newman, Compliance and Corporate Counsel, Sarah C. Poff, Director of Compliance. The Financial Institutions Division was represented by Christian Yanez, Examiner in charge, Harveen Sekhon, Supervisory Examiner, Christopher Eccles, Attorney, Andrea Bruce, Examiner.



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REPEAT VIOLATION

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The title loans itemized below were underwritten in excess of the customer's disclosed income and obligations, therefore, there was no regard given to the customer's ability to repay the loan:

No Regard to Customer's Ability to Repay the Title Loan						
Borrower's Name	Loan Number	Term	Stated Income	Stated Obligations	Total Amount of Loan(s)	Amount Over
Maria Turner	12369-0062180	30 day	\$950.00	\$250.00	\$1747.95	\$1,047.95
Martha Merjil	12369-0063609	30 day	\$2,139.00	\$500.00	\$2,199.80	\$560.80
Martha Tovar	12369-0062472	30 day	\$2,100.00	\$1,000.00	\$2,199.80	\$1,099.80
Glenn Vergith	12369-0083885	30 day	\$2,400.00	\$2,100.00	\$436.56	\$136.56

Management's response: Ms. Sarah C. Poff, Director of Compliance, stated that a response will be sent to the Financial Institution Division once the report of examination is received.

REPEAT VIOLATION

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During the current examination, the licensee provided a policy which states the following:

“The primary borrower must be on the title; however if there is a co-borrower (on the title or not), he must sign the Application and Contract.”

During the stores visits, the examiner in charge found several files where the co-borrower was not in the vehicle title. In some instances the co-borrower had a different address and different last name.

Management’s response: Ms. Sarah C. Poff, Director of Compliance, stated that a response will be sent to the Financial Institution Division once the report of examination is received. :

NRS 604A.445 Title loans: Restrictions on duration of loan and periods of extension.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter to the contrary:

3. The original term of a title loan may be up to 210 days if:

- (a) The loan provides for payments in installments;**
- (b) The payments are calculated to ratably and fully amortize the entire amount of principal and interest payable on the loan;**
- (c) The loan is not subject to any extension; and**
- (d) The loan does not require a balloon payment of any kind.**

NRS 604A.210 Chapter does not prohibit licensee from offering customer grace period. The provisions of this chapter do not prohibit a licensee from offering a customer a grace period on the repayment of a loan or an extension of a loan, except that the licensee shall not charge the customer:

- 1. Any fees for granting such a grace period; or**
- 2. Any additional fees or additional interest on the outstanding loan during such a grace period.**

Since the previous examination, Titlemax implemented a 210 day title loan product that mirrored NRS 604A.445 (3). The current examination showed that Titlemax’s original loan agreement complies with NRS 604A.445(3). The examination also showed that Titlemax markets and offers an amendment to the original loan agreement that violates NRS 604A.445 (3) and NRS 604A.210.

Onsite visits to Titlemax locations and conversations with store employees showed that Titlemax routinely offers an amendment to the original loan agreement called the “Grace Period Payments Deferment Agreement” (hereinafter, the “Amended Agreement”).

Regarding the marketing of the Amended Agreement by store employees, onsite store visits showed that employees routinely encourage customers to enter into the Amended Agreement. The employees are



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trained to encourage customers to participate in the Amended Agreement as soon as the original agreement is issued, and not wait until the loan is in default status. Pre-printed amended agreements were found in customers' files during the onsite store visits.

Moreover, management issued the below marketing statement with the instruction that employees should encourage customers to enter into the Amended Agreement. The marketing statement provides:

"Your contract states that you have 7 payments of <Amortized Loan Payments> which are for every 30 days starting on < Due Date>. By making this payment on time, your loan will be paid in full when you make the final payment. However, for your convenience, you can also make a minimum payment of <Minimum Payment to Extend> during this time. Any principal left at the end of the term will be placed on a 0% payment plan for an additional seven months. Do you have any questions?"

The marketing statement emphasizes lower payments. But, in fact, under the Amended Agreement, the total amount owed by the customer is **more** than the total amount owed under the original loan agreement, as further detailed below.

The text of the Amended Agreement provides:

"Because this is only an amendment and modification of the loan agreement in which we are only modifying and deferring your payments under the Title Loan Agreement, you acknowledge and agree that all of the terms and conditions of the Title Loan Agreement, including the charging of simple interest and waiver of jury trial and arbitration provision remain in full force and effect."

This statement shows an intent to avoid compliance with NRS 604A.445(3).

Under the original loan agreement the customer makes seven fully amortized payments (210 days) to pay the loan off without a balloon payment at the end, thereby complying with all provisions of NRS 604A.445(3). But, under the Amended Agreement, the customer makes 14 payments (390 days), the first seven payments are only interest and last seven payments are principal. Thus, Amended Agreement separates interest and principal from the original amortized schedule of payments, and thereby prolongs the payment of principal until the full interest is paid.

For an example of how customers owe more under the Amended Agreement compared to the original agreement, please see below:

LOAN NUMBER	TOTAL AMOUNT TO BE PAID UNDER ORIGINAL LOAN AGREEMENT	TOTAL AMOUNT TO BE PAID UNDER "AMENDED" LOAN AGREEMENT	OVERAGE
12369-0118904	\$4,514.76	\$5,337.53	\$822.77



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Titlemax must comply with NRS 604A.445 (3) and NRS 604A.210. Customers who enter into the Amended Agreement owe more money compared to the original loan with its fully amortized payments. Thus, Titlemax's Amended Agreement violates NRS 604A.445 (3) and NRS 604A.210.

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INTRODUCTION

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During the previous examination several of the loan files reviewed showed co-borrowers which were not listed on the title of the vehicle. This violation will be cited as a repeat violation. Please refer to the current violation section for more details.

NRS 604A.410 Written loan agreement required; contents

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During the previous examination, the licensee did not indicate on the extension receipts the effective date of the extension. This violation occurred on the 30 day title loans. Since the previous examination the licensee has stopped offering the 30 day title loans. The new product 210 day title loan offered by the licensee does not allow any extensions. Therefore, this violation is deemed rectified.



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(2) Approved in writing by the Division.

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During the previous examination the licensee was found to be using loan agreement written in English and receipts written in Spanish. During the current examination there was no evidence of such. Therefore, this violation is deemed rectified.



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NRS 604A.475 Repayment plan

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NRS 604A.150 Additional terms defined under federal law; calculation of amount financed, annual percentage rate and finance charge.

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During the previous examination the licensee was found understating the APR. During the current examination there was no evidence of such. Therefore, the violation is deemed rectified.

EXIT MEETING

The exit meeting was held telephonically on December 18, 2014. The licensee was represented by Carrie E. Carbone, SVP of Compliance and Product General Counsel, Victoria Newman, Compliance and Corporate Counsel, Sarah C. Poff, Director of Compliance. The Financial Institutions Division was represented by Christian Yanez, Examiner in charge, Harveen Sekhon, Supervisory Examiner, Christopher Eccles, Attorney, Andrea Bruce, Examiner.



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The title loans itemized below were underwritten in excess of the customer's disclosed income and obligations, therefore, there was no regard given to the customer's ability to repay the loan:

No Regard to Customer's Ability to Repay the Title Loan						
Borrower's Name	Loan Number	Term	Stated Income	Stated Obligations	Total Amount of Loan(s)	Amount Over
Dawn Rierson	13869-0098157	30 day	\$1,200.00	\$800.00	\$2,282.40	\$1,882.40
Edward Chan	13869-0116090	210 day	\$2,000.00	\$500.00	*\$2,053.36	\$553.36

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During the current examination, the licensee provided a policy which states the following:

“The primary borrower must be on the title; however if there is a co-borrower (on the title or not), he must sign the Application and Contract.”

During the stores visits, the examiner in charge found several files where the co-borrower was not in the vehicle title. In some instances the co-borrower had a different address and different last name.

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NRS 604A.210 Chapter does not prohibit licensee from offering customer grace period. The provisions of this chapter do not prohibit a licensee from offering a customer a grace period on the repayment of a loan or an extension of a loan, except that the licensee shall not charge the customer:

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Since the previous examination, Titlemax implemented a 210 day title loan product that mirrored NRS 604A.445 (3). The current examination showed that Titlemax’s original loan agreement complies with NRS 604A.445(3). The examination also showed that Titlemax markets and offers an amendment to the original loan agreement that violates NRS 604A.445 (3) and NRS 604A.210.

Onsite visits to Titlemax locations and conversations with store employees showed that Titlemax routinely offers an amendment to the original loan agreement called the “Grace Period Payments Deferment Agreement” (hereinafter, the “Amended Agreement”).

Regarding the marketing of the Amended Agreement by store employees, onsite store visits showed that employees routinely encourage customers to enter into the Amended Agreement. The employees are



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trained to encourage customers to participate in the Amended Agreement as soon as the original agreement is issued, and not wait until the loan is in default status. Pre-printed amended agreements were found in customers' files during the onsite store visits.

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The marketing statement emphasizes lower payments. But, in fact, under the Amended Agreement, the total amount owed by the customer is **more** than the total amount owed under the original loan agreement, as further detailed below.

The text of the Amended Agreement provides:

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This statement shows an intent to avoid compliance with NRS 604A.445(3).

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For an example of how customers owe more under the Amended Agreement compared to the original agreement, please see below:

LOAN NUMBER	TOTAL AMOUNT TO BE PAID UNDER ORIGINAL LOAN AGREEMENT	TOTAL AMOUNT TO BE PAID UNDER "AMENDED" LOAN AGREEMENT	OVERAGE
13869-0114073	\$4,476.94	\$5,246.29	\$769.35



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Titlemax must comply with NRS 604A.445 (3) and NRS 604A.210. Customers who enter into the Amended Agreement owe more money compared to the original loan with its fully amortized payments. Thus, Titlemax's Amended Agreement violates NRS 604A.445 (3) and NRS 604A.210.

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FEDERAL

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SUMMARY

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CHAPTER 604A
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Total Exam Hours:	11.00	Examination Number:	65314

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No Regard to Customer's Ability to Repay the Title Loan						
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Anita Ealy	11369-0061828	30 day	\$1,102.37	\$0.00	\$8,821.20	\$7,718.83
Barbara Szydlo-mcgee	11369-0055605	30 day	\$5,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$5,521.50	\$3,521.50
Tiffany Young	11369-0106676	30 day	\$2,500.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,333.69	\$33.69
Jeanne Hamburg	11369-0116061	30 day	\$4,588.00	\$1,350.00	\$3,351.90	\$113.90
Stephen Ruck	11369-0100726	30 day	\$4,583.00	\$2,000.00	\$3,321.70	\$738.70

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During the current examination, the licensee provided a policy which states the following:

"The primary borrower must be on the title; however if there is a co-borrower (on the title or not), he must sign the Application and Contract."

During the stores visits, the examiner in charge found several files where the co-borrower was not in the vehicle title. In some instances the co-borrower had a different address and different last name.

Management's response: Ms. Sarah C. Poff, Director of Compliance, stated that a response will be sent to the Financial Institution Division once the report of examination is received.

NRS 604A.445 Title loans: Restrictions on duration of loan and periods of extension.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter to the contrary:

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NRS 604A.210 Chapter does not prohibit licensee from offering customer grace period. The provisions of this chapter do not prohibit a licensee from offering a customer a grace period on the repayment of a loan or an extension of a loan, except that the licensee shall not charge the customer:



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1. Any fees for granting such a grace period; or
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Since the previous examination, Titlemax implemented a 210 day title loan product that mirrored NRS 604A.445 (3). The current examination showed that Titlemax's original loan agreement complies with NRS 604A.445(3). The examination also showed that Titlemax markets and offers an amendment to the original loan agreement that violates NRS 604A.445 (3) and NRS 604A.210.

Onsite visits to Titlemax locations and conversations with store employees showed that Titlemax routinely offers an amendment to the original loan agreement called the "Grace Period Payments Deferment Agreement" (hereinafter, the "Amended Agreement").

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Moreover, management issued the below marketing statement with the instruction that employees should encourage customers to enter into the Amended Agreement. The marketing statement provides:

"Your contract states that you have 7 payments of <Amortized Loan Payments> which are for every 30 days starting on < Due Date>. By making this payment on time, your loan will be paid in full when you make the final payment. However, for your convenience, you can also make a minimum payment of <Minimum Payment to Extend> during this time. Any principal left at the end of the term will be placed on a 0% payment plan for an additional seven months. Do you have any questions?"

The marketing statement emphasizes lower payments. But, in fact, under the Amended Agreement, the total amount owed by the customer is **more** than the total amount owed under the original loan agreement, as further detailed below.

The text of the Amended Agreement provides:

"Because this is only an amendment and modification of the loan agreement in which we are only modifying and deferring your payments under the Title Loan Agreement, you acknowledge and agree that all of the terms and conditions of the Title Loan Agreement, including the charging of simple interest and waiver of jury trial and arbitration provision remain in full force and effect."

This statement shows an intent to avoid compliance with NRS 604A.445(3).

Under the original loan agreement the customer makes seven fully amortized payments (210 days) to pay the loan off without a balloon payment at the end, thereby complying with all provisions of NRS



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604A.445(3). But, under the Amended Agreement, the customer makes 14 payments (390 days), the first seven payments are only interest and last seven payments are principal. Thus, Amended Agreement separates interest and principal from the original amortized schedule of payments, and thereby prolongs the payment of principal until the full interest is paid.

For an example of how customers owe more under the Amended Agreement compared to the original agreement, please see below:

LOAN NUMBER	TOTAL AMOUNT TO BE PAID UNDER ORIGINAL LOAN AGREEMENT	TOTAL AMOUNT TO BE PAID UNDER "AMENDED" LOAN AGREEMENT	OVERAGE
11369-0117263	\$2,890.26	\$3,546.68	\$656.42
11369-0117263	\$1,505.50	\$1,852.64	\$347.14
11369-0115620	\$5,079.66	\$6,188.83	\$1,109.17
11369-0117680	\$574.94	\$679.72	\$104.78

Titlemax must comply with NRS 604A.445 (3) and NRS 604A.210. Customers who enter into the Amended Agreement owe **more** money compared to the original loan with its fully amortized payments. Thus, Titlemax's Amended Agreement violates NRS 604A.445 (3) and NRS 604A.210.

FEDERAL

No violations of Federal laws were noted during the examination. However, this examination should not be considered a full compliance examination relative to Federal statutes.



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SUMMARY

Each licensee, upon completion of an examination, is rated “Satisfactory,” “Needs Improvement,” or “Unsatisfactory,” based primarily on compliance with applicable statutes and regulations and the perceived capability of management to achieve and maintain such compliance. The rating of the licensee at this examination is “Needs Improvement.”

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CHAPTER 604A
REPORT OF EXAMINATION

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Examiner In Charge:	Christian Yanez	Examined as of:	August 31, 2014
Examination Started:	August 6, 2014	Examination Closed:	December 18, 2014
Total Exam Hours:	11.00	Examination Number:	65316

THIS REPORT IS STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL

The information contained in this report is based on the books and records of the licensee as licensed under NRS 604A, on statements made to the examiner by the directors, officers, and employees, and on information obtained from other sources believed to be reliable and presumed by the examiner to be correct. It is emphasized that this report is a report of examination, and not an audit of the licensee, and should not be construed as such. This report of examination does not replace nor relieve the principals of their responsibility for performing or providing for adequate audits of the business.

