



VA Mortgage Lender License New Application Checklist (Company)

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Who Is Required to Have This License?

Any person who directly or indirectly originates or makes mortgage loans

Who Is Not Required to Have This License?

Any persons exempt from licensure pursuant to any of the subsections of § 6.2-1602 of the Code of Virginia

Reference: Chapter 16 of Title 6.2 of the Code of Virginia (§ 6.2-1600 *et seq.*) and the Virginia State Commission's Rules Governing Mortgage Lenders and Brokers (10 VAC 5-160-10 *et seq.*)

Activities Authorized Under This License

This license authorizes the following activities (note - these activities are not specifically defined by the Code of Virginia; however, the terms as defined by NMLS fall within Virginia's statutory definition of a mortgage lender):

- First mortgage lending
- Second mortgage lending
- Home equity lending
- Reverse mortgage lending
- High cost mortgage lending
- Mortgage loan modifications (when named as the lender on the modified mortgage loan documents)

Pre-Requisites for License Applications

- \$50,000 surety bond
- \$200,000 in funds available for the operation of business
- Criminal background checks for the applicant's members, senior officers, directors, and principals
- Financial responsibility, character, reputation, experience, and general fitness of the applicant and its members, senior officers, directors, and principals are such as to warrant belief that the business will be operated efficiency and fairly, in the public interest and in accordance with law

License Delivery

Each mortgage lender and broker licensee will receive a single license from the Commission that states the full legal name of the licensee as well as any fictitious names under which the licensee is conducting business under Chapter 16 of Title 6.2 of the Code of Virginia. The license also clarifies that the licensee is authorized to engage in business under the provisions of Chapter 16 at or in the approved office location(s) of the licensee as set forth in NMLS (i.e., the physical address listed on the licensee's MU1 form and each approved branch MU3 form). The license will be mailed to the attention of the individual designated as the licensee's primary company contact in NMLS.

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 *Virginia Bureau of Financial Institutions' Administration and Licensing Section* staff by phone at [\(804\) 371-9690](tel:8043719690) or send your questions via email to mortgagelicensing@scc.virginia.gov.

For U.S. Postal Service:

*Bureau of Financial Institutions
Administration and Licensing Section
PO Box 640
Richmond, VA 23218-0640*

For Overnight Delivery:

*Bureau of Financial Institutions
Administration and Licensing Section
1300 E. Main Street, Suite 800
Richmond, VA 23219*

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.

NMLS ID Number	
Applicant Legal Name	

LICENSE FEES - Fees collected through NMLS are NOT REFUNDABLE OR TRANSFERABLE.		
Complete	VA Mortgage Lender License	Submitted via...
<input type="checkbox"/>	VA Application Fee: \$500 NMLS Initial Processing Fee: \$100	NMLS (Filing submission)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Credit Report for Control Persons: \$15 per control person.	NMLS (Filing submission)
<input type="checkbox"/>	FBI Criminal Background Check for MU2 Individuals: \$36.25 per person.	NMLS (Filing submission)
<input type="checkbox"/>	For Senior Officers and Principals that do not have an MU2 in NMLS, State Criminal History Check: \$27 per person. Please see instructions below.	Mail to Virginia

REQUIREMENTS COMPLETED IN NMLS		
Complete	VA Mortgage Lender License	Submitted via...
<input type="checkbox"/>	Submission of Company Form (MU1): 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"/>	<p>Financial Statements: All applicants (except for sole proprietors) must upload a current (less than 90 days old) financial statement for the applicant that has been prepared in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles. Financial statements should include a balance sheet, income statement and all relevant notes thereto.</p> <p>If applicant is a start-up company, only a beginning balance sheet and a pro forma balance sheet and income statement for the first year of operation need to be provided.</p> <p>Note: Financial statements are uploaded separately under the Filing tab and <i>Financial Statement</i> submenu link. See the Financial Statements Quick Guide for instructions.</p>	NMLS
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other Trade Name: 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 Virginia Bureau of Financial Institutions does not limit the number of other trade names.	NMLS
<input type="checkbox"/>	Forced Trade Name: If the Virginia State Corporation Commission has notified the applicant that it cannot use its legal name in Virginia because the name is already registered by another company, the applicant must adopt an alternate name for use in Virginia. In this situation, the applicant must use their legal name on the NMLS Company Form Identifying Information section and record the alternate name in the NMLS Company Form Other Business Names section, with the indication that it is "Forced."	NMLS
<input type="checkbox"/>	Resident/Registered Agent: The applicant's 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 the Virginia State Corporation Commission.	NMLS
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Primary Contact Employees: 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"> 1. Primary Company Contact 2. Primary Consumer Complaint Contact 	NMLS
Note	Non-Primary Contact Employees: Virginia does not require any non-primary contacts to be listed in the <i>Contact Employees</i> section of the Company Form (MU1).	N/A

