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Main Address Definition was updated:

Current Language:

A physical address is required. Since NMLS contains a single record on a company, the main address listed shall be the principal executive office that is a single place, domestic or foreign, where a company's key individuals (such as control persons) direct, control, and coordinate the company's activities. In practice it should normally be the place where the company maintains its headquarters—provided that the headquarters is the actual center of direction, control, and coordination, i.e., the "nerve center," and not simply an office where the company holds its board meetings or the like.

NMLS presumes that the license authority conferred with a Company Form (MU1) is a general license authority for a company. In those states that require each location conducting licensed activity to be individually licensed or registered, the main address is automatically considered a licensed or registered location.

If no licensable activity is being conducted at the main address location as defined above (i.e., a majority of states would not require that location to be licensed or registered), then the operations hub for the licensee may be listed as the main address.

Previous Language:

A physical address is required. Since NMLS contains a single record on a company, the main address listed must capture the applicant or licensee's headquarters location. This requirement is regardless of whether such location is located in the state of licensure and regardless of whether the licensee will be conducting any licensed activities from that location.

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