This copy of the report is the property of the Department of Business and Industry of the State of Nevada, and is furnished to the licensee for its confidential use. Under no circumstances shall the licensee, or any of its directors, officers, or employees disclose in any manner the report or any portion thereof to any person or organization not officially connected with the licensee as officer, director, attorney, or auditor unless otherwise directed. Should any legal process document be served calling for the surrender of this report or any portion thereof, the Commissioner of the Financial Institutions Division shall be notified immediately.

Each principal has the responsibility to review the contents of this report.

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INTRODUCTION

The annual examination of TitleMax of Nevada, Inc. DBA: TitleMax located at 6450 W. Lake Mead Blvd. Ste. 150., Las Vegas, NV 89106 commenced on August 6, 2014. This business location currently holds a Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) Chapter 604A license issued by the State of Nevada Financial Institutions Division (FID). The licensee has been granted approval to initiate Title Loans in accordance with applicable statutes and regulations.

The licensee's website www.titlemax.com is used as the main source of information for different products and services that TitleMax offers. Customers have the ability to complete a loan applications on-line. The application is reviewed by the call center and the customer is referred to one of the stores to complete the loan process.

The licensee currently offers the 120 day loan which allows the customer to make installment payments.

TitleMax currently has 40 locations in the state of Nevada. All the locations were visited during the process of this examination.

SCOPE OF EXAMINATION

The primary purpose of the examination was to determine compliance with NRS 604A and NAC 604A. The examination consisted of a review of the following: active loans, paid-off loans, delinquent loans, loans that are in the repayment plan and declined loans, surety bonding requirement, completion of the manager's and statutory compliance questionnaires, and a review of the company's policies and procedures and forms used in the operation of the business. Emphasis was placed on compliance with state regulations as well as federal regulations such as the Truth in Lending Act (Regulation Z) and the Equal Credit Opportunity Act (Regulation B).

Annual Report

The annual report of operations is due to the Financial Institutions Division by April 15th each year. The annual report of operations for year ending 2013 was received on April 8th, 2014 which is in accordance with NRS 604A.750.

Surety Bond

The Surety Bond appears to be sufficient. It is currently posted at \$265,000.00 under Bond Number 60088894 with Capitol Indemnity Corporation and is due for renewal on February 15, 2014. The licensee is in compliance with NRS 604A.610.

Internal / External Review

Titlemax did not submit any internal or external reviews. Internal or external reviews were not part of the scope of the current examination.



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Financial Audit / CPA

The CPA of the Financial Institutions Division performed an analysis of key financial figures for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2013, which were included in the 2013 Annual Report of Operations. No areas of concern were noted.

Internal Routine and Control

The licensee uses CashWise Financial Services Software for its loan operations. Title loan underwriting process includes:

- Loan application form
- Income and obligations
- Government issued photo identification
- Valid phone number
- Title of the vehicle
- Proof of insurance
- Current registration
- Affidavit stating the customer's ability to repay the loan

During the previous examination the licensee was offering 30 day title loans. On January 28, 2014 the licensee sent a letter to the Financial Institutions Division stating that TitleMax is going to stop offering the 30 day title loans and start offering the 210 day title loans.

During the on-site visitation of current examination it was discovered that TitleMax stopped offering the 30 day loans as of July, 2014. The new product, 210 day title loan is currently being offered in all TitleMax locations in the State of Nevada.

The 210 day product mirrors NRS 604A.445 (3):

3. The original term of a title loan may be up to 210 days if:
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“TMX Employee:

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This agreement consists of separating the interest and principal from the original amortized schedule payments and prolonging the payment of principal until the full interest is paid. This agreement has a schedule of 14 payments which for the first seven payment the customer pays only interest. For the remaining seven payments the customer pays the principal. The total amount paid under this agreement is higher from the original amortized payments scheduled under the original loan agreement.

The “Grace Period Payments Deferment Agreement” offered by TitleMax clearly contradicts with 604A.445(3).

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TitleMax provides training upon hire and annually thereafter. All employees are required to complete refresher courses on-line and as needed. The Compliance Department has the responsibility of overseeing that all training materials are up to date with any industry changes and demands.

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The State of Nevada, Financial Institutions Division NRS 604A license is displayed conspicuously by the licensee which is in compliance with NRS 604A.635 and NAC 604A.060.

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Record Retention

According to the managers questionnaire, it is the licensee’s policy to maintain all records for five years which is in compliance with NRS604A.700 and NAC 604A.200.

Collection Agency Utilized by the Licensee

As of the examination date, the licensee does not utilize the services of a third party collection agency. The internal collection process consists of sending letters and making phone calls to delinquent customers by TitleMax’s collection department.



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FDCPA

TitleMax employees are required to be certified on an annually basis. All collection employees are required a minimum score of 80% to obtain the FDCPA certification. The store managers monitor all contact with debtors to assure that policy and produces are followed by all employees.

FinCen Registration

TitleMax is not considered a Money Services Business in accordance with 31 CFR Chapter X § 1022.380; as such, the licensee is not registered with FinCEN as a Money Service Business.

Complaints Filed Since the Previous Examination

The Financial Institutions Division complaint database was verified and indicates that as of October 14, 2014 there were three complaints filed against TitleMax since the previous examination. TitleMax responded to the complaints in a timely manner.

Total Sample Size

As of Exam Date	August 31, 2014
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	Population	Sample Size	Penetration
LOAN TYPES:			
Active Loans	664	10	1.51%
Delinquent Loans	51	5	9.80%
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Total Loans =	726	21	2.89%

All of the loan samples were chosen randomly by the examiner. As of the examination date, the licensee had:



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Joseph Glaser	10069-0093425	30 day	\$1,754.50	\$700.00	\$1,193.30	\$138.80
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Management's response: Ms. Sarah C. Poff, Director of Compliance, stated that a response will be sent to the Financial Institution Division once the report of examination is received.

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10069-0119501	\$4,366.58	\$5,340.65	\$974.07
10069-0112498	\$1,321.92	\$1,626.71	\$304.79
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Examiner In Charge:	Christian Yanez	Examined as of:	August 31, 2014
Examination Started:	August 6, 2014	Examination Closed:	December 18, 2014
Total Exam Hours:	11.00	Examination Number:	65303

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The information contained in this report is based on the books and records of the licensee as licensed under NRS 604A, on statements made to the examiner by the directors, officers, and employees, and on information obtained from other sources believed to be reliable and presumed by the examiner to be correct. It is emphasized that this report is a report of examination, and not an audit of the licensee, and should not be construed as such. This report of examination does not replace nor relieve the principals of their responsibility for performing or providing for adequate audits of the business.

This copy of the report is the property of the Department of Business and Industry of the State of Nevada, and is furnished to the licensee for its confidential use. Under no circumstances shall the licensee, or any of its directors, officers, or employees disclose in any manner the report or any portion thereof to any person or organization not officially connected with the licensee as officer, director, attorney, or auditor unless otherwise directed. Should any legal process document be served calling for the surrender of this report or any portion thereof, the Commissioner of the Financial Institutions Division shall be notified immediately.

Each principal has the responsibility to review the contents of this report.

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ROA 011653

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INTRODUCTION

The annual examination of TitleMax of Nevada, Inc. DBA: TitleMax located at 6525 S. Fort Apache Rd Ste 110., Las Vegas, NV 89148 commenced on August 16, 2014. This business location currently holds a Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) Chapter 604A license issued by the State of Nevada Financial Institutions Division (FID). The licensee has been granted approval to initiate Title Loans in accordance with applicable statutes and regulations.

The licensee's website www.titlemax.com is used as the main source of information for different products and services that TitleMax offers. Customers have the ability to complete a loan applications on-line. The application is reviewed by the call center and the customer is referred to one of the stores to complete the loan process.

The licensee currently offers the 120 day loan which allows the customer to make installment payments.

TitleMax currently has 40 locations in the state of Nevada. All the locations were visited during the process of this examination.

SCOPE OF EXAMINATION

The primary purpose of the examination was to determine compliance with NRS 604A and NAC 604A. The examination consisted of a review of the following: active loans, paid-off loans, delinquent loans, loans that are in the repayment plan and declined loans, surety bonding requirement, completion of the manager's and statutory compliance questionnaires, and a review of the company's policies and procedures and forms used in the operation of the business. Emphasis was placed on compliance with state regulations as well as federal regulations such as the Truth in Lending Act (Regulation Z) and the Equal Credit Opportunity Act (Regulation B).

Annual Report

The annual report of operations is due to the Financial Institutions Division by April 15th each year. The annual report of operations for year ending 2013 was received on April 8th, 2014 which is in accordance with NRS 604A.750.

Surety Bond

The Surety Bond appears to be sufficient. It is currently posted at \$265,000.00 under Bond Number 60088894 with Capitol Indemnity Corporation and is due for renewal on February 15, 2014. The licensee is in compliance with NRS 604A.610.

Internal / External Review

Titlemax did not submit any internal or external reviews. Internal or external reviews were not part of the scope of the current examination.



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Financial Audit / CPA

The CPA of the Financial Institutions Division performed an analysis of key financial figures for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2013, which were included in the 2013 Annual Report of Operations. No areas of concern were noted.

Internal Routine and Control

The licensee uses CashWise Financial Services Software for its loan operations. Title loan underwriting process includes:

- Loan application form
- Income and obligations
- Government issued photo identification
- Valid phone number
- Title of the vehicle
- Proof of insurance
- Current registration
- Affidavit stating the customer's ability to repay the loan

During the previous examination the licensee was offering 30 day title loans. On January 28, 2014 the licensee sent a letter to the Financial Institutions Division stating that TitleMax is going to stop offering the 30 day title loans and start offering the 210 day title loans.

During the on-site visitation of current examination it was discovered that TitleMax stopped offering the 30 day loans as of July, 2014. The new product, 210 day title loan is currently being offered in all TitleMax locations in the State of Nevada.

The 210 day product mirrors NRS 604A.445 (3):

3. The original term of a title loan may be up to 210 days if:
 - (a) The loan provides for payments in installments;
 - (b) The payments are calculated to ratably and fully amortize the entire amount of principal and interest payable on the loan;
 - (c) The loan is not subject to any extension; and
 - (d) The loan does not require a balloon payment of any kind.

The licensee also implemented "Grace Period Payments Deferment Agreement." During the onsite visitations of store locations it was observed employees are pre-printing this grace period agreement and putting it in customer's files. The employees are also encouraging the customers to enter into this grace period agreement. The employees are provided the following statement to read to customers:



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“TMX Employee:

Great! Your contract states that you have 7 payments of <Amortized Loan Payments> which are for every 30 days starting on < Due Date>. By making this payment on time, your loan will be paid in full when you make the final payment. However, for your convenience, you can also make a minimum payment of <Minimum Payment to Extend> during this time. Any principal left at the end of the term will be placed on a 0% payment plan for an additional seven months. Do you have any questions?”

This agreement consists of separating the interest and principal from the original amortized schedule payments and prolonging the payment of principal until the full interest is paid. This agreement has a schedule of 14 payments which for the first seven payment the customer pays only interest. For the remaining seven payments the customer pays the principal. The total amount paid under this agreement is higher from the original amortized payments scheduled under the original loan agreement.

The “Grace Period Payments Deferment Agreement” offered by TitleMax clearly contradicts with 604A.445(3).

Training

TitleMax provides training upon hire and annually thereafter. All employees are required to complete refresher courses on-line and as needed. The Compliance Department has the responsibility of overseeing that all training materials are up to date with any industry changes and demands.

Display of License, Notices, and Disclosures

The State of Nevada, Financial Institutions Division NRS 604A license is displayed conspicuously by the licensee which is in compliance with NRS 604A.635 and NAC 604A.060.

The contact number of the office of the Commissioner, notice of fees charged and business hours are posted conspicuously in the location where the licensee conducts business, which is in compliance with, NRS 604A.405, NAC 604A.130, NAC 604A.140, and NAC 604A.150.

Record Retention

According to the managers questionnaire, it is the licensee’s policy to maintain all records for five years which is in compliance with NRS604A.700 and NAC 604A.200.

Collection Agency Utilized by the Licensee

As of the examination date, the licensee does not utilize the services of a third party collection agency. The internal collection process consists of sending letters and making phone calls to delinquent customers by TitleMax’s collection department.



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FDCPA

TitleMax employees are required to be certified on an annually basis. All collection employees are required a minimum score of 80% to obtain the FDCPA certification. The store managers monitor all contact with debtors to assure that policy and produces are followed by all employees.

FinCen Registration

TitleMax is not considered a Money Services Business in accordance with 31 CFR Chapter X § 1022.380; as such, the licensee is not registered with FinCEN as a Money Service Business.

Complaints Filed Since the Previous Examination

The Financial Institutions Division complaint database was verified and indicates that as of October 14, 2014 there were three complaints filed against TitleMax since the previous examination. TitleMax responded to the complaints in a timely manner.

Total Sample Size

As of Exam Date	August 31, 2014
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	Population	Sample Size	Penetration
LOAN TYPES:			
Active Loans	347	10	2.88%
Delinquent Loans	132	5	3.79%
Closed Loans	10	5	50.00%
Declined Loans	2	1	50.00%
Total Loans =	491	21	4.28%

All of the loan samples were chosen randomly by the examiner. As of the examination date, the licensee had:



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PREVIOUS VIOLATIONS OF STATUTES AND REGULATIONS

NRS 604A.450 Title loans: Prohibited acts by licensee regarding amount of loan and customer's ability to repay loan. A licensee who makes title loans shall not:

2. Make a title loan without regard to the ability of the customer seeking the title loan to repay the title loan, including the customer's current and expected income, obligations and employment.

During the previous examination the licensee was found to be underwriting title loans in excess of the customer's disclosed income and obligations. There was no regard given to the customer's ability to repay the loan. This will be cited as a repeat violation. Please refer to the current violation section for more details.

NAC 604A.230 Prohibited acts: Miscellaneous acts.

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During the previous examination several of the loan files reviewed showed co-borrowers which were not listed on the title of the vehicle. This violation will be cited as a repeat violation. Please refer to the current violation section for more details.

NRS 604A.410 Written loan agreement required; contents

2. The loan agreement must include, without limitation, the following information:

c) The date and amount of the loan, amount financed, annual percentage rate, finance charge, total of payments, payment schedule and a description and the amount of every fee charged, regardless of the name given to the fee and regardless of whether the fee is required to be included in the finance charge under the Truth in Lending Act and Regulation Z;

During the previous examination, the licensee did not indicate on the extension receipts the effective date of the extension. This violation occurred on the 30 day title loans. Since the previous examination the licensee has stopped offering the 30 day title loans. The new product 210 day title loan offered by the licensee does not allow any extensions. Therefore, this violation is deemed rectified.



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NAC 604A.160 Translation of documents written in language other than English.

2. A document translated pursuant to this section must be:

(a) Translated by an interpreter who is:

(1) Certified by the Court Administrator in accordance with the provisions of NRS 1.510 and regulations adopted pursuant thereto; or NAC 604A.200 Maintenance of books and records.

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2. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 604A.620, those records must be maintained at a place of business in this State designated by the licensee.

(2) Approved in writing by the Division.

