



MD Mortgage Loan Originator License New Application Checklist (Individual)

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Who Is Required to Have This License?

An individual who for compensation or gain, or in the expectation of compensation or gain:

- Takes a loan application; or
- Offers or negotiates terms of a mortgage loan.

Maryland Commissioner of Financial Regulation does issue paper licenses for this license type.

Helpful Resources

- [Individual Form \(MU4\) Filing Quick Guide](#)
- [License Status Definitions Quick Guide](#)
- [Disclosure Explanations - Document Upload Quick Guide](#)
- [State-Specific Education Chart](#)
- [Individual Test Enrollment Quick Guide](#)
- [Course Enrollment Quick Guide](#)

Agency Contact Information

Contact Maryland Commissioner of Financial Regulation licensing staff by email to CFRLicensing@dllr.state.md.us for additional assistance.

For U.S. Postal Service and Overnight Delivery:

*Maryland Commissioner of Financial Regulation
Attn: Licensing Unit
1100 N. Eutaw Street
Suite 611
Baltimore, Maryland 21201*

THE APPLICANT/LICENSEE IS FULLY RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE LICENSE FOR WHICH THEY ARE APPLYING. THE AGENCY SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS CONTAINED HEREIN ARE FOR GUIDANCE ONLY TO FACILITATE APPLICATION THROUGH NMLS. SHOULD YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONSULT LEGAL COUNSEL.

PREREQUISITES - These items must be completed prior to the submission of your Individual Form (MU4).

Complete	MD Mortgage Loan Originator License	Submitted via...
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Pre-licensure Education: Prior to submission of the application, complete 20 hours of NMLS-approved pre-licensure education (PE) courses which shall include 3 hours of Maryland mortgage-related law and 2 hours of Maryland finder's fee law – NMLS must indicate your compliance with this requirement.</p> <p>Follow the instructions in the Course Completion Records Quick Guide to confirm that PE has been posted to your record and the PE Total indicates "Compliant."</p>	NMLS
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Testing: Must satisfy one of the following three conditions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Passing results on both the National and Maryland State components of the SAFE Test, or2. Passing results on both the National and Stand-alone UST components of the SAFE Test, or3. Passing results on the National Test Component with Uniform State Content <p>Follow the instructions in the View Testing Information Quick Guide to confirm test results have been posted to your record and indicate "Pass."</p>	NMLS

LICENSE FEES - Fees collected through NMLS are NOT REFUNDABLE OR TRANSFERABLE.

Complete	MD Mortgage Loan Originator License	Submitted via...
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>NMLS Initial Processing Fee: \$30</p> <p>MD License/Registration Fee: \$225.00</p> <p>[Enter supplemental text]</p> <p>MD Application Fee: \$1.00</p> <p>Investigation fee (Non-Refundable)</p> <p>Credit Report: \$15</p> <p>FBI Criminal Background Check: \$36.25</p>	NMLS (Filing submission)

REQUIREMENTS COMPLETED IN NMLS- *These items must be completed during or after the submission of your Individual Form (MU4).*

