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Policy

Identify all direct owners and executive officers. If the direct owner or executive officer is a natural person (individual), list their full legal name as first, middle, last, suffix, and provide their title and the percentage of ownership. All natural persons listed in the *Direct Owners and Executive Officers* section of the Company (MU1) Form are required to complete and submit the Individual (MU2) Form.

All individual direct owners and executive officers are required to have their own individual account in NMLS. The individual will need to go through the process to create an account in NMLS.

Review the definition of control when completing this section and include any individual or company that has control over the entity.

Advance Change Notice

Many states require currently approved companies to provide the regulator with advance notice before making changes to their direct owners or executive officers. An advance notification allows the regulator to review the change prior to its effective date and indicate to the licensee whether or not the proposed change is acceptable.

Not all states require an Advance Change Notice. Review the <u>Advance Change Notice Requirement Chart</u> and <u>State Amendment Checklist</u> prior to submitting a change to direct owners/executive officers.

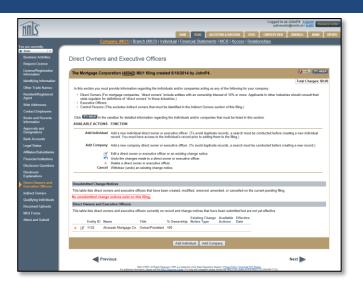


Figure 1: Direct Owners and Executive Officers

Determining Control

Control is determined in several ways, including:

- 1. Equity Owners An entity or individual that, directly or indirectly, has the right to vote 10% or more of a class of a voting security or has the power to sell or direct the sale of 10% or more of a class of voting securities. In the case of a partnership, an entity or individual that has the right to receive upon dissolution or has contributed 10% or more of the capital is presumed to control that company.
- Corporate Governance As set out in the most recent Articles of Incorporation, Articles of Organization, or Partnership Agreement.
 - A) Board of Directors, Board of Managers, Member Manager, General Partner, or similar governing body

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- B) President, Executive Vice President,
 Senior Vice President, Treasurer,
 Secretary, or similarly elected or appointed senior corporate officers
- 3. Functional Responsibility Individuals, regardless of title, who have the power, directly or indirectly, to direct the management or policies of a company by contract or otherwise. Job description holds individual responsible for the operational, financial. information technology, compliance, and/or security functions of the company, including Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, Chief Operations Officer, Chief Legal Officer, Chief Credit Officer, Chief Compliance Officer, and individuals occupying similar positions or performing similar functions. Other required individuals may include qualified persons, location supervisors, and branch managers.

The following discussion will help companies decide who to include:

Direct Owners

Direct owners include any person that owns, beneficially owns, has the right to vote, or has the power to sell or direct the sale of 10% or more of a class of voting security of the applicant or licensee. For the purpose of this section, a person beneficially owns any securities (i) owned by his/her child, stepchild, grandchild, parent, stepparent, grandparent, spouse, sibling, mother-in-law, father-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, brother-in-law or sister-in-law sharing the same residence; in the cases where the company is a partnership, all general partners and those limited and special partners that have the right to receive upon dissolution or have contributed 10% or more of the partnership's capital.

In the case of a trust that directly owns 10% or more of the class of voting security of the applicant, or that has the right to receive upon dissolution or have contributed 10% or more of the applicant or licensee's capital, the trust, and each trustee.

In the case where the company is a Limited Liability Company (LLC), (i) if member managed, the managing member, (ii) if managed by elected or appointed managers, all elected or appointed managers; and, (iii) those members that have the right to receive upon dissolution or have contributed 10% or more of the LLC's capital. In the case where the company is a partnership, (i) all general partners, and (ii) those limited and special partners that have the right to receive upon dissolution or have contributed 10% or more of the partnership's capital.

In certain states, other required persons, including "qualified persons" or branch supervisors, may be considered to be control persons. Consult the <u>State Licensing Requirements</u> in which the applicant or licensee is applying for details.

Ownership must be disclosed as laid out in the organizing documents of an entity. Ownership disclosure in NMLS is not dependent on community property statutes and therefore should be represented in NMLS as found on legal, organizing documents for the entity.

Control Person

A control person is an individual (natural person) that directly or indirectly exercises control over the applicant or licensee. This definition includes any individual that is a "director, general partner, or executive officer." The term director includes all members of a company's board of directors, including board members that are not employees of the company.

Individual or Company

All direct owners of 10% or more should be identified, regardless of the applicant or licensee's business structure. All individuals listed in this section are required to complete and submit an Individual (MU2) Form.

NOTE: Provide the person's Social Security Number or the company's Tax Identification Number or Employer Identification Number, as issued by the IRS.

Publicly Traded

If an applicant or licensee is publicly traded or there are control persons holding less than 10% ownership, then the total percent ownership derived from the individual line items may not equal 100%.

Provide the stock symbol (if the company is publicly traded).

Definitions and Charts

	Definition			
	An NMLS filing notifying state agencies of certain changes to a licensee's NMLS			
Notice	information in advance of the effective date.			
Effective Date	The date on which a change to a licensee's NMLS information is intended to be effective.			