(b) Accompanied by a certificate issued by the interpreter.

During the previous examination, the licensee did not provide a copy of the Certified Court Interpreter in the State of Nevada. During the current examination the licensee was able to provide a copy of the Certified Court Interpreter for the State of Nevada. Therefore, this violation is deemed rectified.

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NRS 604A.410 Written loan agreement required; contents.

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During the previous examination the licensee was found to be using loan agreement written in English and receipts written in Spanish. During the current examination there was no evidence of such. Therefore, this violation is deemed rectified.



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NRS 604A.475 Repayment plan

2. If the licensee intends to commence any civil action or process of alternative dispute resolution or repossess a vehicle in an effort to collect a defaulted loan, the licensee shall deliver to the customer, not later than 15 days after the date of default, or not later than 5 days after a check is not paid upon presentment or an electronic transfer of money fails, whichever is later, written notice of the opportunity to enter into a repayment plan. The written notice must:

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During the previous examination the licensee had a repayment plan offer in English and the receipt was issued in Spanish. During the current examination, there was no evidence that the repayment plans and the receipts were done in separate languages. Therefore, this violation is deemed rectified.

NRS 604A.150 Additional terms defined under federal law; calculation of amount financed, annual percentage rate and finance charge.

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During the previous examination the licensee was found understating the APR. During the current examination there was no evidence of such. Therefore, the violation is deemed rectified.

EXIT MEETING

The exit meeting was held telephonically on December 18, 2014. The licensee was represented by Carrie E. Carbone, SVP of Compliance and Product General Counsel, Victoria Newman, Compliance and Corporate Counsel, Sarah C. Poff, Director of Compliance. The Financial Institutions Division was represented by Christian Yanez, Examiner in charge, Harveen Sekhon, Supervisory Examiner, Christopher Eccles, Attorney, Andrea Bruce, Examiner.



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No Regard to Customer's Ability to Repay the Title Loan						
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DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY
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REPORT OF EXAMINATION

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EXAMINATION COMMENTS AND CONCLUSIONS

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NRS 604A.410 Written loan agreement required; contents

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2. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 604A.620, those records must be maintained at a place of business in this State designated by the licensee.

(2) Approved in writing by the Division.

(b) Accompanied by a certificate issued by the interpreter.

During the previous examination, the licensee did not provide a copy of the Certified Court Interpreter in the State of Nevada. During the current examination the licensee was able to provide a copy of the Certified Court Interpreter for the State of Nevada. Therefore, this violation is deemed rectified.

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(b) Spanish, if the transaction is conducted in Spanish.

During the previous examination the licensee was found to be using loan agreement written in English and receipts written in Spanish. During the current examination there was no evidence of such. Therefore, this violation is deemed rectified.



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NRS 604A.475 Repayment plan

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(a) Be in English, if the initial transaction was conducted in English, or in Spanish, if the initial transaction was conducted in Spanish.

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2. For the purposes of this chapter, proper calculation of the amount financed, annual percentage rate and finance charge for a loan must be made in accordance with the Truth in Lending Act and Regulation Z.

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EXIT MEETING

The exit meeting was held telephonically on December 18, 2014. The licensee was represented by Carrie E. Carbone, SVP of Compliance and Product General Counsel, Victoria Newman, Compliance and Corporate Counsel, Sarah C. Poff, Director of Compliance. The Financial Institutions Division was represented by Christian Yanez, Examiner in charge, Harveen Sekhon, Supervisory Examiner, Christopher Eccles, Attorney, Andrea Bruce, Examiner.



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STATE

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The title loans itemized below were underwritten in excess of the customer's disclosed income and obligations, therefore, there was no regard given to the customer's ability to repay the loan:

No Regard to Customer's Ability to Repay the Title Loan						
Borrower's Name	Loan Number	Term	Stated Income	Stated Obligations	Total Amount of Loan(s)	Amount Over
Lee Villalun	11269-0072964	30 day	\$1,100.00	\$350.00	\$873.98	\$123.98
Davis Freitas	11269-0103775	30 day	\$2,764.00	\$800.00	\$3,472.70	\$1,508.70

Management's response: Ms. Sarah C. Poff, Director of Compliance, stated that a response will be sent to the Financial Institution Division once the report of examination is received.

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During the current examination, the licensee provided a policy which states the following:

“The primary borrower must be on the title; however if there is a co-borrower (on the title or not), he must sign the Application and Contract.”

During the stores visits, the examiner in charge found several files where the co-borrower was not in the vehicle title. In some instances the co-borrower had a different address and different last name.

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Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter to the contrary:

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NRS 604A.210 Chapter does not prohibit licensee from offering customer grace period. The provisions of this chapter do not prohibit a licensee from offering a customer a grace period on the repayment of a loan or an extension of a loan, except that the licensee shall not charge the customer:

- 1.** Any fees for granting such a grace period; or
- 2.** Any additional fees or additional interest on the outstanding loan during such a grace period.

Since the previous examination, Titlemax implemented a 210 day title loan product that mirrored NRS 604A.445 (3). The current examination showed that Titlemax’s original loan agreement complies with NRS 604A.445(3). The examination also showed that Titlemax markets and offers an amendment to the original loan agreement that violates NRS 604A.445 (3) and NRS 604A.210.

Onsite visits to Titlemax locations and conversations with store employees showed that Titlemax routinely offers an amendment to the original loan agreement called the “Grace Period Payments Deferment Agreement” (hereinafter, the “Amended Agreement”).

Regarding the marketing of the Amended Agreement by store employees, onsite store visits showed that employees routinely encourage customers to enter into the Amended Agreement. The employees are



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trained to encourage customers to participate in the Amended Agreement as soon as the original agreement is issued, and not wait until the loan is in default status. Pre-printed amended agreements were found in customers' files during the onsite store visits.

Moreover, management issued the below marketing statement with the instruction that employees should encourage customers to enter into the Amended Agreement. The marketing statement provides:

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The marketing statement emphasizes lower payments. But, in fact, under the Amended Agreement, the total amount owed by the customer is **more** than the total amount owed under the original loan agreement, as further detailed below.

The text of the Amended Agreement provides:

"Because this is only an amendment and modification of the loan agreement in which we are only modifying and deferring your payments under the Title Loan Agreement, you acknowledge and agree that all of the terms and conditions of the Title Loan Agreement, including the charging of simple interest and waiver of jury trial and arbitration provision remain in full force and effect."

This statement shows an intent to avoid compliance with NRS 604A.445(3).

Under the original loan agreement the customer makes seven fully amortized payments (210 days) to pay the loan off without a balloon payment at the end, thereby complying with all provisions of NRS 604A.445(3). But, under the Amended Agreement, the customer makes 14 payments (390 days), the first seven payments are only interest and last seven payments are principal. Thus, Amended Agreement separates interest and principal from the original amortized schedule of payments, and thereby prolongs the payment of principal until the full interest is paid.

For an example of how customers owe more under the Amended Agreement compared to the original agreement, please see below:



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LOAN NUMBER	TOTAL AMOUNT TO BE PAID UNDER ORIGINAL LOAN AGREEMENT	TOTAL AMOUNT TO BE PAID UNDER “AMENDED” LOAN AGREEMENT	OVERAGE
11269-0111357	\$3,500.21	\$4,281.00	\$780.79
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CHAPTER 604A
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PREVIOUS VIOLATIONS OF STATUTES AND REGULATIONS

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No Regard to Customer's Ability to Repay the Title Loan						
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Fanny Butler	13969-0110789	30 day	\$2,200.00	\$1,300.00	\$1,732.65	\$832.65
Jesus Fagre	13969-0107005	30 day	\$2,600.00	\$800.00	\$2,771.75	\$971.75
Carmela Dadvivas	13969-0108680	30 day	\$1,600.00	\$800.00	\$3,412.30	\$2,612.30
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Susan Carlson	13969-0082236	30 day	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$349.59	\$149.59
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Management's response: Ms. Sarah C. Poff, Director of Compliance, stated that a response will be sent to the Financial Institution Division once the report of examination is received.

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During the current examination, the licensee provided a policy which states the following:

“The primary borrower must be on the title; however if there is a co-borrower (on the title or not), he must sign the Application and Contract.”

During the stores visits, the examiner in charge found several files where the co-borrower was not in the vehicle title. In some instances the co-borrower had a different address and different last name.

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NRS 604A.445 Title loans: Restrictions on duration of loan and periods of extension.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter to the contrary:

3. The original term of a title loan may be up to 210 days if:

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- (c) The loan is not subject to any extension; and
- (d) The loan does not require a balloon payment of any kind.

NRS 604A.210 Chapter does not prohibit licensee from offering customer grace period. The provisions of this chapter do not prohibit a licensee from offering a customer a grace period on the repayment of a loan or an extension of a loan, except that the licensee shall not charge the customer:

- 1. Any fees for granting such a grace period; or
- 2. Any additional fees or additional interest on the outstanding loan during such a grace period.

Since the previous examination, Titlemax implemented a 210 day title loan product that mirrored NRS 604A.445 (3). The current examination showed that Titlemax’s original loan agreement complies with NRS 604A.445(3). The examination also showed that Titlemax markets and offers an amendment to the original loan agreement that violates NRS 604A.445 (3) and NRS 604A.210.



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Onsite visits to Titlemax locations and conversations with store employees showed that Titlemax routinely offers an amendment to the original loan agreement called the “Grace Period Payments Deferment Agreement” (hereinafter, the “Amended Agreement”).

Regarding the marketing of the Amended Agreement by store employees, onsite store visits showed that employees routinely encourage customers to enter into the Amended Agreement. The employees are trained to encourage customers to participate in the Amended Agreement as soon as the original agreement is issued, and not wait until the loan is in default status. Pre-printed amended agreements were found in customers’ files during the onsite store visits.

Moreover, management issued the below marketing statement with the instruction that employees should encourage customers to enter into the Amended Agreement. The marketing statement provides:

“Your contract states that you have 7 payments of <Amortized Loan Payments> which are for every 30 days starting on < Due Date>. By making this payment on time, your loan will be paid in full when you make the final payment. However, for your convenience, you can also make a minimum payment of <Minimum Payment to Extend> during this time. Any principal left at the end of the term will be placed on a 0% payment plan for an additional seven months. Do you have any questions?”

The marketing statement emphasizes lower payments. But, in fact, under the Amended Agreement, the total amount owed by the customer is more than the total amount owed under the original loan agreement, as further detailed below.

The text of the Amended Agreement provides:

“Because this is only an amendment and modification of the loan agreement in which we are only modifying and deferring your payments under the Title Loan Agreement, you acknowledge and agree that all of the terms and conditions of the Title Loan Agreement, including the charging of simple interest and waiver of jury trial and arbitration provision remain in full force and effect.”

This statement shows an intent to avoid compliance with NRS 604A.445(3).

Under the original loan agreement the customer makes seven fully amortized payments (210 days) to pay the loan off without a balloon payment at the end, thereby complying with all provisions of NRS 604A.445(3). But, under the Amended Agreement, the customer makes 14 payments (390 days), the first seven payments are only interest and last seven payments are principal. Thus, Amended Agreement separates interest and principal from the original amortized schedule of payments, and thereby prolongs the payment of principal until the full interest is paid.

For an example of how customers owe more under the Amended Agreement compared to the original agreement, please see below:



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LOAN NUMBER	TOTAL AMOUNT TO BE PAID UNDER ORIGINAL LOAN AGREEMENT	TOTAL AMOUNT TO BE PAID UNDER “AMENDED” LOAN AGREEMENT	OVERAGE
13969-0115012	\$2,903.50	\$3,432.60	\$529.10
13696-0112704	\$4,340.85	\$5,131.90	\$791.05

Titlemax must comply with NRS 604A.445 (3) and NRS 604A.210. Customers who enter into the Amended Agreement owe **more** money compared to the original loan with its fully amortized payments. Thus, Titlemax’s Amended Agreement violates NRS 604A.445 (3) and NRS 604A.210.

Management’s response: *Ms. Sarah C. Poff, Director of Compliance, stated that a response will be sent to the Financial Institution Division once the report of examination is received.*

FEDERAL

No violations of Federal laws were noted during the examination. However, this examination should not be considered a full compliance examination relative to Federal statutes.

SUMMARY

Each licensee, upon completion of an examination, is rated “Satisfactory,” “Needs Improvement,” or “Unsatisfactory,” based primarily on compliance with applicable statutes and regulations and the perceived capability of management to achieve and maintain such compliance. The rating of the licensee at this examination is “Needs Improvement.”

A rating of “**Needs Improvement**” indicates that the licensee and the management of the licensee have demonstrated less than satisfactory compliance, or instances and situations involving a lack of compliance with applicable state and federal laws and regulations and that regulatory supervision is required. The licensee and management will be required to respond in writing to the report of examination within 30 days providing the procedures that have been initiated for the correction of the violations and deficiencies noted in the report made by the examiner pursuant to state and federal laws and regulations.



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CHAPTER 604A
REPORT OF EXAMINATION

TITLEMAX OF NEVADA, INC.
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Examiner In Charge:	Christian Yanez	Examined as of:	August 31, 2014
Examination Started:	August 6, 2014	Examination Closed:	December 18, 2014
Total Exam Hours:	11.00	Examination Number:	65325

THIS REPORT IS STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL

The information contained in this report is based on the books and records of the licensee as licensed under NRS 604A, on statements made to the examiner by the directors, officers, and employees, and on information obtained from other sources believed to be reliable and presumed by the examiner to be correct. It is emphasized that this report is a report of examination, and not an audit of the licensee, and should not be construed as such. This report of examination does not replace nor relieve the principals of their responsibility for performing or providing for adequate audits of the business.

This copy of the report is the property of the Department of Business and Industry of the State of Nevada, and is furnished to the licensee for its confidential use. Under no circumstances shall the licensee, or any of its directors, officers, or employees disclose in any manner the report or any portion thereof to any person or organization not officially connected with the licensee as officer, director, attorney, or auditor unless otherwise directed. Should any legal process document be served calling for the surrender of this report or any portion thereof, the Commissioner of the Financial Institutions Division shall be notified immediately.

Each principal has the responsibility to review the contents of this report.

State of Nevada
Department of Business and Industry, Financial Institutions Division

Christian Yanez
Examiner In Charge

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REPORT OF EXAMINATION

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EXAMINATION COMMENTS AND CONCLUSIONS

INTRODUCTION

The annual examination of TitleMax of Nevada, Inc. DBA: TitleMax located at 6820 W. Flamingo Rd. Ste. F & G., Las Vegas, NV 89103 commenced on August 6, 2014. This business location currently holds a Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) Chapter 604A license issued by the State of Nevada Financial Institutions Division (FID). The licensee has been granted approval to initiate Title Loans in accordance with applicable statutes and regulations.

The licensee's website www.titlemax.com is used as the main source of information for different products and services that TitleMax offers. Customers have the ability to complete a loan applications on-line. The application is reviewed by the call center and the customer is referred to one of the stores to complete the loan process.

The licensee currently offers the 120 day loan which allows the customer to make installment payments.

TitleMax currently has 40 locations in the state of Nevada. All the locations were visited during the process of this examination.

