Washington Department of Financial Institutions (WA-DFI)
Pre-Licensure Education (PE) Notice

Purpose
The purpose of this notice is to inform NMLS approved course providers of the required topics to be covered in the 4 hour state specific pre-licensure education (PE) requirement which must be met as a condition for obtaining a mortgage loan originator (MLO) license with the Washington Department of Financial Institutions.

Washington’s PE requirements are as follows:
• 3 hours of Federal law;
• 3 hours of Ethics;
• 2 hours of non-traditional mortgage lending;
• 10 hours of general electives;
• 4 hours of Washington state-specific defined electives.

Total PE: 22 hours

WA-DFI has established the following for the 4 hours of state-specific PE:
– Washington Mortgage Brokers Act
– Consumer Loan Act
– Escrow Agent Registration Act, Usury Act, unfair practices with respect to real estate transaction, mortgage deed of trust, and real estate contract statuses set forth in Title 61 RCW, real estate and appraisal law to include the provisions of chapters 18.85 and 18.140 RCW, Washington principle and agent law and any other subsequent act or regulations(s) applying to mortgage brokers

References:
The Usury Act, chapter 19.52 RCW Unfair practices with respect to real estate transactions, RCW 49.60.222 Mortgage, deed of trust, and real estate contract statutes set forth in Title 61 RCW Real estate and appraisal law, including without limitation, the provisions of chapters 18.85 and 18.140 RCW
Mortgage Lending and Homeownership, RCW 19.144, 
Washington principal and agent law
Any subsequent act(s) or regulation(s) applying to mortgage brokers

NMLS Approving Authority
In accordance with the SAFE Act, NMLS is the approval authority for courses that are intended to satisfy the PE & CE requirement for an MLO to be licensed by a state-agency. Courses intending to satisfy these requirements must also meet NMLS course approval standards as detailed in the Functional Specification for All NMLS Approved Courses.

Legislative Updates
Course providers are responsible for keeping abreast of changes made to the applicable statutes, regulations and rules.