



DESCRIPTION



VERMONT LENDER LICENSE

Who is required to have this license?

Any company or person who engages in the business of making loans of money, credit, goods, or things in action and charges, contracts for or receives on any such loan interest, a finance charge, discount, or consideration therefore. Loans include, but are not limited to, secured and unsecured consumer loans, mortgage loans, and commercial loans. **[Note: The company's main office must be licensed as a lender prior to, or simultaneously with, the filing of a branch lender license.]**

A loan solicited and made by mail, telephone or electronic means to a Vermont resident is subject to licensing notwithstanding where the loan is legally made. No person may engage in the business of soliciting and making loans by mail, telephone or electronic means to Vermont unless duly licensed.

Who does not need this license?

The following is a *partial* list of exceptions. For a complete list of exceptions, please refer to [8 V.S.A. § 2201\(d\)](#)

- a depository institution [see the definition of “depository institution” in [8 V.S.A. § 2200\(4\)](#)]
- an insurance company
- lenders making commercial loans of \$1,000,000.00 or more
- persons who loan an aggregate of less than \$50,000.00 in any one year at rates of interest of no more than 12 percent per annum, other than residential mortgage loans
- a seller of goods or services that finances the sale of such goods or services, other than a residential mortgage loan

What are the pre-requisites for license applications?

Applicant must be licensed to engage in lending activity in its state of domicile and must be in good standing in its state of domicile with its banking regulator or equivalent financial industry regulator.

Liquid Assets: \$ 25,000.00, per license
 \$ 50,000.00, per license for commercial lending or such greater amount
 as may be required

Bond amount: \$ 50,000.00, minimum amount (the required bond amount increases
 based upon the dollar amount of loans originated in Vermont)

Registered Agent recorded with the Vermont Secretary of State.

Who to Contact – Contact Banking Division licensing staff by phone at 802-828-3307 or send your questions via e-mail to nmls@bishca.state.vt.us for additional assistance.

YOU ARE NOT AUTHORIZED TO ENGAGE IN LENDING IN THE STATE OF VERMONT
UNTIL YOU HAVE RECEIVED A LICENSE APPROVAL THROUGH THE NMLS.