



Description



NEW JERSEY RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE LENDER LICENSE

Who is required to have this license?

Any business entity, including a sole proprietorship, who for compensation or gain, or in the expectation of compensation or gain, either directly or indirectly takes a residential mortgage loan application, or offers, negotiates, originates, or acquires residential mortgage loans in the primary market. Residential mortgage loans include both first and second mortgage loans on New Jersey property.

Who does not need this license?

- Depository institutions
- A licensed attorney who negotiates a residential mortgage loan on behalf of a client as an ancillary matter to attorney representation, unless compensated by a residential mortgage lender or residential mortgage broker
- A person licensed as a NJ real estate broker or salesperson and not engaged in the business of a residential mortgage lender or residential mortgage broker
- Any employer, who is not a residential mortgage lender, who provides residential mortgage loans to his employees as a benefit of employment and which are not in excess of the usury rate in New Jersey at the time the loan is made and on which the borrower has not agreed to pay, directly or indirectly, any charge, cost, expense or any fee whatsoever, other than interest
- Any individual who offers or negotiates terms of a residential mortgage loan: (1) with or behalf of an immediate family member; or (2) secured by a dwelling that served as the individual's residence

Pre-requisites for license applications?

- Tangible net worth of at least \$250,000
- Surety bond in the minimum amount of \$150,000
- Criminal background check for owners, principals, officers, directors, partners, members and managers of LLCs, and shareholders owning 10 percent or more of business applicant
- Identification of at least one officer, director, partner, member, owner or principal who must obtain a Qualified Individual Residential Mortgage Lender License. Individual qualifications include criminal background check, national and state testing, pre-licensure education, and credit report.
- Documentation concerning corporate, partnership, limited liability company, or sole proprietorship organization; foreign businesses require Certificate of Authority to do Business in New Jersey from NJ Division of Revenue
- Certification of office location suitability

WHO TO CONTACT – Contact NJ Department of Banking & Insurance, Licensing Services Bureau, Banking licensing staff by phone at (609) 292-7272 (from menu – select 3, select 2, select 1) or send your questions via e-mail to bliconline@dobi.nj.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 ON LEGAL REQUIREMENTS/INTERPRETATIONS, PLEASE CONSULT LEGAL COUNSEL AS DEPARTMENT STAFF CANNOT PROVIDE LEGAL ADVICE.