SCOPE OF EXAMINATION

The primary purpose of the examination was to determine compliance with NRS 604A and NAC 604A. The examination consisted of a review of the following: active loans, paid-off loans, delinquent loans, loans that are in the repayment plan and declined loans, surety bonding requirement, completion of the manager's and statutory compliance questionnaires, and a review of the company's policies and procedures and forms used in the operation of the business. Emphasis was placed on compliance with state regulations as well as federal regulations such as the Truth in Lending Act (Regulation Z) and the Equal Credit Opportunity Act (Regulation B).

Annual Report

The annual report of operations is due to the Financial Institutions Division by April 15th each year. The annual report of operations for year ending 2013 was received on April 8th, 2014 which is in accordance with NRS 604A.750.

Surety Bond

The Surety Bond appears to be sufficient. It is currently posted at \$265,000.00 under Bond Number 60088894 with Capitol Indemnity Corporation and is due for renewal on February 15, 2014. The licensee is in compliance with NRS 604A.610.

Internal / External Review

Titlemax did not submit any internal or external reviews. Internal or external reviews were not part of the scope of the current examination.



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Financial Audit / CPA

The CPA of the Financial Institutions Division performed an analysis of key financial figures for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2013, which were included in the 2013 Annual Report of Operations. No areas of concern were noted.

Internal Routine and Control

The licensee uses CashWise Financial Services Software for its loan operations. Title loan underwriting process includes:

- Loan application form
- Income and obligations
- Government issued photo identification
- Valid phone number
- Title of the vehicle
- Proof of insurance
- Current registration
- Affidavit stating the customer's ability to repay the loan

During the previous examination the licensee was offering 30 day title loans. On January 28, 2014 the licensee sent a letter to the Financial Institutions Division stating that TitleMax is going to stop offering the 30 day title loans and start offering the 210 day title loans.

During the on-site visitation of current examination it was discovered that TitleMax stopped offering the 30 day loans as of July, 2014. The new product, 210 day title loan is currently being offered in all TitleMax locations in the State of Nevada.

The 210 day product mirrors NRS 604A.445 (3):

3. The original term of a title loan may be up to 210 days if:
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The licensee also implemented "Grace Period Payments Deferment Agreement." During the onsite visitations of store locations it was observed employees are pre-printing this grace period agreement and putting it in customer's files. The employees are also encouraging the customers to enter into this grace period agreement. The employees are provided the following statement to read to customers:



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“TMX Employee:

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The “Grace Period Payments Deferment Agreement” offered by TitleMax clearly contradicts with 604A.445(3).

Training

TitleMax provides training upon hire and annually thereafter. All employees are required to complete refresher courses on-line and as needed. The Compliance Department has the responsibility of overseeing that all training materials are up to date with any industry changes and demands.

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Record Retention

According to the managers questionnaire, it is the licensee’s policy to maintain all records for five years which is in compliance with NRS604A.700 and NAC 604A.200.

Collection Agency Utilized by the Licensee

As of the examination date, the licensee does not utilize the services of a third party collection agency. The internal collection process consists of sending letters and making phone calls to delinquent customers by TitleMax’s collection department.



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FDCPA

TitleMax employees are required to be certified on an annually basis. All collection employees are required a minimum score of 80% to obtain the FDCPA certification. The store managers monitor all contact with debtors to assure that policy and produces are followed by all employees.

FinCen Registration

TitleMax is not considered a Money Services Business in accordance with 31 CFR Chapter X § 1022.380; as such, the licensee is not registered with FinCEN as a Money Service Business.

Complaints Filed Since the Previous Examination

The Financial Institutions Division complaint database was verified and indicates that as of October 14, 2014 there were three complaints filed against TitleMax since the previous examination. TitleMax responded to the complaints in a timely manner.

Total Sample Size

As of Exam Date	August 16, 2013
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No Regard to Customer's Ability to Repay the Title Loan						
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Cindy Cabrera	10869-0115241	120 day	\$1,884.00	\$1,300.00	\$744.89	\$160.89
Susan Pineda	10869-0088033	30 day	\$2,000.00	\$500.00	\$5,599.50	\$4,099.50
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Management's response: Ms. Sarah C. Poff, Director of Compliance, stated that a response will be sent to the Financial Institution Division once the report of examination is received.

REPEAT VIOLATION

NAC 604A.230 Prohibited acts: Miscellaneous acts.

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“The primary borrower must be on the title; however if there is a co-borrower (on the title or not), he must sign the Application and Contract.”

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CHAPTER 604A
REPORT OF EXAMINATION

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Examiner In Charge:	Christian Yanez	Examined as of:	August 31, 2014
Examination Started:	August 6, 2014	Examination Closed:	December 18, 2014
Total Exam Hours:	11.00	Examination Number:	65308

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EXAMINATION COMMENTS AND CONCLUSIONS



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EXAMINATION COMMENTS AND CONCLUSIONS

INTRODUCTION

The annual examination of TitleMax of Nevada, Inc. DBA: TitleMax located at 7150 S. Durango Dr. Ste 190., Las Vegas, NV 89113 commenced on August 6, 2014. This business location currently holds a Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) Chapter 604A license issued by the State of Nevada Financial Institutions Division (FID). The licensee has been granted approval to initiate Title Loans in accordance with applicable statutes and regulations.

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EXAMINATION COMMENTS AND CONCLUSIONS

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During the previous examination the licensee was offering 30 day title loans. On January 28, 2014 the licensee sent a letter to the Financial Institutions Division stating that TitleMax is going to stop offering the 30 day title loans and start offering the 210 day title loans.

During the on-site visitation of current examination it was discovered that TitleMax stopped offering the 30 day loans as of July, 2014. The new product, 210 day title loan is currently being offered in all TitleMax locations in the State of Nevada.

The 210 day product mirrors NRS 604A.445 (3):

3. The original term of a title loan may be up to 210 days if:
 - (a) The loan provides for payments in installments;
 - (b) The payments are calculated to ratably and fully amortize the entire amount of principal and interest payable on the loan;
 - (c) The loan is not subject to any extension; and
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The licensee also implemented "Grace Period Payments Deferment Agreement." During the onsite visitations of store locations it was observed employees are pre-printing this grace period agreement and putting it in customer's files. The employees are also encouraging the customers to enter into this grace period agreement. The employees are provided the following statement to read to customers:



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“TMX Employee:

Great! Your contract states that you have 7 payments of <Amortized Loan Payments> which are for every 30 days starting on < Due Date>. By making this payment on time, your loan will be paid in full when you make the final payment. However, for your convenience, you can also make a minimum payment of <Minimum Payment to Extend> during this time. Any principal left at the end of the term will be placed on a 0% payment plan for an additional seven months. Do you have any questions?”

This agreement consists of separating the interest and principal from the original amortized schedule payments and prolonging the payment of principal until the full interest is paid. This agreement has a schedule of 14 payments which for the first seven payment the customer pays only interest. For the remaining seven payments the customer pays the principal. The total amount paid under this agreement is higher from the original amortized payments scheduled under the original loan agreement.

The “Grace Period Payments Deferment Agreement” offered by TitleMax clearly contradicts with 604A.445(3).

Training

TitleMax provides training upon hire and annually thereafter. All employees are required to complete refresher courses on-line and as needed. The Compliance Department has the responsibility of overseeing that all training materials are up to date with any industry changes and demands.

Display of License, Notices, and Disclosures

The State of Nevada, Financial Institutions Division NRS 604A license is displayed conspicuously by the licensee which is in compliance with NRS 604A.635 and NAC 604A.060.

The contact number of the office of the Commissioner, notice of fees charged and business hours are posted conspicuously in the location where the licensee conducts business, which is in compliance with, NRS 604A.405, NAC 604A.130, NAC 604A.140, and NAC 604A.150.

Record Retention

According to the managers questionnaire, it is the licensee’s policy to maintain all records for five years which is in compliance with NRS604A.700 and NAC 604A.200.

Collection Agency Utilized by the Licensee

As of the examination date, the licensee does not utilize the services of a third party collection agency. The internal collection process consists of sending letters and making phone calls to delinquent customers by TitleMax’s collection department.



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FDCPA

TitleMax employees are required to be certified on an annually basis. All collection employees are required a minimum score of 80% to obtain the FDCPA certification. The store managers monitor all contact with debtors to assure that policy and produces are followed by all employees.

FinCen Registration

TitleMax is not considered a Money Services Business in accordance with 31 CFR Chapter X § 1022.380; as such, the licensee is not registered with FinCEN as a Money Service Business.

Complaints Filed Since the Previous Examination

The Financial Institutions Division complaint database was verified and indicates that as of October 14, 2014 there were three complaints filed against TitleMax since the previous examination. TitleMax responded to the complaints in a timely manner.

Total Sample Size

As of Exam Date	August 31, 2014
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	Population	Sample Size	Penetration
LOAN TYPES:			
Active Loans	178	10	5.62%
Delinquent Loans	63	5	7.94%
Closed Loans	10	5	50.00%
Declined Loans	2	2	100.00%
Total Loans =	253	22	8.70%

All of the loan samples were chosen randomly by the examiner. As of the examination date, the licensee had:



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PREVIOUS VIOLATIONS OF STATUTES AND REGULATIONS

NRS 604A.450 Title loans: Prohibited acts by licensee regarding amount of loan and customer's ability to repay loan. A licensee who makes title loans shall not:

2. Make a title loan without regard to the ability of the customer seeking the title loan to repay the title loan, including the customer's current and expected income, obligations and employment.

During the previous examination the licensee was found to be underwriting title loans in excess of the customer's disclosed income and obligations. There was no regard given to the customer's ability to repay the loan. This will be cited as a repeat violation. Please refer to the current violation section for more details.

NAC 604A.230 Prohibited acts: Miscellaneous acts.

1. A licensee shall not:

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NRS 604A.105 "Title loan" defined.

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(1) Giving possession of the title to a vehicle legally owned by the customer to the licensee or any agent, affiliate or subsidiary of the licensee.

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During the previous examination several of the loan files reviewed showed co-borrowers which were not listed on the title of the vehicle. This violation will be cited as a repeat violation. Please refer to the current violation section for more details.

NRS 604A.410 Written loan agreement required; contents

2. The loan agreement must include, without limitation, the following information:

c) The date and amount of the loan, amount financed, annual percentage rate, finance charge, total of payments, payment schedule and a description and the amount of every fee charged, regardless of the name given to the fee and regardless of whether the fee is required to be included in the finance charge under the Truth in Lending Act and Regulation Z;

During the previous examination, the licensee did not indicate on the extension receipts the effective date of the extension. This violation occurred on the 30 day title loans. Since the previous examination the licensee has stopped offering the 30 day title loans. The new product 210 day title loan offered by the licensee does not allow any extensions. Therefore, this violation is deemed rectified.



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NAC 604A.160 Translation of documents written in language other than English.

2. A document translated pursuant to this section must be:

(a) Translated by an interpreter who is:

(1) Certified by the Court Administrator in accordance with the provisions of NRS 1.510 and regulations adopted pursuant thereto; or NAC 604A.200 Maintenance of books and records.

1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 604A.700, a licensee shall maintain for at least 3 years the original or a copy of each account, book, paper, written or electronic record or other document that concerns each loan or other transaction involving a customer in this State.

2. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 604A.620, those records must be maintained at a place of business in this State designated by the licensee.

(2) Approved in writing by the Division.

(b) Accompanied by a certificate issued by the interpreter.

During the previous examination, the licensee did not provide a copy of the Certified Court Interpreter in the State of Nevada. During the current examination the licensee was able to provide a copy of the Certified Court Interpreter for the State of Nevada. Therefore, this violation is deemed rectified.

NAC 604A.200 Maintenance of books and records.

1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 604A.700, a licensee shall maintain for at least 3 years the original or a copy of each account, book, paper, written or electronic record or other document that concerns each loan or other transaction involving a customer in this State.

2. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 604A.620, those records must be maintained at a place of business in this State designated by the licensee.

During the previous examination, the licensee was unable to provide all the records requested by the examiner in charge. During the current examination the licensee was able to provide all the records requested. Therefore, this violation is deemed rectified.

NRS 604A.410 Written loan agreement required; contents.

1. Before making any loan to a customer, a licensee shall provide to the customer a written loan agreement which may be kept by the customer and which must be written in:

(a) English, if the transaction is conducted in English; or

(b) Spanish, if the transaction is conducted in Spanish.

During the previous examination the licensee was found to be using loan agreement written in English and receipts written in Spanish. During the current examination there was no evidence of such. Therefore, this violation is deemed rectified.



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NRS 604A.475 Repayment plan

2. If the licensee intends to commence any civil action or process of alternative dispute resolution or repossess a vehicle in an effort to collect a defaulted loan, the licensee shall deliver to the customer, not later than 15 days after the date of default, or not later than 5 days after a check is not paid upon presentment or an electronic transfer of money fails, whichever is later, written notice of the opportunity to enter into a repayment plan. The written notice must:

(a) Be in English, if the initial transaction was conducted in English, or in Spanish, if the initial transaction was conducted in Spanish.

During the previous examination the licensee had a repayment plan offer in English and the receipt was issued in Spanish. During the current examination, there was no evidence that the repayment plans and the receipts were done in separate languages. Therefore, this violation is deemed rectified.

NRS 604A.150 Additional terms defined under federal law; calculation of amount financed, annual percentage rate and finance charge.

2. For the purposes of this chapter, proper calculation of the amount financed, annual percentage rate and finance charge for a loan must be made in accordance with the Truth in Lending Act and Regulation Z.

During the previous examination the licensee was found understating the APR. During the current examination there was no evidence of such. Therefore, the violation is deemed rectified.

EXIT MEETING

The exit meeting was held telephonically on December 18, 2014. The licensee was represented by Carrie E. Carbone, SVP of Compliance and Product General Counsel, Victoria Newman, Compliance and Corporate Counsel, Sarah C. Poff, Director of Compliance. The Financial Institutions Division was represented by Christian Yanez, Examiner in charge, Harveen Sekhon, Supervisory Examiner, Christopher Eccles, Attorney, Andrea Bruce, Examiner.



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CURRENT VIOLATIONS OF APPLICABLE STATUTES AND REGULATIONS

STATE

REPEAT VIOLATION

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The title loans itemized below were underwritten in excess of the customer's disclosed income and obligations, therefore, there was no regard given to the customer's ability to repay the loan:

No Regard to Customer's Ability to Repay the Title Loan						
Borrower's Name	Loan Number	Term	Stated Income	Stated Obligations	Total Amount of Loan(s)	Amount Over
Patsy Bravo	10269-0110492	30 day	\$4,202.00	\$1,201.00	\$5,521.50	\$2,520.60
Brenda Similton	10269-0099149	30 day	\$2,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$3,299.70	\$2,799.70
Nicholas Botts	10269-0087417	30 day	\$2,500.00	\$1,000.00	\$2,302.60	\$802.60

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NRS 604A.445 Title loans: Restrictions on duration of loan and periods of extension.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter to the contrary:

3. The original term of a title loan may be up to 210 days if:

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NRS 604A.210 Chapter does not prohibit licensee from offering customer grace period. The provisions of this chapter do not prohibit a licensee from offering a customer a grace period on the repayment of a loan or an extension of a loan, except that the licensee shall not charge the customer:

- 1.** Any fees for granting such a grace period; or
- 2.** Any additional fees or additional interest on the outstanding loan during such a grace period.