Figure 2: Key Terms

	ENTITIES & INDIVIDUALS THAT MUST BE INCLUDED IN DIRECT OWNERS &				
IF APPLICANT	EXECUTIVE OFFICERS				
IS:	EQUITY	CORPORATE GOVERNANCE		FUNCTIONAL	
	OWNERS			RESPONSIBILITY	
"C"	Shareholders	All members of Board of	Elected or	Chief Officers & other	
Corporation	<u>></u> 10%	Directors	Appointed Officers	required individuals	
<i>"5"</i>	Shareholders	All members of Board of	Elected or	Chief Officers & other	
Corporation	<u>></u> 10%	Directors	Appointed Officers	required individuals	
Limited	All Members	Member Managed	Elected or	Chief Officers & other	
Liability	<u>></u> 10%	(Managing Member)	Appointed Officers	required individuals	
Company		All Managers (Board of	Elected or	Chief Officers & other	
		Managers)	Appointed Officers	required individuals	
Partnership	All Partners	General Partner	Elected or	Chief Officers & other	
	<u>></u> 10%		Appointed Officers	required individuals	

Figure 3: Entities to be Included

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How to Add a Direct Owner and/or Executive Officer

Adding an Individual

- 1. From the *Direct Owners and Executive Officers* screen, click the **Add Individual** button.
- 2. Enter either an Individual ID, License Number, or First and Last Name.
- Click the **Search** button.
- 4. Click the **NMLS ID** link to select the appropriate individual (see *Figure 4*).



Figure 4: Direct Owners and Executive Officers – Individual Search Results

NOTE: If no search results are returned, click the **Create Individual** button to create an individual and complete the required fields.

5. Complete all required fields (see Figure 5).

NOTE: The Percentage(s) of Ownership may not exceed 100% at any given time. To remove an owner, see the <u>How to Amend the Percentage of Ownership</u> section of this guide.

6. Click the **Save** button (see *Figure 5*).

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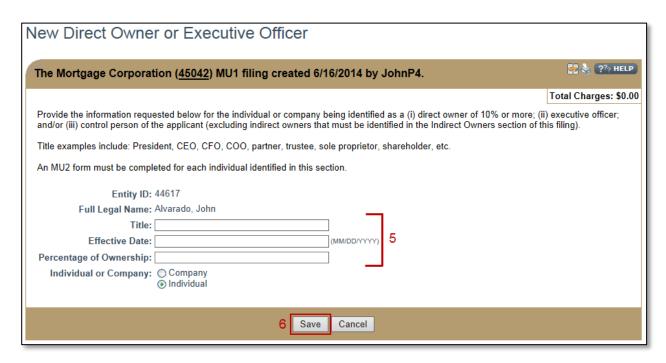


Figure 5: New Direct Owner or Executive Officer - Individual

Adding a Company

- 1. From the *Direct Owners and Executive Officers* screen, click the **Add Company** button.
- 2. Enter either a Company ID, License Number, or Entity Name.
- 3. Click the **Search** button.
- 4. Click the **Name and ID** link (see *Figure 6*).



Figure 6: Direct Owners and Executive Officers – Company Search Results

NOTE: Click the **New Direct Owner** button to create a base record for the entity and complete the required fields.



5. Complete all required fields (see Figure 7Figure 5).

NOTE: The Percentage(s) of Ownership may not exceed 100% at any given time. To remove an owner, see the <u>How to Amend the Percentage of Ownership</u> section of this guide.

6. Click the **Save** button (see *Figure 7*).

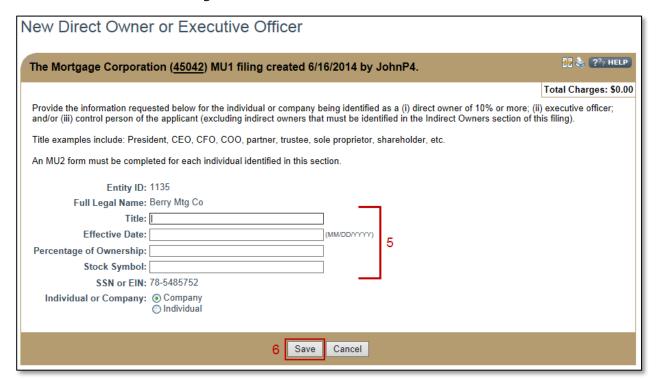


Figure 7: New Direct Owner or Executive Officer – Company

How to Amend Percentage of Ownership

- 1. From the *Direct Owners and Executive Officers* screen, click the **Edit** icon.
- 2. If the Percentage of Ownership needs to be modified, select the box titled "Do you want to amend the Percentage of Ownership?" (see *Figure 8*).

NOTE: Effective Date for the change (MM/DD/YYYY) is required and cannot be a past date.

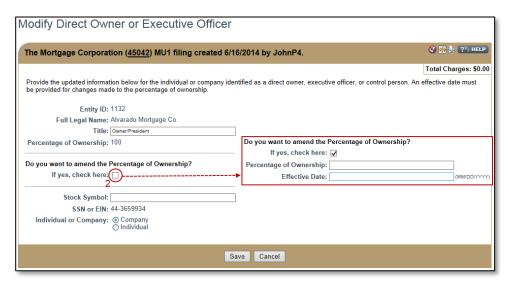


Figure 8: Modify Direct Owner or Executive Officer

NOTE: The Percentage(s) of Ownership may not exceed 100% at any given time. To remove an owner, you must first amend their Percentage of Ownership to 0% with an applicable effective date for the change. The owner may be deleted upon implementation of the change of ownership percentage.

3. Click the **Save** button.

NOTE: After edits are made to a direct owner or executive officer, use the *Undo* icon to undo changes made.

How to Remove Direct Owner and/or Executive Officer

- 1. From the *Direct Owners and Executive Officers* screen, click the **Delete** ★ icon next to the Direct Owner/Executive Officer you would like to remove.
- 2. Provide the requested information, including the Percentage of Ownership at Removal and the Effective Date (see *Figure 9*).

NOTE: Effective Date for the change (MM/DD/YYYY) is required and cannot be a past date.



Figure 9: Remove Direct Owners and Executive Officers

3. Click the **Save** button.

Additional Resources

- Information Viewable on NMLS Consumer Access
- ACN-Direct Owners & Executive Officers
- Company (MU1) Amendments
- Individual (MU2) Form Filing