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Note	Bank Account: Bank account information is not required. The <i>Bank Account</i> section of the Company Form (MU1) can be left blank.	N/A
<input type="checkbox"/>	Disclosure Questions: 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 Company Disclosure Explanations Quick Guide for instructions.	Upload in NMLS in the <i>Disclosure Explanations</i> section of the Company Form (MU1) or Individual Form (MU2).
Note	Qualifying Individual: The <i>Qualifying Individual</i> section is not required to be completed for VA on the Company Form (MU1).	N/A
<input type="checkbox"/>	Control Person (MU2) Attestation: 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).	NMLS
<input type="checkbox"/>	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. This authorization is made when the Individual Form (MU2) is submitted as part of the Company Form (MU1).	NMLS
<input type="checkbox"/>	MU2 INDIVIDUAL FBI CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK REQUIREMENTS: Members, Senior Officers, Directors and Principals of the applicant with a MU2 in NMLS are required to authorize an FBI criminal background check through NMLS. See the Quick Guides - Company section of the NMLS Resource Center for more information.	NMLS

REQUIREMENTS/DOCUMENTS UPLOADED IN NMLS

Complete	VA Mortgage Lender License	Submitted via...
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Business Plan: Upload a business plan outlining the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The number of offices and employees the applicant currently has, and the projected growth in the applicant’s number of offices and employees over the next three years, both in Virginia and in other states • Whether the applicant is ultimately responsible for the payment of all of the operating expenses of its offices (i.e. employee compensation, rent, utilities, furniture, equipment, advertising, etc.), and if all of these operating expenses are reported on the applicant’s financial and accounting records • A statement detailing how the applicant currently compensates its loan officers and processors, and how it plans to do so in Virginia, if different • A detailed description of management’s oversight of its loan officers, loan processors, and other employees • A description of the methods by which Virginia loans will be solicited, including the process used by the applicant to ensure that all of its advertisements comply with applicable state and federal laws • If the applicant utilizes the services of a marketing company, provide details of the relationship and a copy of the marketing agreement • Attach a sample copy of its branch manager/loan officer employment agreements, if applicable <p>This document should be named <i>[Company Legal Name] Business Plan</i>.</p> <p>Note: If the existing uploaded business plan already includes the above information, an additional document does not need to be uploaded. A company should only upload a single business plan. If state-specific material is required, this information should be added to the existing uploaded business plan.</p>	<p>Upload in NMLS: under the Document Type <u>Business Plan</u> in the <i>Document Uploads</i> section of the Company Form (MU1).</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Certificate of Authority/Good Standing Certificate: Upload evidence of registration with the Clerk of the Virginia State Corporation Commission, if a corporation, limited liability company, limited partnership, or business trust applicant.</p> <p>This document should be named <i>VA Certificate of Authority or VA Certificate of Good Standing</i>.</p>	<p>Upload in NMLS: 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>

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<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Other Trade Name: An applicant that is a corporation, limited liability company or limited partnership (regardless of where domiciled) must file an assumed name certificate, for each trade name to be used in Virginia, in the office of the clerk of the circuit court located in the Virginia county or city where the business is to be conducted. A copy of the attested assumed name certificate(s) must then be filed with the Clerk’s Office of the Virginia State Corporation. Sole proprietor applicants that are located in Virginia must file an assumed name certificate in the office of the clerk of the circuit court located in the Virginia county or city where the business is to be conducted. Sole proprietor applicants that are located outside of Virginia must register the trade name(s) in accordance with the laws of the state where the business is located.</p> <p>For each trade name to be used in Virginia, upload evidence that the trade name has been properly registered as noted above. This document should be named <i>Virginia Mortgage Broker License – Assumed Name</i>.</p>	<p>Upload in NMLS: under the Document Type <u>Trade Name/Assumed Name Registration Certificates</u> in the <i>Document Uploads</i> section of the Company Form (MU1).</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Management Chart: Submit a management chart displaying the applicant’s directors, officers, and managers. The chart should include, at a minimum, all departmental heads or managers in charge of compliance, underwriting, marketing, operations and finance. For each position, provide the individual’s name, title and a brief description of their job duties and responsibilities.</p> <p>This document should be named <i>[Company Legal Name] Management Chart</i>.</p> <p>Note: If the existing uploaded management chart 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>Upload in NMLS: under <u>Management Chart</u> in the <i>Document Uploads</i> section of the Company Form (MU1).</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Organizational Chart/Description: Submit a chart illustrating the applicant’s ownership structure. Include all individuals and entities that directly or indirectly own or control ten percent or more of the applicant.</p> <p>This document should be named <i>[Company Legal Name] Organizational Chart – Description</i>.</p> <p>Note: 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 ownership organizational chart.</p>	<p>Upload in NMLS: under <u>Organizational Chart/Description</u> in the <i>Document Uploads</i> section of the Company Form (MU1).</p>