Since the previous examination, Titlemax implemented a 210 day title loan product that mirrored NRS 604A.445 (3). The current examination showed that Titlemax’s original loan agreement complies with NRS 604A.445(3). The examination also showed that Titlemax markets and offers an amendment to the original loan agreement that violates NRS 604A.445 (3) and NRS 604A.210.

Onsite visits to Titlemax locations and conversations with store employees showed that Titlemax routinely offers an amendment to the original loan agreement called the “Grace Period Payments Deferment Agreement” (hereinafter, the “Amended Agreement”).

Regarding the marketing of the Amended Agreement by store employees, onsite store visits showed that employees routinely encourage customers to enter into the Amended Agreement. The employees are



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trained to encourage customers to participate in the Amended Agreement as soon as the original agreement is issued, and not wait until the loan is in default status. Pre-printed amended agreements were found in customers' files during the onsite store visits.

Moreover, management issued the below marketing statement with the instruction that employees should encourage customers to enter into the Amended Agreement. The marketing statement provides:

"Your contract states that you have 7 payments of <Amortized Loan Payments> which are for every 30 days starting on < Due Date>. By making this payment on time, your loan will be paid in full when you make the final payment. However, for your convenience, you can also make a minimum payment of <Minimum Payment to Extend> during this time. Any principal left at the end of the term will be placed on a 0% payment plan for an additional seven months. Do you have any questions?"

The marketing statement emphasizes lower payments. But, in fact, under the Amended Agreement, the total amount owed by the customer is **more** than the total amount owed under the original loan agreement, as further detailed below.

The text of the Amended Agreement provides:

"Because this is only an amendment and modification of the loan agreement in which we are only modifying and deferring your payments under the Title Loan Agreement, you acknowledge and agree that all of the terms and conditions of the Title Loan Agreement, including the charging of simple interest and waiver of jury trial and arbitration provision remain in full force and effect."

This statement shows an intent to avoid compliance with NRS 604A.445(3).

Under the original loan agreement the customer makes seven fully amortized payments (210 days) to pay the loan off without a balloon payment at the end, thereby complying with all provisions of NRS 604A.445(3). But, under the Amended Agreement, the customer makes 14 payments (390 days), the first seven payments are only interest and last seven payments are principal. Thus, Amended Agreement separates interest and principal from the original amortized schedule of payments, and thereby prolongs the payment of principal until the full interest is paid.

For an example of how customers owe more under the Amended Agreement compared to the original agreement, please see below:



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LOAN NUMBER	TOTAL AMOUNT TO BE PAID UNDER ORIGINAL LOAN AGREEMENT	TOTAL AMOUNT TO BE PAID UNDER "AMENDED" LOAN AGREEMENT	OVERAGE
10269-0114488	\$3,196.22	\$3,856.80	\$660.58
10269-0115965	\$13,903.62	\$16,292.93	\$2,389.31
10269-0116688	\$2,355.05	\$2,889.89	\$534.84

Titlemax must comply with NRS 604A.445 (3) and NRS 604A.210. Customers who enter into the Amended Agreement owe **more** money compared to the original loan with its fully amortized payments. Thus, Titlemax's Amended Agreement violates NRS 604A.445 (3) and NRS 604A.210.

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EXAMINATION COMMENTS AND CONCLUSIONS

INTRODUCTION

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Total Loans =	445	24	5.39%

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NRS 604A.410 Written loan agreement required; contents.

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NRS 604A.475 Repayment plan

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NRS 604A.150 Additional terms defined under federal law; calculation of amount financed, annual percentage rate and finance charge.

2. For the purposes of this chapter, proper calculation of the amount financed, annual percentage rate and finance charge for a loan must be made in accordance with the Truth in Lending Act and Regulation Z.

During the previous examination the licensee was found understating the APR. During the current examination there was no evidence of such. Therefore, the violation is deemed rectified.

EXIT MEETING

The exit meeting was held telephonically on December 18, 2014. The licensee was represented by Carrie E. Carbone, SVP of Compliance and Product General Counsel, Victoria Newman, Compliance and Corporate Counsel, Sarah C. Poff, Director of Compliance. The Financial Institutions Division was represented by Christian Yanez, Examiner in charge, Harveen Sekhon, Supervisory Examiner, Christopher Eccles, Attorney, Andrea Bruce, Examiner.



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The title loans itemized below were underwritten in excess of the customer's disclosed income and obligations, therefore, there was no regard given to the customer's ability to repay the loan:

No Regard to Customer's Ability to Repay the Title Loan						
Borrower's Name	Loan Number	Term	Stated Income	Stated Obligations	Total Amount of Loan(s)	Amount Over
Jody Hoffman	11069-0081102	30 day	\$3,500.00	\$2,100.00	\$1,771.26	\$371.26
Maria Gomez	11069-0109621	30 day	\$6,000.00	\$2,200.00	\$7,721.30	\$3,921.30
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During the current examination, the licensee provided a policy which states the following:

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During the stores visits, the examiner in charge found several files where the co-borrower was not in the vehicle title. In some instances the co-borrower had a different address and different last name.

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NRS 604A.210 Chapter does not prohibit licensee from offering customer grace period. The provisions of this chapter do not prohibit a licensee from offering a customer a grace period on the repayment of a loan or an extension of a loan, except that the licensee shall not charge the customer:

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Since the previous examination, Titlemax implemented a 210 day title loan product that mirrored NRS 604A.445 (3). The current examination showed that Titlemax’s original loan agreement complies with NRS 604A.445(3). The examination also showed that Titlemax markets and offers an amendment to the original loan agreement that violates NRS 604A.445 (3) and NRS 604A.210.

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trained to encourage customers to participate in the Amended Agreement as soon as the original agreement is issued, and not wait until the loan is in default status. Pre-printed amended agreements were found in customers' files during the onsite store visits.

Moreover, management issued the below marketing statement with the instruction that employees should encourage customers to enter into the Amended Agreement. The marketing statement provides:

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The marketing statement emphasizes lower payments. But, in fact, under the Amended Agreement, the total amount owed by the customer is **more** than the total amount owed under the original loan agreement, as further detailed below.

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This statement shows an intent to avoid compliance with NRS 604A.445(3).

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For an example of how customers owe more under the Amended Agreement compared to the original agreement, please see below:



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LOAN NUMBER	TOTAL AMOUNT TO BE PAID UNDER ORIGINAL LOAN AGREEMENT	TOTAL AMOUNT TO BE PAID UNDER "AMENDED" LOAN AGREEMENT	OVERAGE
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Titlemax must comply with NRS 604A.445 (3) and NRS 604A.210. Customers who enter into the Amended Agreement owe **more** money compared to the original loan with its fully amortized payments. Thus, Titlemax's Amended Agreement violates NRS 604A.445 (3) and NRS 604A.210.

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FEDERAL

No violations of Federal laws were noted during the examination. However, this examination should not be considered a full compliance examination relative to Federal statutes.

SUMMARY

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CHAPTER 604A
REPORT OF EXAMINATION

TITLEMAX OF NEVADA, INC.
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Examiner In Charge:	Christian Yanez	Examined as of:	August 31, 2014
Examination Started:	August 06, 2014	Examination Closed:	December 18, 2014
Total Exam Hours:	11.00	Examination Number:	65307

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The information contained in this report is based on the books and records of the licensee as licensed under NRS 604A, on statements made to the examiner by the directors, officers, and employees, and on information obtained from other sources believed to be reliable and presumed by the examiner to be correct. It is emphasized that this report is a report of examination, and not an audit of the licensee, and should not be construed as such. This report of examination does not replace nor relieve the principals of their responsibility for performing or providing for adequate audits of the business.

This copy of the report is the property of the Department of Business and Industry of the State of Nevada, and is furnished to the licensee for its confidential use. Under no circumstances shall the licensee, or any of its directors, officers, or employees disclose in any manner the report or any portion thereof to any person or organization not officially connected with the licensee as officer, director, attorney, or auditor unless otherwise directed. Should any legal process document be served calling for the surrender of this report or any portion thereof, the Commissioner of the Financial Institutions Division shall be notified immediately.

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EXAMINATION COMMENTS AND CONCLUSIONS

INTRODUCTION

The annual examination of TitleMax of Nevada, Inc. DBA: TitleMax located at 7615 S. Rainbow Blvd., Ste. 100 Las Vegas, NV 89139 commenced on August 6, 2014. This business location currently holds a Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) Chapter 604A license issued by the State of Nevada Financial Institutions Division (FID). The licensee has been granted approval to initiate Title Loans in accordance with applicable statutes and regulations.

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The licensee currently offers the 120 day loan which allows the customer to make installment payments.

TitleMax currently has 40 locations in the state of Nevada. All the locations were visited during the process of this examination.

SCOPE OF EXAMINATION

The primary purpose of the examination was to determine compliance with NRS 604A and NAC 604A. The examination consisted of a review of the following: active loans, paid-off loans, delinquent loans, loans that are in the repayment plan and declined loans, surety bonding requirement, completion of the manager's and statutory compliance questionnaires, and a review of the company's policies and procedures and forms used in the operation of the business. Emphasis was placed on compliance with state regulations as well as federal regulations such as the Truth in Lending Act (Regulation Z) and the Equal Credit Opportunity Act (Regulation B).

Annual Report

The annual report of operations is due to the Financial Institutions Division by April 15th each year. The annual report of operations for year ending 2013 was received on April 8th, 2014 which is in accordance with NRS 604A.750.

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The Surety Bond appears to be sufficient. It is currently posted at \$265,000.00 under Bond Number 60088894 with Capitol Indemnity Corporation and is due for renewal on February 15, 2014. The licensee is in compliance with NRS 604A.610.

Internal / External Review

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Financial Audit / CPA

The CPA of the Financial Institutions Division performed an analysis of key financial figures for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2013, which were included in the 2013 Annual Report of Operations. No areas of concern were noted.

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EXAMINATION COMMENTS AND CONCLUSIONS

NRS 604A.475 Repayment plan

2. If the licensee intends to commence any civil action or process of alternative dispute resolution or repossess a vehicle in an effort to collect a defaulted loan, the licensee shall deliver to the customer, not later than 15 days after the date of default, or not later than 5 days after a check is not paid upon presentment or an electronic transfer of money fails, whichever is later, written notice of the opportunity to enter into a repayment plan. The written notice must:

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EXAMINATION COMMENTS AND CONCLUSIONS

CURRENT VIOLATIONS OF APPLICABLE STATUTES AND REGULATIONS

STATE

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- 2. Make a title loan without regard to the ability of the customer seeking the title loan to repay the title loan, including the customer's current and expected income, obligations and employment.**

The title loans itemized below were underwritten in excess of the customer's disclosed income and obligations, therefore, there was no regard given to the customer's ability to repay the loan:

No Regard to Customer's Ability to Repay the Title Loan						
Borrower's Name	Loan Number	Term	Stated Income	Stated Obligations	Total Amount of Loan(s)	Amount Over
Roy Kimble	10369-0104168	30 day	\$2,400.00	\$1,695.00	\$1,462.38	\$757.38
William Sigafoos	10369-0104533	30 day	\$2,028.00	\$700.00	\$1,747.52	\$419.52
Christos Alafoyiannis	10369-0100290	30 day	\$3,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$2,922.95	\$922.95
Sonji McTear	10369-0095355	30 day	\$2,900.00	\$1,275.00	\$1,871.84	\$246.84
Kristi Lebeouf	10369-0102952	30 day	\$2,112.00	\$300.00	\$3,472.70	\$1,660.70
Janice Meadows	10369-0067030	30 day	\$1,320.00	\$290.00	\$2,315.73	\$1,285.73

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- 1. A licensee shall not:**

(a) Require or accept a guarantor to a transaction entered into with a customer.



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NRS 604A.445 Title loans: Restrictions on duration of loan and periods of extension.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter to the contrary:

3. The original term of a title loan may be up to 210 days if:
 - (a) The loan provides for payments in installments;
 - (b) The payments are calculated to ratably and fully amortize the entire amount of principal and interest payable on the loan;
 - (c) The loan is not subject to any extension; and
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NRS 604A.210 Chapter does not prohibit licensee from offering customer grace period. The provisions of this chapter do not prohibit a licensee from offering a customer a grace period on the repayment of a loan or an extension of a loan, except that the licensee shall not charge the customer:

1. Any fees for granting such a grace period; or
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Since the previous examination, Titlemax implemented a 210 day title loan product that mirrored NRS 604A.445 (3). The current examination showed that Titlemax’s original loan agreement complies with NRS 604A.445(3). The examination also showed that Titlemax markets and offers an amendment to the original loan agreement that violates NRS 604A.445 (3) and NRS 604A.210.



EXAMINATION COMMENTS AND CONCLUSIONS

Onsite visits to Titlemax locations and conversations with store employees showed that Titlemax routinely offers an amendment to the original loan agreement called the “Grace Period Payments Deferment Agreement” (hereinafter, the “Amended Agreement”).

Regarding the marketing of the Amended Agreement by store employees, onsite store visits showed that employees routinely encourage customers to enter into the Amended Agreement. The employees are trained to encourage customers to participate in the Amended Agreement as soon as the original agreement is issued, and not wait until the loan is in default status. Pre-printed amended agreements were found in customers’ files during the onsite store visits.

Moreover, management issued the below marketing statement with the instruction that employees should encourage customers to enter into the Amended Agreement. The marketing statement provides:

“Your contract states that you have 7 payments of <Amortized Loan Payments> which are for every 30 days starting on < Due Date>. By making this payment on time, your loan will be paid in full when you make the final payment. However, for your convenience, you can also make a minimum payment of <Minimum Payment to Extend> during this time. Any principal left at the end of the term will be placed on a 0% payment plan for an additional seven months. Do you have any questions?”

The marketing statement emphasizes lower payments. But, in fact, under the Amended Agreement, the total amount owed by the customer is **more** than the total amount owed under the original loan agreement, as further detailed below.

The text of the Amended Agreement provides:

“Because this is only an amendment and modification of the loan agreement in which we are only modifying and deferring your payments under the Title Loan Agreement, you acknowledge and agree that all of the terms and conditions of the Title Loan Agreement, including the charging of simple interest and waiver of jury trial and arbitration provision remain in full force and effect.”

This statement shows an intent to avoid compliance with NRS 604A.445(3).

Under the original loan agreement the customer makes seven fully amortized payments (210 days) to pay the loan off without a balloon payment at the end, thereby complying with all provisions of NRS 604A.445(3). But, under the Amended Agreement, the customer makes 14 payments (390 days), the first seven payments are only interest and last seven payments are principal. Thus, Amended Agreement separates interest and principal from the original amortized schedule of payments, and thereby prolongs the payment of principal until the full interest is paid.

For an example of how customers owe more under the Amended Agreement compared to the original agreement, please see below:



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LOAN NUMBER	TOTAL AMOUNT TO BE PAID UNDER ORIGINAL LOAN AGREEMENT	TOTAL AMOUNT TO BE PAID UNDER “AMENDED” LOAN AGREEMENT	OVERAGE
10369-0119687	\$2,711.85	\$3,327.75	\$2,005.69
10369-0116024	\$10,424.89	\$12,420.50	\$1,995.61
10369-0119862	\$1,631.85	\$1,979.30	\$347.45

Titlemax must comply with NRS 604A.445 (3) and NRS 604A.210. Customers who enter into the Amended Agreement owe **more** money compared to the original loan with its fully amortized payments. Thus, Titlemax’s Amended Agreement violates NRS 604A.445 (3) and NRS 604A.210.

