

Montana Division of Banking and Financial Institutions Electronic Surety Bond Conversion Plan

Who is required to convert their surety bond to NMLS?

Electronic surety bonds (ESB) for the license/registration types will be available in NMLS starting **January 23, 2017**. Companies holding any of these license/registration types are *required* to convert their existing surety bond to NMLS via the submission of an ESB by **December 31, 2017**.

- Montana Mortgage Broker Entity License
- Montana Mortgage Lender Entity License
- Montana Mortgage Servicer Entity License
- Montana Independent Contractor Entity License
- Montana Escrow Business License
- Montana Deferred Deposit Lender License

Has the agency surety bond form changed?

The surety bond forms have been updated to current language and the formatting has been changed to be consistent with the NMLS formatting.

Will this affect license renewal?

This will not affect renewals for 2018.

Electronic Surety Bond Conversion Process

What should licensees/registrants do first?

Current licensees/registrants must first grant authority to their surety bond producer in NMLS. Licensees/registrants must then contact their surety bond producer to prepare their electronic surety bond.

How should the bond be prepared?

Confirm that the bond number is exactly the same as the number (inclusive of all letters & numbers) that appears on the original bond form that was uploaded in NMLS. In addition, the bond amount must represent the bond obligation inclusive of all riders since the bond's original issuance date.

How do licensees/registrants finalize their electronic surety bond in NMLS?

After the surety bond producer has prepared the bond in NMLS, an MU2 associated individual must attest to and submit the bond. The surety bond will then be managed entirely through NMLS.

What resources are available to help with this conversion?

Electronic Surety Bond Training

NMLS offers a [Electronic Surety Bond \(ESB\) Course](#) available on the [NMLS Resource Center](#) for all ESB-related information and to assist in the process of converting and creating new bonds in NMLS. This e-learning tool aggregates and consolidates all of the different resources and information available on the NMLS Resource Center and CSBS Learning Management System. The ESB Course contains recorded webinars, documentation, workflows, and other valuable resources for surety companies, surety bond producers, and NMLS licensees.

Electronic Surety Bond Guides

Visit the [ESB for NMLS Licensees page](#) of the NMLS Resource Center for more information about the Electronic Surety Bond process.