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<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Formation Documents: Determine classification of applicant’s legal status and submit a State certified copy of the requested applicable documentation detailed below.</p> <p>Sole Proprietor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A for Virginia <p>Unincorporated Association:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • By-Laws or constitution (including all amendments). <p>General Partnership:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partnership Agreement (including all amendments). <p>Limited Liability Partnership:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificate of Limited Liability Partnership; and • Partnership Agreement (including all amendments). <p>Limited Partnership:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificate of Limited Partnership; and • Partnership Agreement (including all amendments). <p>Limited Liability Limited Partnership:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificate of Limited Liability Limited Partnership; and • Partnership Agreement (including all amendments). <p>Limited Liability Company (“LLC”):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Articles of Organization (including all amendments); • Operating Agreement (including all amendments); • IRS Form 2553 or IRS Form 8832 if S-corp treatment elected; and • LLC resolution if authority not in operating agreement. <p>Corporation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Articles of Incorporation (including all amendments); • By-laws (including all amendments), if applicable; • Shareholder Agreement (including all amendments), if applicable; • IRS Form 2553 if S-corp treatment elected; and • Corporate resolution if authority to complete application not in By-Laws or Shareholder Agreement, as amended, as applicable. <p>Not for Profit Corporation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A for Virginia – for more information, see related checklist for <i>Determination of a Bona Fide Non-Profit Status</i>. <p>Trust (Statutory):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificate of Trust; and • Governing instrument (all amendments). 	<p>Upload in NMLS: under <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>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Surety Bond: Upload a copy of the applicant’s properly executed surety bond completed on form (CCB-8813) and the associated power of attorney form. This requirement is not applicable if the applicant is already licensed as a mortgage broker in Virginia.</p>	<p>Upload in NMLS: under <u>Surety Bond</u> in the <i>Document Uploads</i> section of the Company Form (MU1).</p> <p>Note: This item must also be mailed to the agency.</p>

NMLS ID Number	
Applicant Legal Name	

REQUIREMENTS SUBMITTED OUTSIDE OF NMLS		
Complete	VA Mortgage Lender License	Submitted via...
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Surety Bond: Submit a properly executed \$50,000 surety bond completed on form (CCB-8813) and the associated power of attorney form. The bond must be issued by a Virginia licensed property & casualty insurer <u>in the exact legal name of the applicant</u> (as registered with the Clerk of the State Corporation Commission), including any trade names.</p> <p>If the applicant is already licensed in Virginia as a mortgage broker with a \$25,000 bond, then it must submit an original rider, with the power of attorney attached, increasing its bond to \$50,000.</p>	Mail to Virginia
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Criminal History Records Check: Submit a completed fingerprint card and a Criminal History Records Consent and Fingerprinting Instructions form (CCB-8812) for any Senior Officers and Principals of the applicant that do not have a MU2 in NMLS and cannot authorize a FBI criminal background check through NMLS.</p> <p>Fingerprint cards should be obtained ONLY from the Bureau of Financial Institutions prior to applying for a license. Please e-mail your request for fingerprint cards or questions about criminal history records checks to corporatestructure@scc.virginia.gov or call (804) 371-9690.</p>	Mail to Virginia
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Personal Financial Statements: Each individual required to submit to a Criminal History Records Check is also required to submit a properly executed, current (less than 90 days old) Personal Financial Statement on form (CCB-1123). An outside director (a person who is not a paid employee of the applicant or its parent and who does not own 10 percent or more of the stock of the applicant and its parent) may elect to use the Limited Personal Financial Report form (CCB-1143).</p> <p>The report must be executed with original signature(s). Personal financial report forms are held confidential. DO NOT UPLOAD PERSONAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS IN NMLS.)</p>	Mail to Virginia
Complete	VA Mortgage Lender License	Submitted via...
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Principal Financial Statements: Any entity (non-natural person) that owns or controls ten percent or more of the applicant must submit a current (less than 90 days old) balance sheet and income statement (audited, if available).</p>	Mail to Virginia

<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Business References: Submit three written business reference letters (preferably from individuals within the mortgage industry) who can attest to the character, reputation, experience, financial responsibility, and general fitness of the applicant and each of its members, senior officers, directors, and principals.</p>	<p>Mail to Virginia</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Bank Reference: Submit a completed Depository Institution Authorization form (CCB-1149) for a reference from a bank or depository institution with which the applicant or its members, senior officers, directors and principals have had a deposit account for at least one year. Form CCB-1149 and bank references are held confidential.</p>	<p>Mail to Virginia</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Funds Available: Submit evidence that the applicant has at least \$200,000 available for the operation of business. Acceptable evidence is cash on deposit, an established line of credit with a depository institution, or some combination of both. If cash, submit a letter from the depository institution verifying the account balance, the type of account in which the funds are held, and that the funds are not encumbered or hypothecated in any way. If a line of credit, submit a copy of the line of credit agreement and promissory note. <u>Neither letters of credit nor lines of credit from sources other than a bank or other depository institution will satisfy this requirement.</u></p>	<p>Mail to Virginia</p>