Management’s response: Ms. Sarah C. Poff, Director of Compliance, stated that a response will be sent to the Financial Institution Division once the report of examination is received.

FEDERAL

No violations of Federal laws were noted during the examination. However, this examination should not be considered a full compliance examination relative to Federal statutes.

SUMMARY

Each licensee, upon completion of an examination, is rated “Satisfactory,” “Needs Improvement,” or “Unsatisfactory,” based primarily on compliance with applicable statutes and regulations and the perceived capability of management to achieve and maintain such compliance. The rating of the licensee at this examination is “Needs Improvement.”

A rating of “**Needs Improvement**” indicates that the licensee and the management of the licensee have demonstrated less than satisfactory compliance, or instances and situations involving a lack of compliance with applicable state and federal laws and regulations and that regulatory supervision is required. The licensee and management will be required to respond in writing to the report of examination within 30 days providing the procedures that have been initiated for the correction of the violations and deficiencies noted in the report made by the examiner pursuant to state and federal laws and regulations.



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CHAPTER 604A
REPORT OF EXAMINATION

TITLEMAX OF NEVADA, INC.
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Examiner In Charge:	Christian Yanez	Examined as of:	August 31, 2014
Examination Started:	August 6, 2014	Examination Closed:	December 18, 2014
Total Exam Hours:	11.00	Examination Number:	65318

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The information contained in this report is based on the books and records of the licensee as licensed under NRS 604A, on statements made to the examiner by the directors, officers, and employees, and on information obtained from other sources believed to be reliable and presumed by the examiner to be correct. It is emphasized that this report is a report of examination, and not an audit of the licensee, and should not be construed as such. This report of examination does not replace nor relieve the principals of their responsibility for performing or providing for adequate audits of the business.

This copy of the report is the property of the Department of Business and Industry of the State of Nevada, and is furnished to the licensee for its confidential use. Under no circumstances shall the licensee, or any of its directors, officers, or employees disclose in any manner the report or any portion thereof to any person or organization not officially connected with the licensee as officer, director, attorney, or auditor unless otherwise directed. Should any legal process document be served calling for the surrender of this report or any portion thereof, the Commissioner of the Financial Institutions Division shall be notified immediately.

Each principal has the responsibility to review the contents of this report.

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Examiner In Charge

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EXAMINATION COMMENTS AND CONCLUSIONS

INTRODUCTION

The annual examination of TitleMax of Nevada, Inc. DBA: TitleMax located at 8414 W. Farm Rd., Ste. 130 Las Vegas, NV 89131 commenced on August 6, 2014. This business location currently holds a Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) Chapter 604A license issued by the State of Nevada Financial Institutions Division (FID). The licensee has been granted approval to initiate Title Loans in accordance with applicable statutes and regulations.

The licensee's website www.titlemax.com is used as the main source of information for different products and services that TitleMax offers. Customers have the ability to complete a loan applications on-line. The application is reviewed by the call center and the customer is referred to one of the stores to complete the loan process.

The licensee currently offers the 120 day loan which allows the customer to make installment payments.

TitleMax currently has 40 locations in the state of Nevada. All the locations were visited during the process of this examination.

SCOPE OF EXAMINATION

The primary purpose of the examination was to determine compliance with NRS 604A and NAC 604A. The examination consisted of a review of the following: active loans, paid-off loans, delinquent loans, loans that are in the repayment plan and declined loans, surety bonding requirement, completion of the manager's and statutory compliance questionnaires, and a review of the company's policies and procedures and forms used in the operation of the business. Emphasis was placed on compliance with state regulations as well as federal regulations such as the Truth in Lending Act (Regulation Z) and the Equal Credit Opportunity Act (Regulation B).

Annual Report

The annual report of operations is due to the Financial Institutions Division by April 15th each year. The annual report of operations for year ending 2013 was received on April 8th, 2014 which is in accordance with NRS 604A.750.

Surety Bond

The Surety Bond appears to be sufficient. It is currently posted at \$265,000.00 under Bond Number 60088894 with Capitol Indemnity Corporation and is due for renewal on February 15, 2014. The licensee is in compliance with NRS 604A.610.

Internal / External Review

Titlemax did not submit any internal or external reviews. Internal or external reviews were not part of the scope of the current examination.



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Financial Audit / CPA

The CPA of the Financial Institutions Division performed an analysis of key financial figures for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2013, which were included in the 2013 Annual Report of Operations. No areas of concern were noted.

Internal Routine and Control

The licensee uses CashWise Financial Services Software for its loan operations. Title loan underwriting process includes:

- Loan application form
- Income and obligations
- Government issued photo identification
- Valid phone number
- Title of the vehicle
- Proof of insurance
- Current registration
- Affidavit stating the customer's ability to repay the loan

During the previous examination the licensee was offering 30 day title loans. On January 28, 2014 the licensee sent a letter to the Financial Institutions Division stating that TitleMax is going to stop offering the 30 day title loans and start offering the 210 day title loans.

During the on-site visitation of current examination it was discovered that TitleMax stopped offering the 30 day loans as of July, 2014. The new product, 210 day title loan is currently being offered in all TitleMax locations in the State of Nevada.

The 210 day product mirrors NRS 604A.445 (3):

3. The original term of a title loan may be up to 210 days if:
 - (a) The loan provides for payments in installments;
 - (b) The payments are calculated to ratably and fully amortize the entire amount of principal and interest payable on the loan;
 - (c) The loan is not subject to any extension; and
 - (d) The loan does not require a balloon payment of any kind.

The licensee also implemented "Grace Period Payments Deferment Agreement." During the onsite visitations of store locations it was observed employees are pre-printing this grace period agreement and putting it in customer's files. The employees are also encouraging the customers to enter into this grace period agreement. The employees are provided the following statement to read to customers:



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“TMX Employee:

Great! Your contract states that you have 7 payments of <Amortized Loan Payments> which are for every 30 days starting on < Due Date>. By making this payment on time, your loan will be paid in full when you make the final payment. However, for your convenience, you can also make a minimum payment of <Minimum Payment to Extend> during this time. Any principal left at the end of the term will be placed on a 0% payment plan for an additional seven months. Do you have any questions?”

This agreement consists of separating the interest and principal from the original amortized schedule payments and prolonging the payment of principal until the full interest is paid. This agreement has a schedule of 14 payments which for the first seven payment the customer pays only interest. For the remaining seven payments the customer pays the principal. The total amount paid under this agreement is higher from the original amortized payments scheduled under the original loan agreement.

The “Grace Period Payments Deferment Agreement” offered by TitleMax clearly contradicts with 604A.445(3).

Training

TitleMax provides training upon hire and annually thereafter. All employees are required to complete refresher courses on-line and as needed. The Compliance Department has the responsibility of overseeing that all training materials are up to date with any industry changes and demands.

Display of License, Notices, and Disclosures

The State of Nevada, Financial Institutions Division NRS 604A license is displayed conspicuously by the licensee which is in compliance with NRS 604A.635 and NAC 604A.060.

The contact number of the office of the Commissioner, notice of fees charged and business hours are posted conspicuously in the location where the licensee conducts business, which is in compliance with, NRS 604A.405, NAC 604A.130, NAC 604A.140, and NAC 604A.150.

Record Retention

According to the managers questionnaire, it is the licensee’s policy to maintain all records for five years which is in compliance with NRS604A.700 and NAC 604A.200.

Collection Agency Utilized by the Licensee

As of the examination date, the licensee does not utilize the services of a third party collection agency. The internal collection process consists of sending letters and making phone calls to delinquent customers by TitleMax’s collection department.



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FDCPA

TitleMax employees are required to be certified on an annually basis. All collection employees are required a minimum score of 80% to obtain the FDCPA certification. The store managers monitor all contact with debtors to assure that policy and produces are followed by all employees.

FinCen Registration

TitleMax is not considered a Money Services Business in accordance with 31 CFR Chapter X § 1022.380; as such, the licensee is not registered with FinCEN as a Money Service Business.

Complaints Filed Since the Previous Examination

The Financial Institutions Division complaint database was verified and indicates that as of October 14, 2014 there were three complaints filed against TitleMax since the previous examination. TitleMax responded to the complaints in a timely manner.

Total Sample Size

As of Exam Date	August 31, 2014
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	Population	Sample Size	Penetration
LOAN TYPES:			
Active Loans	267	8	3.00%
Delinquent Loans	65	5	7.69%
Closed Loans	15	3	20.00%
Declined Loans	2	2	100.00%
Total Loans =	349	18	5.16%

All of the loan samples were chosen randomly by the examiner. As of the examination date, the licensee had:



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PREVIOUS VIOLATIONS OF STATUTES AND REGULATIONS

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During the previous examination several of the loan files reviewed showed co-borrowers which were not listed on the title of the vehicle. This violation will be cited as a repeat violation. Please refer to the current violation section for more details.

NRS 604A.410 Written loan agreement required; contents

2. The loan agreement must include, without limitation, the following information:

c) The date and amount of the loan, amount financed, annual percentage rate, finance charge, total of payments, payment schedule and a description and the amount of every fee charged, regardless of the name given to the fee and regardless of whether the fee is required to be included in the finance charge under the Truth in Lending Act and Regulation Z;

During the previous examination, the licensee did not indicate on the extension receipts the effective date of the extension. This violation occurred on the 30 day title loans. Since the previous examination the licensee has stopped offering the 30 day title loans. The new product 210 day title loan offered by the licensee does not allow any extensions. Therefore, this violation is deemed rectified.



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NAC 604A.160 Translation of documents written in language other than English.

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Lori Wigner	12569-0107659	30 day	\$946.00	\$200.00	\$1,427.28	\$681.28
Sherri Doyle	12569-0118011	30 day	\$5,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,359.70	\$1,359.70

Management's response: Ms. Sarah C. Poff, Director of Compliance, stated that a response will be sent to the Financial Institution Division once the report of examination is received.

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Onsite visits to Titlemax locations and conversations with store employees showed that Titlemax routinely offers an amendment to the original loan agreement called the “Grace Period Payments Deferment Agreement” (hereinafter, the “Amended Agreement”).

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The text of the Amended Agreement provides:

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This statement shows an intent to avoid compliance with NRS 604A.445(3).

Under the original loan agreement the customer makes seven fully amortized payments (210 days) to pay the loan off without a balloon payment at the end, thereby complying with all provisions of NRS 604A.445(3). But, under the Amended Agreement, the customer makes 14 payments (390 days), the first seven payments are only interest and last seven payments are principal. Thus, Amended Agreement separates interest and principal from the original amortized schedule of payments, and thereby prolongs the payment of principal until the full interest is paid.

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12569-0117011	\$6,468.15	\$7,646.85	\$1,178.70
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Titlemax must comply with NRS 604A.445 (3) and NRS 604A.210. Customers who enter into the Amended Agreement owe **more** money compared to the original loan with its fully amortized payments. Thus, Titlemax’s Amended Agreement violates NRS 604A.445 (3) and NRS 604A.210.

Management’s response: Ms. Sarah C. Poff, Director of Compliance, stated that a response will be sent to the Financial Institution Division once the report of examination is received.

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CHAPTER 604A
REPORT OF EXAMINATION

TITLEMAX OF NEVADA, INC.
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Examiner In Charge:	Christian Yanez	Examined as of:	August 31, 2014
Examination Started:	August 6, 2014	Examination Closed:	December 18, 2014
Total Exam Hours:	11.00	Examination Number:	65328

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REPORT OF EXAMINATION

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INTRODUCTION

The annual examination of TitleMax of Nevada, Inc. DBA: TitleMax located at 9555 S. Eastern Ave. Ste. 105., Las Vegas, NV 89123 commenced on August 6, 2014. This business location currently holds a Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) Chapter 604A license issued by the State of Nevada Financial Institutions Division (FID). The licensee has been granted approval to initiate Title Loans in accordance with applicable statutes and regulations.

The licensee's website www.titlemax.com is used as the main source of information for different products and services that TitleMax offers. Customers have the ability to complete a loan applications on-line. The application is reviewed by the call center and the customer is referred to one of the stores to complete the loan process.

The licensee currently offers the 120 day loan which allows the customer to make installment payments.

TitleMax currently has 40 locations in the state of Nevada. All the locations were visited during the process of this examination.

SCOPE OF EXAMINATION

The primary purpose of the examination was to determine compliance with NRS 604A and NAC 604A. The examination consisted of a review of the following: active loans, paid-off loans, delinquent loans, loans that are in the repayment plan and declined loans, surety bonding requirement, completion of the manager's and statutory compliance questionnaires, and a review of the company's policies and procedures and forms used in the operation of the business. Emphasis was placed on compliance with state regulations as well as federal regulations such as the Truth in Lending Act (Regulation Z) and the Equal Credit Opportunity Act (Regulation B).

Annual Report

The annual report of operations is due to the Financial Institutions Division by April 15th each year. The annual report of operations for year ending 2013 was received on April 8th, 2014 which is in accordance with NRS 604A.750.

Surety Bond

The Surety Bond appears to be sufficient. It is currently posted at \$265,000.00 under Bond Number 60088894 with Capitol Indemnity Corporation and is due for renewal on February 15, 2014. The licensee is in compliance with NRS 604A.610.

Internal / External Review

Titlemax did not submit any internal or external reviews. Internal or external reviews were not part of the scope of the current examination.



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Financial Audit / CPA

The CPA of the Financial Institutions Division performed an analysis of key financial figures for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2013, which were included in the 2013 Annual Report of Operations. No areas of concern were noted.

Internal Routine and Control

The licensee uses CashWise Financial Services Software for its loan operations. Title loan underwriting process includes:

- Loan application form
- Income and obligations
- Government issued photo identification
- Valid phone number
- Title of the vehicle
- Proof of insurance
- Current registration
- Affidavit stating the customer's ability to repay the loan

During the previous examination the licensee was offering 30 day title loans. On January 28, 2014 the licensee sent a letter to the Financial Institutions Division stating that TitleMax is going to stop offering the 30 day title loans and start offering the 210 day title loans.

During the on-site visitation of current examination it was discovered that TitleMax stopped offering the 30 day loans as of July, 2014. The new product, 210 day title loan is currently being offered in all TitleMax locations in the State of Nevada.

The 210 day product mirrors NRS 604A.445 (3):

3. The original term of a title loan may be up to 210 days if:
 - (a) The loan provides for payments in installments;
 - (b) The payments are calculated to ratably and fully amortize the entire amount of principal and interest payable on the loan;
 - (c) The loan is not subject to any extension; and
 - (d) The loan does not require a balloon payment of any kind.

The licensee also implemented "Grace Period Payments Deferment Agreement." During the onsite visitations of store locations it was observed employees are pre-printing this grace period agreement and putting it in customer's files. The employees are also encouraging the customers to enter into this grace period agreement. The employees are provided the following statement to read to customers:



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“TMX Employee:

Great! Your contract states that you have 7 payments of <Amortized Loan Payments> which are for every 30 days starting on < Due Date>. By making this payment on time, your loan will be paid in full when you make the final payment. However, for your convenience, you can also make a minimum payment of <Minimum Payment to Extend> during this time. Any principal left at the end of the term will be placed on a 0% payment plan for an additional seven months. Do you have any questions?”

