



# NJ Exempt Company Registration New Application Checklist (Company)

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

### **Who Is Required to Register as a NJ Exempt Company?**

An exempt company registrant is a business entity other than a bona fide not for profit entity that is not subject to licensure as a residential mortgage lender or a residential mortgage broker under P.L.2009, c.53 (C.17:11C-51 et seq.) that is registered pursuant to subsection d. of section 4 of P.L.2009, c.53 (C.17:11C-54), and that employs, or will employ one or more licensed mortgage loan originators to supervise individuals employed by the registered exempt company as loan processors or loan underwriters. Such mortgage loan originators shall not be authorized to engage in the origination of loans.

No person shall qualify for registration as an exempt company unless the person is in the business of mortgage loan origination solely by virtue of its performance of loan processing or underwriting functions.

This registration is OPTIONAL for companies that may have or applies for a license as a residential mortgage lender or broker.

Exempt companies and branches registering through NMLS with the New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance must agree to abide by NMLS requirements, including attesting to the accuracy of the information submitted, agreeing to keep it updated through NMLS, and annually renewing the registration through the NMLS Streamlined Renewal Process. Branches must be registered by submission of a completed Branch Form (MU3).

### **Activities Authorized for a Registered Exempt Company**

This registration authorizes the following activities:

- Third party mortgage loan processing
- Third party mortgage loan underwriting

The New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance does not issue paper credentials for registrations, but can confirm registration in writing on request.

## Document Uploads Guidance

Documents that must be uploaded to the *Document Uploads* section of the Company Form (MU1) in NMLS are indicated in the checklist below. When uploading documents:

- Follow the guidance in [Document Upload Descriptions and Examples](#).
- Only upload documents relevant to the company application.
- Only upload documents where there is a selectable document category. If inappropriate documents are uploaded that should not be, you will be contacted by your regulator and asked to remove them from NMLS.
- Do not upload the same company documents multiple times. Generally, unless the document is state-specific, if the document has already been uploaded for another state, a new upload is not required unless changes have been made.
- If a document previously uploaded has been revised, delete the old document and replace it with the new document (history of the old document will remain in NMLS).
- For state-specific documents (e.g., Surety Bonds), be sure to indicate the applicable state.

## Helpful Resources

- [Company Form \(MU1\) Filing Instructions](#)
- [Document Upload Descriptions and Examples](#)
- [Individual Form \(MU2\) Filing Quick Guide](#)
- [Financial Statements Quick Guide](#)
- [Payment Options Quick Guide](#)
- [License Status Definitions Quick Guide](#)

## Agency Contact Information

Contact *the New Jersey Division of Banking and Insurance* licensing staff by phone at *(609) 292-7272*, then select *option 3, then option 2, then option 1* or send your questions via email to [Blionline@dobi.nj.gov](mailto:Blionline@dobi.nj.gov) for additional assistance.

*For U.S. Postal Service:*

*New Jersey Department of Banking & Insurance  
Licensing Services Bureau, Banking  
P.O. Box 473  
Trenton, NJ 08625*

*For Overnight Delivery:*

*New Jersey Department of Banking & Insurance  
Licensing Services Bureau, Banking  
20 West State Street, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Trenton, NJ 08608*

THE APPLICANT/LICENSEE IS FULLY RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE LICENSE FOR WHICH THEY ARE APPLYING. THE AGENCY SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS CONTAINED HEREIN ARE FOR GUIDANCE ONLY TO FACILITATE APPLICATION THROUGH NMLS. SHOULD YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONSULT LEGAL COUNSEL.

**LICENSE FEES** - Fees collected through NMLS are NOT REFUNDABLE OR TRANSFERABLE.

Complete	NJ Exempt Company Registration	Submitted via...
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>NJ Application Fee:</b> \$500 <b>NMLS Initial Processing Fee:</b> \$100	NMLS (Filing submission)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Credit Report for Control Persons:</b> \$15 per control person.	NMLS (Filing submission)

