



New Application Checklist Jurisdiction-Specific Requirements



RHODE ISLAND SMALL LOAN LENDER LICENSE

This document includes instructions for a company (corporation location) new application request. If you need to complete a new application for a branch location or individual; refer to the appropriate new application checklists.

Total License costs: \$825.00; the NMLS processing fee has been waived. A \$15 fee for a credit report will be added if one has not been authorized through NMLS in the past 30 days for each required control person. \$36.25 will be added per FBI Criminal Background Check authorization. Fees collected through the NMLS ARE NOT REFUNDABLE.

Use the checklist below to complete the requirements for Rhode Island Department of Business Regulation.

The checklist provides instructions and requirements for information to be entered in NMLS, the documents that must be uploaded into NMLS, as well as the documents that must be sent outside NMLS.

For help with the NMLS application, see the [Quick Guide for submitting a complete Company Form](#) filing through NMLS.

For help with document uploads, see the [Quick Guide for document upload in NMLS](#)

Note: Financial statements are uploaded separately under the Filing tab, “Financial Statement” submenu. All other documents are uploaded in the Filing tab under the “Document Upload” section of the company form.

Agency specific requirements marked **attached** on the checklist below must be received with this checklist within 5 business days of the electronic submission of your application through the NMLS at the following:

For U.S. Postal Service Overnight Delivery:

**State of Rhode Island
Department of Business Regulation
Division of Banking
1511 Pontiac Avenue, Bldg. 68-1
Cranston, Rhode Island 02920**

NMLS Company Unique ID Number: _____

Applicant Legal Name: _____

FILED IN NMLS	ATTACHED	NOT APPLICABLE	RHODE ISLAND SMALL LOAN LENDER LICENSE
<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other Trade Name: DBA's should be listed under Other Trade Names on the NMLS Company Form.
<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	N/A	Resident/Registered Agent: The Resident/Registered Agent section of the NMLS Company Form should be completed with the information currently on record with Rhode Island Department of Business Regulation.
<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bank Account: Bank account information is not required; this field can be left blank on the company form.
<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	N/A	Qualifying Individual: Any person designated as a Qualifying Individual, f/k/a Manager of Record of the main office must be identified on a company's Form MU1 filing and have a Form MU2 submitted along with the Form MU1.
<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	N/A	Credit Report: Individuals in a position of control are required to authorize a credit report through NMLS. Individuals will be required to complete an Identity Verification Process (IDV) along with an individual attestation before a license request for your company can be filed through NMLS.
<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disclosure Questions: Provide an explanation for any "Yes" response. Upload a copy of any applicable orders or supporting documents in NMLS.
<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	N/A	Financial Statements: UPLOAD Financial Statements , including a Balance Sheet and Income Statement, prepared in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles representing the Applicant's financial position within the ninety (90) day period immediately preceding the filing of the jurisdiction specific checklist. If Applicant is a startup company, then Applicant need only UPLOAD a Balance Sheet. (Note: All Applicants must meet/maintain the net worth requirement for licensure during the application period.)
<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Certificate of Authority/Good Standing Certificate: Upload a state-issued document (typically by the state's Secretary of State office) demonstrating that the corporation or limited liability company (LLC) exists or is authorized to do business in the state.</p> <p><u>Out of State</u> Applicants must register for authority to conduct business in RI with either the RI Secretary of State (Corp., LLC, Partnerships) or the applicable Municipality (Sole Proprietorships).</p> <p><u>In State</u> Applicants that are Sole Proprietors must register for authority to conduct business in RI with the applicable Municipality/City or Town.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	N/A	<p>Formation Document: Upload a certified copy of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Corporate Charter or Articles of Incorporation (if a corporation), or • The Articles of Organization and Operating Agreement (if a Limited Liability Company), or • The Partnership Agreement (if a partnership of any form).

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<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	N/A	<p>Surety Bond: Submit an Electronic Surety Bond (ESB) via NMLS in the amount \$10,000 furnished and submitted by a surety company authorized to conduct business in Rhode Island. See the ESB Adoption Table and the ESB for NMLS Licensees page of the NMLS Recourse Center for more information.</p> <p>Note: If Applicant will use branch offices to conduct Rhode Island Activity, then Applicant must increase the Surety Bond by</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$10,000 if they maintain four (4) to seven (7) branch locations. Or, • \$25,000 if they maintain eight (8) or more branch locations.
<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	N/A	<p>MU2 Individual FBI Criminal Background Check Requirements: The following Individuals, as specified below, on the Company Form (MU1) are required to authorize a FBI criminal background check (CBC) through NMLS.</p> <p>Direct Owners</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Natural Persons who directly or indirectly, own 10% or more of the applicant. <p>Executive Officers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Executive Officers (CEO, President, Executive Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, CFO, COO, CIO, CCO) or those serving similar functions, and any others required by the Director of Department of Business Regulation. <p>Indirect Owners</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Natural persons who own 10% or more of a direct or indirect owner of the applicant. <p>Qualifying Individuals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Qualifying Individuals, unless licensed as a Rhode Island Mortgage Loan Originator. <p>After authorizing a FBI criminal background check through the submission of the Company Form (MU1) and Individual Form (MU2), you must schedule an appointment to be fingerprinted if new prints are required.</p> <p>See the Quick Guides - Company section of the NMLS Resource Center for more information.</p> <p>Note: If you are able to 'Use Existing Prints' to process the FBI criminal background check, you DO NOT have to schedule an appointment. NMLS will automatically submit the fingerprints on file.</p>
N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>SHARING OF OFFICE SPACE. If <i>applicant</i> will occupy or share space with any other person/business at the proposed license location or within the same Suite/Unit Submit the following information onto NMLS: The names of the other person/business and a description of the other business; their relationship to Applicant; a floor plan; and any other financial or non-financial arrangements made between the businesses and any security</p>

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			measures taken by Applicant to protect confidential consumer information.
N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF LEGAL ENTITIES THAT DIRECTLY OWN APPLICANT. Submit a Balance Sheet, prepared in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles, representing the direct owner's financial position within the ninety (90) day period immediately preceding the filing of the jurisdiction specific checklist. (This is required of all entities that hold a 10% or more direct equity interest in Applicant, including any holding companies).

The regulator will review the filing and all required documents and communicate with you through NMLS. To review your status or see detailed communication from the regulator, click on the Composite View tab and then click on View License/Registration in NMLS see ([License Status Quick Guide](#)) for instruction.

WHO TO CONTACT – Contact Division of Banking licensing staff by phone at 401-462-9503 or send your questions via e-mail to dbr.bankinquiry@dbr.ri.gov for additional assistance.

YOU ARE NOT AUTHORIZED TO ENGAGE IN LENDING ACTIVITIES IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND UNTIL YOU HAVE RECEIVED APPROVAL THROUGH THE NMLS.AND HAVE RECEIVED A LICENSE CERTIFICATE FROM THE RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS REGULATION.