This agreement consists of separating the interest and principal from the original amortized schedule payments and prolonging the payment of principal until the full interest is paid. This agreement has a schedule of 14 payments which for the first seven payment the customer pays only interest. For the remaining seven payments the customer pays the principal. The total amount paid under this agreement is higher from the original amortized payments scheduled under the original loan agreement.

The “Grace Period Payments Deferment Agreement” offered by TitleMax clearly contradicts with 604A.445(3).

Training

TitleMax provides training upon hire and annually thereafter. All employees are required to complete refresher courses on-line and as needed. The Compliance Department has the responsibility of overseeing that all training materials are up to date with any industry changes and demands.

Display of License, Notices, and Disclosures

The State of Nevada, Financial Institutions Division NRS 604A license is displayed conspicuously by the licensee which is in compliance with NRS 604A.635 and NAC 604A.060.

The contact number of the office of the Commissioner, notice of fees charged and business hours are posted conspicuously in the location where the licensee conducts business, which is in compliance with, NRS 604A.405, NAC 604A.130, NAC 604A.140, and NAC 604A.150.

Record Retention

According to the managers questionnaire, it is the licensee’s policy to maintain all records for five years which is in compliance with NRS604A.700 and NAC 604A.200.

Collection Agency Utilized by the Licensee

As of the examination date, the licensee does not utilize the services of a third party collection agency. The internal collection process consists of sending letters and making phone calls to delinquent customers by TitleMax’s collection department.



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FDCPA

TitleMax employees are required to be certified on an annually basis. All collection employees are required a minimum score of 80% to obtain the FDCPA certification. The store managers monitor all contact with debtors to assure that policy and produces are followed by all employees.

FinCen Registration

TitleMax is not considered a Money Services Business in accordance with 31 CFR Chapter X § 1022.380; as such, the licensee is not registered with FinCEN as a Money Service Business.

Complaints Filed Since the Previous Examination

The Financial Institutions Division complaint database was verified and indicates that as of October 14, 2014 there were three complaints filed against TitleMax since the previous examination. TitleMax responded to the complaints in a timely manner.

Total Sample Size

As of Exam Date	August 16, 2013
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	Population	Sample Size	Penetration
LOAN TYPES:			
Active Loans	356	10	2.81%
Delinquent Loans	104	6	5.77%
Closed Loans	21	5	23.81%
Declined Loans	2	2	100.00%
Total Loans =	483	23	4.76%

All of the loan samples were chosen randomly by the examiner. As of the examination date, the licensee had:



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PREVIOUS VIOLATIONS OF STATUTES AND REGULATIONS

NRS 604A.450 Title loans: Prohibited acts by licensee regarding amount of loan and customer's ability to repay loan. A licensee who makes title loans shall not:

2. Make a title loan without regard to the ability of the customer seeking the title loan to repay the title loan, including the customer's current and expected income, obligations and employment.

During the previous examination the licensee was found to be underwriting title loans in excess of the customer's disclosed income and obligations. There was no regard given to the customer's ability to repay the loan. This will be cited as a repeat violation. Please refer to the current violation section for more details.

NAC 604A.230 Prohibited acts: Miscellaneous acts.

1. A licensee shall not:

(a) Require or accept a guarantor to a transaction entered into with a customer.

NRS 604A.105 "Title loan" defined.

1. "Title loan" means a loan made to a customer pursuant to a loan agreement which, under its original terms

(b) Requires the customer to secure the loan by either:

(1) Giving possession of the title to a vehicle legally owned by the customer to the licensee or any agent, affiliate or subsidiary of the licensee.

NRS 604A.115 "Title to a vehicle" or "title" defined. "Title to a vehicle" or "title" means a certificate of title or ownership issued pursuant to the laws of this State that identifies the legal owner of a vehicle or any similar document issued pursuant to the laws of another jurisdiction.

During the previous examination several of the loan files reviewed showed co-borrowers which were not listed on the title of the vehicle. This violation will be cited as a repeat violation. Please refer to the current violation section for more details.

NRS 604A.410 Written loan agreement required; contents

2. The loan agreement must include, without limitation, the following information:

c) The date and amount of the loan, amount financed, annual percentage rate, finance charge, total of payments, payment schedule and a description and the amount of every fee charged, regardless of the name given to the fee and regardless of whether the fee is required to be included in the finance charge under the Truth in Lending Act and Regulation Z;

During the previous examination, the licensee did not indicate on the extension receipts the effective date of the extension. This violation occurred on the 30 day title loans. Since the previous examination the licensee has stopped offering the 30 day title loans. The new product 210 day title loan offered by the licensee does not allow any extensions. Therefore, this violation is deemed rectified.



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NAC 604A.160 Translation of documents written in language other than English.

2. A document translated pursuant to this section must be:

(a) Translated by an interpreter who is:

(1) Certified by the Court Administrator in accordance with the provisions of NRS 1.510 and regulations adopted pursuant thereto; or NAC 604A.200 Maintenance of books and records.

1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 604A.700, a licensee shall maintain for at least 3 years the original or a copy of each account, book, paper, written or electronic record or other document that concerns each loan or other transaction involving a customer in this State.

2. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 604A.620, those records must be maintained at a place of business in this State designated by the licensee.

(2) Approved in writing by the Division.

(b) Accompanied by a certificate issued by the interpreter.

During the previous examination, the licensee did not provide a copy of the Certified Court Interpreter in the State of Nevada. During the current examination the licensee was able to provide a copy of the Certified Court Interpreter for the State of Nevada. Therefore, this violation is deemed rectified.

NAC 604A.200 Maintenance of books and records.

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2. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 604A.620, those records must be maintained at a place of business in this State designated by the licensee.

During the previous examination, the licensee was unable to provide all the records requested by the examiner in charge. During the current examination the licensee was able to provide all the records requested. Therefore, this violation is deemed rectified.

NRS 604A.410 Written loan agreement required; contents.

1. Before making any loan to a customer, a licensee shall provide to the customer a written loan agreement which may be kept by the customer and which must be written in:

(a) English, if the transaction is conducted in English; or

(b) Spanish, if the transaction is conducted in Spanish.

During the previous examination the licensee was found to be using loan agreement written in English and receipts written in Spanish. During the current examination there was no evidence of such. Therefore, this violation is deemed rectified.



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NRS 604A.475 Repayment plan

2. If the licensee intends to commence any civil action or process of alternative dispute resolution or repossess a vehicle in an effort to collect a defaulted loan, the licensee shall deliver to the customer, not later than 15 days after the date of default, or not later than 5 days after a check is not paid upon presentment or an electronic transfer of money fails, whichever is later, written notice of the opportunity to enter into a repayment plan. The written notice must:

(a) Be in English, if the initial transaction was conducted in English, or in Spanish, if the initial transaction was conducted in Spanish.

During the previous examination the licensee had a repayment plan offer in English and the receipt was issued in Spanish. During the current examination, there was no evidence that the repayment plans and the receipts were done in separate languages. Therefore, this violation is deemed rectified.

NRS 604A.150 Additional terms defined under federal law; calculation of amount financed, annual percentage rate and finance charge.

2. For the purposes of this chapter, proper calculation of the amount financed, annual percentage rate and finance charge for a loan must be made in accordance with the Truth in Lending Act and Regulation Z.

During the previous examination the licensee was found understating the APR. During the current examination there was no evidence of such. Therefore, the violation is deemed rectified.

EXIT MEETING

The exit meeting was held telephonically on December 18, 2014. The licensee was represented by Carrie E. Carbone, SVP of Compliance and Product General Counsel, Victoria Newman, Compliance and Corporate Counsel, Sarah C. Poff, Director of Compliance. The Financial Institutions Division was represented by Christian Yanez, Examiner in charge, Harveen Sekhon, Supervisory Examiner, Christopher Eccles, Attorney, Andrea Bruce, Examiner.



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CURRENT VIOLATIONS OF APPLICABLE STATUTES AND REGULATIONS

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REPEAT VIOLATION

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The title loans itemized below were underwritten in excess of the customer's disclosed income and obligations, therefore, there was no regard given to the customer's ability to repay the loan:

No Regard to Customer's Ability to Repay the Title Loan						
Borrower's Name	Loan Number	Term	Stated Income	Stated Obligations	Total Amount of Loan(s)	Amount Over
Gabriel Thomas	10469-0103325	30 day	\$2,200.00	\$800.00	\$4,582.40	\$3,182.40
Rookie Magliopon	10469-0081957	30 day	\$7,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$6,621.40	\$2,621.40
Laron Carter	10469-0098715	30 day	\$900.00	\$0.00	\$2,343.00	\$1,443.00
Peter Ganny	10469-0098864	30 day	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$4,559.60	\$1,559.60

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During the current examination, the licensee provided a policy which states the following:

“The primary borrower must be on the title; however if there is a co-borrower (on the title or not), he must sign the Application and Contract.”

During the stores visits, the examiner in charge found several files where the co-borrower was not in the vehicle title. In some instances the co-borrower had a different address and different last name.

Management’s response: *Ms. Sarah C. Poff, Director of Compliance, stated that a response will be sent to the Financial Institution Division once the report of examination is received.*

NRS 604A.445 Title loans: Restrictions on duration of loan and periods of extension.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter to the contrary:

3. The original term of a title loan may be up to 210 days if:

- (a) The loan provides for payments in installments;
- (b) The payments are calculated to ratably and fully amortize the entire amount of principal and interest payable on the loan;
- (c) The loan is not subject to any extension; and
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NRS 604A.210 Chapter does not prohibit licensee from offering customer grace period. The provisions of this chapter do not prohibit a licensee from offering a customer a grace period on the repayment of a loan or an extension of a loan, except that the licensee shall not charge the customer:

- 1.** Any fees for granting such a grace period; or
- 2.** Any additional fees or additional interest on the outstanding loan during such a grace period.

Since the previous examination, Titlemax implemented a 210 day title loan product that mirrored NRS 604A.445 (3). The current examination showed that Titlemax’s original loan agreement complies with NRS 604A.445(3). The examination also showed that Titlemax markets and offers an amendment to the original loan agreement that violates NRS 604A.445 (3) and NRS 604A.210.

Onsite visits to Titlemax locations and conversations with store employees showed that Titlemax routinely offers an amendment to the original loan agreement called the “Grace Period Payments Deferment Agreement” (hereinafter, the “Amended Agreement”).

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10469-0117222	\$734.44	\$903.72	\$169.28

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Examiner In Charge:	Ma. Theresa Dihiansan	Examined as of:	May 4, 2015
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EXAMINATION COMMENTS AND CONCLUSIONS

INTRODUCTION

The follow-up examination of TitleMax of Nevada Inc. DBA: TitleMax located at 1210 N. Boulder Highway, Building C, Henderson, NV 89011 commenced on May 4, 2015. This business location currently holds a Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) Chapter 604A license issued by the State of Nevada Financial Institutions Division (FID). The licensee has been granted the approval to underwrite Title Loans in accordance with applicable statutes and regulations.

The licensee's website www.titlemax.com is used to advertise the various products and services it currently offers. Customers can start the application process online but must visit the branch location to process the loan.

As of the examination date, TitleMax currently has 42 licensed locations in the State of Nevada and all the locations were visited during the process of this examination. The corporate office located at 15 Bull St., Suite 200, Savannah Georgia 31401 is also licensed under NRS 604A. This location does not underwrite loans and is used for administrative purposes only. All licensed locations are listed in the table below:

Store	Address	City	State	Zip
TitleBucks	7150 S. DURANGO DRIVE, #190	LAS VEGAS	NV	89113
TitleMax	6820 W. FLAMINGO RD, SUITE F & G	LAS VEGAS	NV	89103
TitleMax	6525 S. FORT APACHE ROAD, STE 110	LAS VEGAS	NV	89148
TitleMax	3525 S. FORT APACHE ROAD, SUITE 160	LAS VEGAS	NV	89147
TitleMax	4700 SPRING MOUNTAIN ROAD	LAS VEGAS	NV	89102
TitleMax	3575 W. TROPICANA AVENUE	LAS VEGAS	NV	89103
TitleMax	5060 S. FORT APACHE ROAD, SUITE 140	LAS VEGAS	NV	89148
TitleMax	6795 W. TROPICANA AVENUE, SUITE 140	LAS VEGAS	NV	89103
TitleMax	7615 S. RAINBOW BLVD, STE 100	LAS VEGAS	NV	89139
TitleMax	7380 S. EASTERN AVENUE, SUITE 126	LAS VEGAS	NV	89123
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EXIT MEETING

The exit meeting was held telephonically on June 17, 2015. TitleMax was represented by the following:

Carrie E. Carbone, SVP of Compliance and Product General Counsel
Victoria Newman, Compliance and Corporate Counsel
Stephen Paris, Senior Regulatory Compliance Manager
Ted Helgeson, Divisional Vice President of Operations
Coleman Gaines, Senior Vice President of Operations-West
Melissa Ardis, Director of Compliance
Nicole Lovelock, Outside Counsel from Holland and Hart

The Financial Institutions Division was represented by the following:

Harveen Sekhon, Supervisory Examiner
Christopher Eccles, Attorney
Ma. Theresa Dihiansan, Examiner-In-Charge
Dean Ventura, Examiner
Kelvin Lam, Examiner



EXAMINATION COMMENTS AND CONCLUSIONS

CURRENT VIOLATIONS OF APPLICABLE STATUTES AND REGULATIONS

STATE

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During the current examination, TitleMax underwrites title loans with an original term of 210 days which mirrors NRS 604A.445 (3). It was also apparent during the examination that Titlemax continued to offer the amendment to the original loan agreement that violates NRS 604A.445 (3) and NRS 604A.210.

Onsite visits to Titlemax locations and conversations with store employees showed that Titlemax currently offers the customers an amendment to the original loan agreement called the "Grace Period Payments Deferment Agreement" (hereinafter, the "Amended Agreement") during the term of the loan. The customer may enter into the grace period payments deferment agreement prior to default if the customer chooses to make lower monthly payments although the total amount owed by the customer in the amended agreement will be higher than the total amount owed under the original loan agreement.

The text of the Amended Agreement provides:

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This statement shows an intent to avoid compliance with NRS 604A.445 (3). Under the original loan agreement the customer makes seven fully amortized payments (210 days) to pay the loan off without a balloon payment at the end, thereby complying with all provisions of NRS 604A.445(3). But, under the Amended Agreement, the customer makes 14 payments (390 days), the first seven payments are interest payments only and last seven payments are principal payments. Thus, the Amended Agreement separates interest and principal from the original amortized schedule of payments, and thereby prolongs the payment of principal until the full interest is paid.

For an example of how customers owe more under the Amended Agreement compared to the original agreement, please see below:

OPEN ACCOUNTS

Loan Number	Customer Name	Total Amount to be Paid Under the Original Loan Agreement	Total Amount to be Paid under the "Amended Loan Agreement"	Overage
14369-0135151	E. Carter	\$13,440.47	\$15,593.00	\$2,152.53
14369-0144996	J. Uribe	\$5,940.09	\$7,077.20	\$1,137.11
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14369-0134959	D. Soltero	\$10,424.89	\$12,420.50	\$1,995.61

Management Response: *Victoria Newman, Compliance and Corporate Counsel stated that the licensee would respond in writing upon receipt of the written report of examination for all locations.*

FEDERAL

No violations of Federal laws were noted during the examination. However, this examination should not be considered a full compliance examination relative to Federal statutes.



