



## Description



# CALIFORNIA FINANCE LENDERS LAW LICENSE

## Types of Licenses Issued

A California Finance Lenders license can be issued as a finance lender, a broker or both finance lender and broker.

## Who is required to have this license?

Any person or company that engages in the business of making consumer or commercial loans, or any person or company that engages in the business of negotiating or performing any act as a broker in connection with loans made by a finance lender, when secured by residential real property will be required to obtain this license through NMLS. Non-residential and commercial lenders and brokers will be required to be licensed under the California Finance Lenders Law, but will continue to apply directly to the Department of Business Oversight.

## Who does not need this license?

- Banks, trust companies, savings and loan associations, insurance premium finance agencies, credit unions, small business investment companies, California business and industrial development corporations, or licensed pawnbrokers.
- A company licensed under the California Residential Mortgage Lending Act when acting under the authority of that license.
- A California licensed real estate broker when making or arranging a loan secured by a lien on real property.
- A broker-dealer licensed in accordance with Section 25211 of the Corporations Code.
- Any public corporation as defined in Section 67510 of the Government Code, and any public entity other than the state as defined in Section 811.2 of the Government Code.
- Other available exemptions under the California Finance Lenders Law can be found in the California Financial Code commencing with section 22050.

## Pre-requisites for license applications?

- Applicants must have a minimum net worth of \$250,000 calculated in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.
- Surety bond in a minimum amount of \$25,000.
- Criminal background checks of the company, its owners, officers, directors, manager/members, partners, persons responsible for the lending activities in this state, etc.
- Information as to the character, fitness, financial and business responsibility, background experience and criminal convictions of the company, its owners, officers, directors, managers/members, partners, etc.

**WHO TO CONTACT** – Contact Department of Business Oversight by phone at 1-866-275-2677 or visit our website at [www.dbo.ca.gov](http://www.dbo.ca.gov) for additional assistance.

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