**REQUIREMENTS COMPLETED IN NMLS**

Complete	NJ Exempt Company Registration	Submitted via...
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Submission of Company Form (MU1):</b> Complete and submit the Company Form (MU1) in NMLS. This form serves as the application for the license/registration through NMLS.	NMLS
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Financial Statements:</b> Upload a compiled financial statement prepared by a Certified Public Accountant in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles dated within 90 days of your fiscal year end. Financial statements should include a balance sheet, income statement, and statement of cash flows and all relevant notes thereto. If applicant is a start-up company, only an initial statement of condition is required.  <b>Note:</b> Financial statements are uploaded separately under the Filing tab and <i>Financial Statement</i> submenu link. See the <a href="#">Financial Statements Quick Guide</a> for instructions.	NMLS
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Other Trade Name:</b> If operating under a name that is different from the applicant’s legal name, that name (“Trade Name”, “Assumed Name” or “DBA”) must be listed under the <i>Other Trade Names</i> section of the Company Form (MU1). The New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance does not allow more than <b>3</b> of other trade names.  If operating under an “Other Trade Name”, upload <b>Trade Name Authorization document</b> regarding ability to do business under that trade name.  This document should be named <i>NJ Trade Name Approval</i> .	NMLS  <b>Upload in NMLS:</b> under the Document Type <u>Trade Name/Assumed Name Registration Certificates</u> in the <i>Document Uploads</i> section of the Company Form (MU1).
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Resident/Registered Agent:</b> The Resident/Registered Agent must be listed under the <i>Resident/Registered Agent</i> section of the Company Form (MU1) and must match the information currently on record with New Jersey Department of Treasury.	NMLS

<input type="checkbox"/>	<p><b>Primary Contact Employees:</b> The following individuals must be entered into the <i>Contact Employees</i> section of the Company Form (MU1).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Primary Company Contact.</b></li> <li>2. <b>Primary Consumer Complaint Contact.</b></li> </ol>	<p><b>NMLS</b></p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p><b>Non-Primary Contact Employees:</b> The New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance <b>requires</b> that an individual(s) be identified as a <b>Non-Primary Contact</b> for the following areas. These contacts must be listed in the <i>Contact Employees</i> section of the Company Form (MU1).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Licensing</li> <li>2. Consumer Complaint (Public)</li> <li>3. Consumer Complaint (Regulator)</li> <li>4. Legal</li> <li>5. Pre-Exam Contact</li> </ol>	<p><b>NMLS</b></p>
<p>Note</p>	<p><b>Bank Account:</b> Bank account information is not required. The <i>Bank Account</i> section of the Company Form (MU1) can be left blank.</p>	<p><b>N/A</b></p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p><b>Disclosure Questions:</b> Provide a complete and detailed explanation and document upload for each “Yes” response to Disclosure Questions made by the company or related control persons (MU2). See the <a href="#">Company Disclosure Explanations Quick Guide</a> for instructions.</p>	<p><b>Upload in NMLS</b> in the <i>Disclosure Explanations</i> section of the Company Form (MU1) or Individual Form (MU2).</p>
<p>Note</p>	<p><b>Qualifying Individual:</b> The <i>Qualifying Individual</i> section is not required to be completed for NJ on the Company Form (MU1).</p>	<p><b>N/A</b></p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p><b>Control Person (MU2) Attestation:</b> Complete the Individual Form (MU2) in NMLS. This form must be attested to by the applicable control person before it is able to be submitted along with the Company Form (MU1).</p>	<p><b>NMLS</b></p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p><b>Credit Report:</b> 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. This authorization is made when the Individual Form (MU2) is submitted as part of the Company Form (MU1).</p>	<p><b>NMLS</b></p>
<p>Note</p>	<p><b>MU2 Individual FBI Criminal Background Check Not Required Through NMLS:</b> Direct Owners/Executive Officers, Indirect Owners, and Qualifying Individuals are NOT required to authorize a FBI criminal background check (CBC) through NMLS.</p>	<p><b>N/A</b></p>

