Select by State

Overview / Policy

Depending on the jurisdiction in which an applicant is seeking licensure, the applicant may be required to take two components of the SAFE Mortgage Loan Originator Test - a National Component and a State Component. However, many states only require a passing score on the National Test Component with Uniform State Content. Most state agencies require a passing score on the tests prior to submitting an Individual (MU4) application through NMLS.

- National Component with Uniform State Content - Effective April 1, 2013, all state licensed MLOs are required to pass the National Component with Uniform State Content of the SAFE MLO Test.

- State Component - State licensed MLOs may be required to pass a State Component of the SAFE MLO Test for each jurisdiction in which they hold a license. However, state agencies which adopt the Uniform State Test (UST) no longer require individuals to pass their State Specific Test Components.

A company user may select one or more tests from the list of eligible test(s) for an individual who has granted access to your company. The system automatically displays tests currently eligible for enrollment based on the following:

- Previous test results
- Test components that have already been paid for
- Test components currently in the Test Cart awaiting payment

Definitions and Charts

Not Applicable

How To

Select Tests by State

1. From the Select by State screen, enter an Individual ID and License Number or First Name and Last Name.
2. Click the Search button.
3. Click the NMLS ID hyperlink.
4. Select the checkbox for the states in which the individual is requesting licensure.
5. Select the checkbox for the applicable tests (see Figure 1).
6. Click the Add to Cart button.
7. Click the Proceed to Invoice button.
8. Click the Pay Invoice button.
9. Read through the Payment Terms and Conditions, click the I agree button.
10. Complete the One Time Payment screens. All fees paid through NMLS are non-refundable and non-transferable.
NOTE: After paying for a test, companies must wait for an individual to accept the Candidate Agreement prior to scheduling a testing appointment.

![National Test with Uniform State Content](image)

*Figure 1: National Test with Uniform State Content*

**Helpful Hints**

1. Many state agencies have adopted the Uniform State Test (UST). For more information, visit the Testing page and the Uniform State Test Implementation Information page of the NMLS Resource Center.

2. If an individual has not created an Individual Account in NMLS, you will not be able to pay for a test enrollment until the account is created and Company Access has been granted.

3. Individuals creating an account must use their legal name as documented on their government issued ID to avoid issues at the Test center.

4. Prior to scheduling an appointment through the testing vendor, Steps 1-10 above must be completed and the Candidate Agreement must be accepted by the individual.

**Additional Resources:**

- State-Specific requirements
- MLO Testing Handbook
- Quick Guide:
  - Test Enrollment
  - Providing Access to a Company
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