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The very best to everyone for a safe, happy and prosperous 2012!



NMLS Renewal

The time is NOW, the deadline is here! Have you completed your renewal for NMLS?

Today is December 30th and I'm still getting frantic e-mails from Mortgage Originators who haven't even started their 8-hours of required Continuing Education for NMLS renewal. There is no grace period and no more originations or negotiations for 1-4 Residential mortgage loans may be conducted without the renewed endorsement.

This is directly from the DRE's FAQ regarding NMLS:

Q. I currently hold a MLO license endorsement and failed to renew it by December 31st. Am I still able to perform residential loan activities as I plan to submit a renewal request during the NMLS "Reinstatement Period?"

A. No. Failing to renew a MLO license endorsement by January 1st will result in an existing license endorsement status changed to "Terminated – Failed to Renew" and requires that the licensee cease performing all activities that require a MLO endorsement.

Q. If I do not renew my MLO license endorsement by December 31st, am I eligible to renew my license endorsement at a later date?

A. Yes. NMLS does allow for a renewal to be requested during a "Reinstatement Period" which begins on January 1st and continues through the end of February. Additional late fees will not be assessed for filings submitted during the reinstatement period, however, individual MU4 renewal applicants will be required to complete late NMLS continuing education.

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