Complete	MD Mortgage Loan Originator License	Submitted via...
<input type="checkbox"/>	Submission of Individual Form (MU4): Complete and submit the Individual Form (MU4) in NMLS. This form serves as the application for the license through NMLS.	NMLS
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Criminal Background Check: Authorization for an FBI criminal history background check to be completed in NMLS.</p> <p>After you authorize the FBI criminal history background check through the Individual Form (MU4), you must schedule an appointment to be fingerprinted.</p> <p>See the Completing the Criminal Background Check Process Quick Guide for information.</p> <p>Note: If you are able to 'Use Existing Prints' to process the FBI criminal history background check, you DO NOT have to schedule an appointment. NMLS will submit the fingerprints already on file and the background check will begin to process automatically.</p>	NMLS
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Credit Report: Authorization for a credit report must be completed. Upon initial authorization, you are required to complete an Identity Verification Process (IDV) within the Individual Form (MU4). See the Individual (MU4) Credit Report Quick Guide for instructions on completing the IDV.</p> <p>Note: The same credit report can be used for any existing or additional licenses for up to 30 days.</p>	NMLS
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Disclosure Questions: Provide an explanation and, if applicable, a supporting document for each "Yes" response. See the Individual Disclosure Explanations Quick Guide and the Disclosure Explanations - Document Upload Quick Guide for instructions.</p>	Upload in NMLS in the <i>Disclosure Explanations</i> section of the Individual Form (MU4).
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Company Sponsorship: A sponsorship request must be submitted by your employer. MD will review and accept or reject the sponsorship request.</p> <p>MD offers an "Approved-Inactive" license status. If you are not currently employed by a mortgage company (or your employer has not yet requested sponsorship on your behalf) and you have completed all requirements for this license, the license may be issued as "Approved-Inactive" until sponsorship by a mortgage company is acquired. While in an "Approved-Inactive" status, you are NOT authorized to conduct business under the authority of the MD Mortgage Loan Originator License.</p>	NMLS
<input type="checkbox"/>	Employment History: The business address listed in the <i>Employment History</i> section of the Individual Form (MU4) must match the address of the registered location in the Company Relationship.	NMLS

REQUIREMENTS/DOCUMENTS UPLOADED IN NMLS		
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<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Credit Report Explanations: Submit a line by line, detailed letter of explanation of all derogatory credit accounts along with proof of payoffs, payment arrangements and evidence of payments made, or evidence of any formal dispute filed (documents must be dated). Accounts to address include, but are not limited to: collections items, charge offs, accounts currently past due, accounts with serious delinquencies in the last 3 years, repossessions, loan modifications, etc.</p> <p>Note: Items regarding bankruptcy, foreclosure actions, outstanding judgments or liens, or delinquent child support payments should be addressed in the <i>Disclosure Explanations</i> section of your Individual Form (MU4).</p> <p>This document should be named <i>Credit Report Explanations – Sub Name – Document Creation Date</i>.</p>	<p>Upload in NMLS: under the Document Type <u>Credit Report Explanations</u> in the <i>Document Uploads</i> section of the Individual Form (MU4).</p>
N/A	<p>Legal Name/Status Documentation: Upload legal documentation of legal name or legal status. This may be certified copies of divorce decree, marriage certificate, copy of driver's license, passports, etc.</p> <p>This document should be named <i>[Document Name]</i> (Ex. Driver's License, Marriage Certificate, etc.).</p>	<p>Upload in NMLS: under the Document Type <u>Legal Name/Status Documentation</u> in the <i>Document Uploads</i> section of the Individual Form (MU4).</p>
N/A	<p>Memorandum of Tax Certification: Provide a certified memorandum indicating all tax obligations to the State have been paid or that a payment plan (if applicable) is in place.</p> <p>This document should be named <i>[State Abbreviation] – Memorandum of Tax Certification</i>.</p>	<p>Upload in NMLS: under the Document Type <u>Memorandum of Tax Certification</u> in the <i>Document Uploads</i> section of the Individual Form (MU4).</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Verification of Experience: Submit an affidavit pertaining to Maryland Mortgage Loan Originator Activity. Use the affidavit form found here.</p> <p>This document should be named <i>[Document Type] – License Name</i>.</p>	<p>Upload in NMLS: under the Document Type <u>Verification of Experience</u> in the <i>Document Uploads</i> section of the Individual Form (MU4).</p>

NMLS ID Number	
Applicant Legal Name	

REQUIREMENTS SUBMITTED OUTSIDE OF NMLS- *These items must be completed outside of NMLS and submitted directly to the regulator.*

Complete	MD Mortgage Loan Originator License	Submitted via...
<input type="checkbox"/>	Legal Documentation for Criminal RAP: All required legal documentation related to criminal records should be email to your review analyst.	Email to Maryland Commissioner of Financial Regulation: CFRLLicensing@dlr.state.md.us