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Notice Regarding New State-Specific Pre-Licensure and Continuing Education Requirements for Connecticut Department of Banking Beginning October 1, 2014

Purpose

The purpose of this notice is to inform NMLS approved course providers of new pre-licensure education (PE) requirements that must be met as a condition for obtaining a mortgage loan originator (MLO) license with the Connecticut Department of Banking (CT-DOB) beginning October 1, 2014, and new continuing education (CE) requirements that must be met as a condition of maintaining a MLO license effective January 1, 2015. NMLS will begin accepting courses for approval to meet the education requirements beginning August 1, 2014.

Background and Reason for the Notice

The Connecticut Department of Banking (CT-DOB) has informed NMLS that in accordance with recently enacted Connecticut legislation, individuals seeking to obtain a MLO license with the CT-DOB will be required to complete one (1) hour of Connecticut state-specific PE as of October 1, 2014. This requirement is in addition to the existing PE requirements in Connecticut; thus, the total number of required PE hours has increased by one (1) hour. Additionally, MLOs seeking to maintain an MLO license will be required to complete one (1) hour of Connecticut state-specific CE as a condition for licensure renewal beginning January 1, 2015. The total number of CE hours of required in Connecticut has not increased, but the course content requirements have changed to effectively replace what was a required general elective with a state-specific elective.

CT-DOB State-Specific Education Requirements and Reference List

Beginning October 1, 2014, CT-DOB pre-licensure education requirements will be as follows:

- 3 hours of Federal Law;
- 3 hours of Ethics (must include fraud, consumer protection, and fair lending issues);
- 2 hours lending standards for Non-Traditional mortgage products;
- 1 hour of CT-DOB Defined Electives;
- 12 hours of General Electives

Total PE: 21 Hours

Beginning January 1, 2015, CT-DOB continuing education requirements will be as follows:

- 3 hours of Federal Law;
- 2 hours of Ethics (must include fraud, consumer protection, and fair lending issues);
- 2 hours lending standards for Non-Traditional mortgage products;
- 1 hour of CT-DOB Defined Electives

Total CE: 8 Hours

CT-DOB has established the following course content standards that must be met as a condition for NMLS course approval:

- **20 minutes** covering the CT Abusive Home Loan Lending Practices
Act: http://www.cga.ct.gov/current/pub/chap_669.htm, Sections 36a-746 to 36a-746g, inclusive, as amended by Public Act 14-7,
<http://www.cga.ct.gov/2014/ACT/PA/2014PA-00007-R00SB-00283-PA.htm>
- **20 minutes** devoted to Other Mortgage and Loan Practices
http://www.cga.ct.gov/current/pub/chap_669.htm, Sections 36a-755 to 36a-769, inclusive, as amended by Public Act 14-7,
<http://www.cga.ct.gov/2014/ACT/PA/2014PA-00007-R00SB-00283-PA.htm>
- **20 minutes** on General Mortgage Statutes
http://www.cga.ct.gov/current/pub/chap_668.htm, Sections 36a-485 to 36a-534c, as amended by as amended by Public Act 14-7,
<http://www.cga.ct.gov/2014/ACT/PA/2014PA-00007-R00SB-00283-PA.htm> and by Public Act 14-89, <http://www.cga.ct.gov/2014/ACT/PA/2014PA-00089-R00HB-05353-PA.htm>

In accordance with the SAFE Act, NMLS is the approval authority for courses that are intended to satisfy either the PE or CE requirement for an MLO to be licensed by a state-agency. Courses intending to satisfy new CT-DOB requirements must also meet NMLS course approval standards as detailed in the *Functional Specification for All NMLS Approved Courses*. NMLS will begin accepting courses for approval to meet this education requirement beginning August 1, 2014, with the intent of having them approved in time to meet the state agency's new requirement on October 1, 2014 and January 1, 2015, respectively.