



## DESCRIPTION



# NORTH CAROLINA MORTGAGE LENDER LICENSE

### Who is required to have this license?

Any person (individual, partnership, limited liability company, limited partnership, corporation, association, or other group engaged in joint business activities, however organized) who closes a mortgage loan, advances funds, offers to advance funds, or makes a commitment to advance funds to a borrower under a mortgage loan for compensation or gain. Licensed lenders may also broker mortgage loans by accepting or offering to accept an application for a mortgage loan, soliciting or offering to solicit a mortgage loan, negotiating the terms or conditions of a mortgage loan, issuing mortgage loan commitments or interest rate guarantee agreements to borrowers, or engaging in table funding of mortgage loans, whether such acts are done through contact by telephone, by electronic means, by mail, or in person with the borrowers or potential borrowers.

The North Carolina Secure and Fair Enforcement Mortgage Licensing Act "MLA" defines "Make a residential mortgage loan" means to advance funds, to offer to advance funds, to make a commitment to advance funds to a borrower under mortgage loan, or to fund a residential mortgage loan. Residential mortgage loan or mortgage loan" means any loan made or represented to be made to a natural person or persons primarily for personal, family, or household use that is secured by a mortgage, deed of trust, or other equivalent consensual security interest on a dwelling located within this State or residential real estate upon which is constructed or intended to be constructed a dwelling.

### Who does not need this license?

- Any agency of the federal government or any state or municipal government granting mortgage loans under specific authority of the laws of any state or the United States.
- Any employee of a licensee whose responsibilities are limited to clerical and administrative tasks for his or her employer and who does not solicit borrowers, accept applications, or negotiate the terms of loans on behalf of the employer.
- Any person authorized to engage in business as a bank or a wholly owned subsidiary of a bank, a farm credit system, savings institution, or a wholly owned subsidiary of a savings institution, or credit union or a wholly owned subsidiary of a credit union, under the laws of the United States, this State, or any other state.
- Any licensed real estate agent or broker who is performing those activities subject to the regulation of the North Carolina Real Estate Commission. Notwithstanding the above, an exempt person does not include a real estate agent or broker who receives compensation of any kind in connection with the referral, placement, or origination of a mortgage loan.
- Any officer or employee of a bank or a wholly owned subsidiary of a bank, a farm credit system, savings institution, or a wholly owned subsidiary of a savings institution, or credit union or a wholly owned subsidiary of a credit union, under the laws of the United States, this State, or any other state, when acting in the scope of employment for the exempt person.

- Any person who, as seller, receives in one calendar year no more than five mortgages, deeds of trust, or other security instruments on real estate as security for a purchase money obligation.

**What are the pre-requisites for license applications?**

Surety Bond Amount: \$150,000.  
Experience: Qualifying Individual/Managing Principal shall have at least three years of experience in residential mortgage lending.

**WHO TO CONTACT** – Contact the NC Mortgage Licensing Division staff by phone at (919) 733-0589 or send your questions via e-mail to [mortgage@nccob.gov](mailto:mortgage@nccob.gov) for additional assistance.

YOU ARE NOT AUTHORIZED TO ENGAGE IN MORTGAGE LENDING, BROKERING, OR ORIGINATION ACTIVITIES IN THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UNTIL YOU HAVE RECEIVED A LICENSE APPROVAL THROUGH THE NMLS.