**REQUIREMENTS/DOCUMENTS UPLOADED IN NMLS**

Complete	NJ Exempt Company Registration	Submitted via...
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p><b>Certificate of Authority/Good Standing Certificate:</b> Upload a State-issued and approved document (typically by the Secretary of State’s office), dated not more than 60 days prior to the filing of the application through NMLS that demonstrates authorization to do business in the applicant’s state of formation and/or NJ.</p> <p>This document should be named <i>NJ Certificate of Authority OR NJ Certificate of Good Standing</i>.</p>	<p><b>Upload in NMLS:</b> under the Document Type <u>Certificate of Authority/Good Standing Certificate</u> in the <i>Document Uploads</i> section of the Company Form (MU1).</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p><b>Formation Documents:</b> Determine classification of applicant’s legal status and submit a State certified copy of the requested applicable documentation detailed below. Original formation documents and all subsequent amendments, thereto including a list of any name changes.</p> <p><b>Sole Proprietor</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• County Recording Documents</li> </ul> <p><b>Unincorporated Association:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• By-Laws or constitution (including all amendments).</li> </ul> <p><b>General Partnership:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Partnership Agreement (including all amendments).</li> </ul> <p><b>Limited Liability Partnership:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Certificate of Limited Liability Partnership; and</li> <li>• Partnership Agreement (including all amendments).</li> </ul> <p><b>Limited Partnership:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Certificate of Limited Partnership; and</li> <li>• Partnership Agreement (including all amendments).</li> </ul> <p><b>Limited Liability Limited Partnership:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Certificate of Limited Liability Limited Partnership; and</li> <li>• Partnership Agreement (including all amendments).</li> </ul> <p><b>Limited Liability Company (“LLC”):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Articles of Organization (including all amendments);</li> <li>• Operating Agreement (including all amendments);</li> <li>• IRS Form 2553 or IRS Form 8832 if S-corp treatment elected; and</li> <li>• LLC resolution if authority not in operating agreement.</li> </ul> <p><b>Corporation:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Articles of Incorporation (including all amendments);</li> <li>• By-laws (including all amendments), if applicable;</li> <li>• Shareholder Agreement (including all amendments), if applicable;</li> <li>• IRS Form 2553 if S-corp treatment elected; and</li> <li>• Corporate resolution if authority to complete application not in By-Laws or Shareholder Agreement, as amended, as applicable.</li> </ul> <p><b>Not for Profit Corporation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Documents requested of a Corporation; and</li> <li>• Proof of nonprofit status                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Internal Revenue Service (“IRS”) 501(c)(3) designation letter; or</li> <li>○ statement from a State taxing body or the State attorney general certifying that: (i) the entity is a nonprofit organization operating within the State; and (ii) no part of the entity’s net earnings may</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><b>Upload in NMLS:</b> under the Document Type <u>Formation Document</u> in the <i>Document Uploads</i> section of the Company Form (MU1).</p> <p>This document should be named <i>Formation Documentation [Date of Creation (MM-DD-YYYY)]</i>.</p>

	<p>lawfully benefit any private shareholder or individual; or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ entity's certificate of incorporation or similar document if it clearly establishes the nonprofit status of the applicant; or</li> <li>○ Any of the three preceding items described, if that item applies to a State or national parent organization, together with a statement by the State or parent organization that the applicant is a local nonprofit affiliate.</li> </ul>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p><b>Organizational Chart/Description:</b> Submit a chart showing (or a description which includes) the percentage of ownership of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Direct Owners (total direct ownership percentage must equate to 100%)</li> <li>• Indirect Owners</li> <li>• Subsidiaries and Affiliates of the applicant/licensee</li> </ul> <p>This document should be named <i>[Company Legal Name] Organizational Chart – Description</i>.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> If the existing uploaded Organizational Chart/Description already includes the above information, an additional document does not need to be uploaded. A company should only upload a single management chart.</p>	<p><b>Upload in NMLS:</b> under the Document Type <u>Organizational Chart/Description</u> in the <i>Document Uploads</i> section of the Company Form (MU1).</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p><b>Surety Bond:</b> Submit company bond in the amount of \$50,000 furnished by a surety company authorized to conduct business in New Jersey. The name of the principal insured on the bond must match exactly the full legal name of applicant, including any Other Trade Names.</p> <p>Please click <a href="#">here</a> to access the bond form.</p> <p>This document should be named <i>New Jersey Exempt Company Registration Surety Bond</i>.</p>	<p><b>Upload in NMLS:</b> under the Document Type <u>Surety Bond</u> in the <i>Document Uploads</i> section of the Company Form (MU1).</p> <p><b>AND</b></p> <p>Mail to New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance</p>

NMLS ID Number (Company)	
NMLS ID Number (Branch)	

REQUIREMENTS SUBMITTED OUTSIDE OF NMLS		
Complete	NJ Exempt Company Registration	Submitted via...
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Surety Bond:</b> Submit the original bond in the amount described <a href="#">above</a> .	<b>Mail to the New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p><b>Certificate of Office Suitability:</b> Provide a certification, as prescribed by the commissioner, of office suitability outside of the NMLS. There is a certification of office suitability for offices located in New Jersey and a second certification form for offices to be located outside of New Jersey. The forms may be found at:</p> <p>In-State: <a href="http://www.state.nj.us/dobi/banklicensing/rmla/officesuit_nj.pdf">http://www.state.nj.us/dobi/banklicensing/rmla/officesuit_nj.pdf</a></p> <p>Out of State: <a href="http://www.state.nj.us/dobi/banklicensing/rmla/officesuit_notnj.pdf">http://www.state.nj.us/dobi/banklicensing/rmla/officesuit_notnj.pdf</a></p>	<b>Mail to the New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance</b>