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SUMMARY

Each licensee, upon completion of an examination, is rated “Satisfactory,” “Needs Improvement,” or “Unsatisfactory,” based primarily on compliance with applicable statutes and regulations and the perceived capability of management to achieve and maintain such compliance. The rating of the licensee at this examination is “Unsatisfactory.”

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CHAPTER 604A
REPORT OF EXAMINATION

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Examiner In Charge:	Ma. Theresa Dihiansan	Examined as of:	May 4, 2015
Examination Started:	May 15, 2015	Examination Closed:	June 17, 2015
Total Exam Hours:	11.0	Examination Number:	67873

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NRS 604A.450 Title loans: Prohibited acts by licensee regarding amount of loan and customer's ability to repay loan. A licensee who makes title loans shall not:

- 2. Make a title loan without regard to the ability of the customer seeking the title loan to repay the title loan, including the customer's current and expected income, obligations and employment.**

The licensee was previously cited for underwriting loans without regard to the customer's ability to repay the title loan. This is no longer apparent since the licensee started underwriting loans with an original term of 210 days; therefore, this violation is deemed rectified.



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NAC 604A.230 Prohibited acts: Miscellaneous acts.

NRS 604A.105 "Title loan" defined.

NRS 604A.115 "Title to a vehicle" or "title" defined. "Title to a vehicle" or "title" means a certificate of title or ownership issued pursuant to the laws of this State that identifies the legal owner of a vehicle or any similar document issued pursuant to the laws of another jurisdiction.

During the previous examination, the licensee was cited for allowing co-borrowers to be co-signors on the title loan where the co-borrower's name was not in the vehicle title. No such instance was found at this location. As such, this is deemed rectified.

NRS 604A.445 Title loans: Restrictions on duration of loan and periods of extension.

NRS 604A.210 Chapter does not prohibit licensee from offering customer grace period. The provisions of this chapter do not prohibit a licensee from offering a customer a grace period on the repayment of a loan or an extension of a loan, except that the licensee shall not charge the customer:

- 1. Any fees for granting such a grace period; or**
- 2. Any additional fees or additional interest on the outstanding loan during such a grace period.**

Since the previous examination, Titlemax implemented a 210 day title loan product that mirrors NRS 604A.445 (3). The current examination showed that Titlemax's original loan agreement complies with NRS 604A.445 (3). The examination also showed that Titlemax markets and offers an amendment to the original loan agreement that violates NRS 604A.445 (3) and NRS 604A.210. This is still apparent during the current examination and is cited as a repeat violation.

EXIT MEETING

The exit meeting was held telephonically on June 17, 2015. TitleMax was represented by the following:

Carrie E. Carbone, SVP of Compliance and Product General Counsel
Victoria Newman, Compliance and Corporate Counsel
Stephen Paris, Senior Regulatory Compliance Manager
Ted Helgeson, Divisional Vice President of Operations
Coleman Gaines, Senior Vice President of Operations-West
Melissa Ardis, Director of Compliance
Nicole Lovelock, Outside Counsel from Holland and Hart

The Financial Institutions Division was represented by the following:

Harveen Sekhon, Supervisory Examiner
Christopher Eccles, Attorney
Ma. Theresa Dihiansan, Examiner-In-Charge
Dean Ventura, Examiner
Kelvin Lam, Examiner



EXAMINATION COMMENTS AND CONCLUSIONS

CURRENT VIOLATIONS OF APPLICABLE STATUTES AND REGULATIONS

STATE

REPEAT VIOLATION

NRS 604A.445 Title loans: Restrictions on duration of loan and periods of extension.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter to the contrary:

3. The original term of a title loan may be up to 210 days if:

- (a) The loan provides for payments in installments;**
- (b) The payments are calculated to ratably and fully amortize the entire amount of principal and interest payable on the loan;**
- (c) The loan is not subject to any extension; and**
- (d) The loan does not require a balloon payment of any kind.**

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- 1. Any fees for granting such a grace period; or**
- 2. Any additional fees or additional interest on the outstanding loan during such a grace period.**

During the current examination, TitleMax underwrites title loans with an original term of 210 days which mirrors NRS 604A.445 (3). It was also apparent during the examination that Titlemax continued to offer the amendment to the original loan agreement that violates NRS 604A.445 (3) and NRS 604A.210.

Onsite visits to Titlemax locations and conversations with store employees showed that Titlemax currently offers the customers an amendment to the original loan agreement called the "Grace Period Payments Deferment Agreement" (hereinafter, the "Amended Agreement") during the term of the loan. The customer may enter into the grace period payments deferment agreement prior to default if the customer chooses to make lower monthly payments although the total amount owed by the customer in the amended agreement will be higher than the total amount owed under the original loan agreement.

The text of the Amended Agreement provides:

"Because this is only an amendment and modification of the loan agreement in which we are only modifying and deferring your payments under the Title Loan Agreement, you acknowledge and agree that all of the terms and conditions of the Title Loan Agreement, including the charging of simple interest and waiver of jury trial and arbitration provision remain in full force and effect."



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This statement shows an intent to avoid compliance with NRS 604A.445 (3). Under the original loan agreement the customer makes seven fully amortized payments (210 days) to pay the loan off without a balloon payment at the end, thereby complying with all provisions of NRS 604A.445(3). But, under the Amended Agreement, the customer makes 14 payments (390 days), the first seven payments are interest payments only and last seven payments are principal payments. Thus, the Amended Agreement separates interest and principal from the original amortized schedule of payments, and thereby prolongs the payment of principal until the full interest is paid.

For an example of how customers owe more under the Amended Agreement compared to the original agreement, please see below:

OPEN ACCOUNTS

Loan Number	Customer Name	Total Amount to be Paid Under the Original Loan Agreement	Total Amount to be Paid under the "Amended Loan Agreement"	Overage
12269-0134093	L. Rasmussen	\$4,600.01	\$5,517.90	\$917.89
12269-0129451	S. Grable	\$7,454.83	\$8,881.90	\$1,427.07
12269-0129515	K. Goldman	\$2,355.05	\$2,889.89	\$534.84
12269-0139049	A. Timmons	\$10,424.89	\$12,420.50	\$1,995.61
12269-0149897	B. Williams	\$7,454.83	\$8,881.90	\$1,427.07
12269-0132384	P. Demadmo-Romero	\$3,812.10	\$4,662.46	\$850.36
12269-0141659	H. Reyna-Hernandez	\$2,287.30	\$2,797.49	\$510.19
12269-0141904	K. Mahoney	\$7,425.17	\$8,846.50	\$1,421.33
12269-0136907	L. Rodrigues	\$1,689.14	\$2,078.57	\$389.43

Management Response: Victoria Newman, Compliance and Corporate Counsel stated that the licensee would respond in writing upon receipt of the written report of examination for all locations.

FEDERAL

No violations of Federal laws were noted during the examination. However, this examination should not be considered a full compliance examination relative to Federal statutes.



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SUMMARY

Each licensee, upon completion of an examination, is rated “Satisfactory,” “Needs Improvement,” or “Unsatisfactory,” based primarily on compliance with applicable statutes and regulations and the perceived capability of management to achieve and maintain such compliance. The rating of the licensee at this examination is “Unsatisfactory.”

A rating of “**Unsatisfactory**” indicates that the licensee and the management of the licensee have demonstrated substantial lack of compliance with applicable laws and regulations and that immediate remedial action is required for the correction of the violations and deficiencies noted in the report made by the examiner pursuant to NRS and NAC. A rating of “Unsatisfactory” may be given if there were minor violations or deficiencies from a previous examination that were not corrected. Be advised that you may be subject to disciplinary action due to the nature of the violations. You may request an administrative hearing regarding the Division’s findings of deficiencies and violations. If you do wish to request an administrative hearing, please state so in your response letter. A written response to the examination is required within 30 days outlining the actions that will be taken to correct all deficiencies and violations noted in the report. The Financial Institutions Division may conduct a follow up examination within three (3) months to ensure corrective actions have been implemented.



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CHAPTER 604A
REPORT OF EXAMINATION

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Examination Started:	May 4, 2015	Examination Closed:	June 17, 2015
Total Exam Hours:	3.50	Examination Number:	67892

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The information contained in this report is based on the books and records of the licensee as licensed under NRS 604A, on statements made to the examiner by the directors, officers, and employees, and on information obtained from other sources believed to be reliable and presumed by the examiner to be correct. It is emphasized that this report is a report of examination, and not an audit of the licensee, and should not be construed as such. This report of examination does not replace nor relieve the principals of their responsibility for performing or providing for adequate audits of the business.

This copy of the report is the property of the Department of Business and Industry of the State of Nevada, and is furnished to the licensee for its confidential use. Under no circumstances shall the licensee, or any of its directors, officers, or employees disclose in any manner the report or any portion thereof to any person or organization not officially connected with the licensee as officer, director, attorney, or auditor unless otherwise directed. Should any legal process document be served calling for the surrender of this report or any portion thereof, the Commissioner of the Financial Institutions Division shall be notified immediately.

Each principal has the responsibility to review the contents of this report.

State of Nevada
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EXAMINATION COMMENTS AND CONCLUSIONS

INTRODUCTION

The follow-up examination of TitleMax of Nevada Inc. DBA: TitleMax located at 15 Bull St., Suite 200, Savannah, GA 31401 commenced on May 4, 2015. This business location currently holds a Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) Chapter 604A license issued by the State of Nevada Financial Institutions Division (FID). The licensee has been granted the approval to underwrite Title Loans in accordance with applicable statutes and regulations.

The licensee's website www.titlemax.com is used to advertise the various products and services it currently offers. Customers can start the application process online but must visit the branch location to process the loan.

As of the examination date, TitleMax currently has 42 licensed locations in the State of Nevada and all the locations were visited during the process of this examination. The corporate office located at 15 Bull St., Suite 200, Savannah Georgia 31401 is also licensed under NRS 604A. This location does not underwrite loans; it is used for administrative purposes only. All licensed locations are listed in the table below:

Store	Address	City	State	Zip
TitleBucks	7150 S. DURANGO DRIVE, #190	LAS VEGAS	NV	89113
TitleMax	6820 W. FLAMINGO RD, SUITE F & G	LAS VEGAS	NV	89103
TitleMax	6525 S. FORT APACHE ROAD, STE 110	LAS VEGAS	NV	89148
TitleMax	3525 S. FORT APACHE ROAD, SUITE 160	LAS VEGAS	NV	89147
TitleMax	4700 SPRING MOUNTAIN ROAD	LAS VEGAS	NV	89102
TitleMax	3575 W. TROPICANA AVENUE	LAS VEGAS	NV	89103
TitleMax	5060 S. FORT APACHE ROAD, SUITE 140	LAS VEGAS	NV	89148
TitleMax	6795 W. TROPICANA AVENUE, SUITE 140	LAS VEGAS	NV	89103
TitleMax	7615 S. RAINBOW BLVD, STE 100	LAS VEGAS	NV	89139
TitleMax	7380 S. EASTERN AVENUE, SUITE 126	LAS VEGAS	NV	89123
TitleMax	3810 BLUE DIAMOND ROAD #150	LAS VEGAS	NV	89139
TitleMax	6530 S. DECATUR BLVD, #100	LAS VEGAS	NV	89118
TitleMax	9555 S. EASTERN AVE, SUITE 105	LAS VEGAS	NV	89123
TitleMax	3391 E. TROPICANA AVENUE, STE 1	LAS VEGAS	NV	89121
TitleMax	3547 S. MARYLAND PKWY	LAS VEGAS	NV	89169
TitleMax	3365 E. FLAMINGO ROAD, SUITE 1	LAS VEGAS	NV	89121
TitleMax	4749 S. MARYLAND PKWY	LAS VEGAS	NV	89119
TitleMax	4650 E. SUNSET ROAD, SUITE C	HENDERSON	NV	89014
TitleMax	16 W. HORIZON RIDGE PKWY #160	HENDERSON	NV	89012
TitleMax	4944 BOULDER HIGHWAY	LAS VEGAS	NV	89121
TitleMax	4000 BOULDER HWY, SUITE 5	LAS VEGAS	NV	89121
TitleMax	1210 N. BOULDER HWY, SUITE C	HENDERSON	NV	89011



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Store	Address	City	State	Zip
TitleBucks	4150 BOULDER HIGHWAY, SUITE 105	LAS VEGAS	NV	89121
TitleMax	2400 N. BUFFALO DRIVE #140	LAS VEGAS	NV	89128
TitleMax	2550 S. EASTERN AVENUE	LAS VEGAS	NV	89169
TitleMax	6450 W. LAKE MEAD BLVD, STE 150	LAS VEGAS	NV	89108
TitleMax	3900 W. SAHARA AVENUE	LAS VEGAS	NV	89102
TitleMax	4811 WEST CRAIG ROAD	LAS VEGAS	NV	89130
TitleMax	6436 N. DECATUR BLVD., #115	LAS VEGAS	NV	89131
TitleMax	4077 W. CHARLESTON BLVD.	LAS VEGAS	NV	89102
TitleBucks	4750 W. LAKE MEAD, #102	LAS VEGAS	NV	89108
TitleMax	8414 W. FARM ROAD, SUITE 130	LAS VEGAS	NV	89131
TitleMax	4001 N. LAS VEGAS BLVD.	LAS VEGAS	NV	89115
TitleMax	3220 S. VIRGINIA STREET	RENO	NV	89502
TitleMax	2020 E. WILLIAMS STREET	CARSON CITY	NV	89701
TitleMax	1995 W. WILLIAMS AVENUE	FALLON	NV	89406
TitleMax	900 W. FIFTH STREET	RENO	NV	89503
TitleMax	1600 N. NELLIS BLVD, SUITE 102	LAS VEGAS	NV	89115
TitleMax	1225 E. CHARLESTON BLVD.	LAS VEGAS	NV	89104
TitleMax	4741 E. CHARLESTON BLVD.	LAS VEGAS	NV	89104
TitleMax	6060 BOULDER HWY.	LAS VEGAS	NV	89122
TitleMax	5871 E. LAKE MEAD BLVD.	LAS VEGAS	NV	89156
TitleMax	15 BULL ST.	SAVANNAH	GA	31401

As of the examination date, the store located at 6060 Boulder Hwy., Suite 5 and 6, Las Vegas, NV 89122 was just opened for business and has not started underwriting title loans yet. As such, loan review was not part of the scope of the examination for this location.

SCOPE OF EXAMINATION

The primary purpose of the examination was to determine compliance with NRS Chapter 604A and Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) Chapter 604A. The examination consisted of a review of active, paid, delinquent and declined loans, a review of surety bond terms, completion of the manager's and statutory compliance questionnaires, and a review of the company's policies and procedures and forms used in the operation of the business. Appropriate licenses and fee-related postings were also examined. Emphasis was placed on compliance with State regulations as well as the Truth in Lending Act (Regulation Z).

The current examination mainly focused on the prior violations that were cited which resulted in a less than satisfactory rating.

