REDLINE VERSION

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FFDEPARTMENT OF REGULATORY AGENCIES DIVISION OF REAL ESTATE BOARD OF MORTGAGE LOAN ORIGINATORS 4 CCR 725-3

RULES GOVERNING THE PRACTICE OF MORTGAGE LOAN ORIGINATORS AND MORTGAGE COMPANIES OF THE BOARD OF MORTGAGE LOAN ORIGINATORS

NOTICE OF PROPOSED PERMANENT RULEMAKING HEARING July 15, 2020 at 9:00 AM MST

Division of Real Estate Office 1560 Broadway Conference Room 110D Denver, CO 80202

VIRTUAL MEETING REGISTRATION LINK: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7113878016683812364

Pursuant to and in compliance with Title 12, Article 10 and Title 24, Article 4, C.R.S., as amended, notice of proposed rulemaking is hereby given, including notice to the Attorney General of the State of Colorado and to all persons who have requested to be advised of the intention of the Colorado Board of Mortgage Loan Originator ("Board") to promulgate rules, or to amend, repeal, or repeal and re-enact the present rules of the Board.

Due to the State's COVID-19 response, the hearing more than likely will only be conducted in a virtual setting. All interested parties are urged to attend this public hearing by registering for the webinar on the Division's website at www.dora.colorado.gov/dre and to submit written comments concerning the proposed amended rules in advance if possible for consideration.

In order to facilitate the review of comments by the Board, all interested parties are strongly encouraged to submit their written comments to Eric Turner via email at <u>eric.turner@state.co.us</u> on or before 5:00 p.m. on July 6, 2020. Any written comments not received by July 6, 2020 may be submitted via public testimony at the hearing on July 15, 2020.

STATEMENT OF BASIS

The statutory basis for the rules titled <u>Rules Regarding Mortgage Loan Originators and Mortgage</u> <u>Companies</u> is Part 7 of Title 12, Article 10, Colorado Revised Statutes, as amended. The specific authority under which the Board shall establish these rules is set forth in sections 12-10-703(2)(a), 12-10-711(11), and 12-10-712(3), C.R.S.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The purpose of this rule is to effectuate the legislative directive pursuant to section 24-4-103.3., C.R.S. (Senate Bill 14-063) along with promulgating the necessary and appropriate rules in conformity with the state statutes of the mortgage loan originator licensing and mortgage company registration act.

SPECIFIC PURPOSE OF RULEMAKING

The specific purpose of this rulemaking is modifying the administrative rules regarding definitions, licensure requirements, application processes, education requirements, professional standards, declaratory orders, exceptions of initial decisions, and the nationwide multi-state licensing system and registry. These administrative rules set forth licensing and enforcement requirements of mortgage loan originators and mortgage companies. In compliance with the mandatory rule review required by section 24-4-103.3., C.R.S., the Division of Real Estate, on behalf of the Board of Mortgage Loan Originators, conducted a review of all of the Board's rules relating to the Mortgage Loan Originator Licensing and Mortgage Company Registration Act to assess the continuing need for, the appropriateness, and cost-effectiveness of the rules. The review also determined whether the rules should be continued in their current form, modified, or repealed. After consultation with stakeholders, the proposed rules have been modified in a more efficient and effective manner that continues to ensure consumer protection as well a fair and balanced regulatory environment. Please be advised that the proposed amended rules being considered are subject to further changes and modifications after public comment and the formal hearing.

Proposed New, Amended, Repealed, or Repealed and Re-Enacted Rules

Deleted material shown struck through; new material is indicated by <u>underline</u>. Rules, or portions of rules, which are unaffected are reproduced. Readers are advised to obtain a copy of the complete rules of the Commission at <u>www.dora.colorado.gov/dre</u>.

Note: Chapter 1 – Definitions is repealed in its entirety and the chapter is being re-enacted below.

CHAPTER 1: DEFINITIONS

- 1.1 <u>Address:</u> The street address, city, state and postal code.
- 1.2 <u>Adjustable Rate Mortgage:</u> A mortgage in which the teaser rate, payment rate, or interest rate changes periodically and, in some cases, may adjust according to corresponding fluctuations in an index.
- 1.3 <u>Adjustment Date:</u> The date the teaser rate, payment rate, or interest rate changes on an adjustable rate mortgage.
- 1.4 <u>Advertisement:</u> Has the same meaning as set forth in 12 C.F.R. §1026.2(a)(2) as incorporated by reference in Board Rule 1.36.
- 1.5 Bona Fide Nonprofit Organization: An organization that complies with the following criteria:
 - A. Has the status of tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, incorporated by reference in compliance with Section 24-4-103(12.5), C.R.S., and does not include later amendments or editions of the Code. A certified copy of the Code is readily available for public inspection at the offices of the Board of Mortgage Loan Originators at 1560 Broadway Suite 925, Denver, Colorado. The Internal Revenue Code of 1986 may be examined at the internet website of the Internal Revenue Service at www.irs.gov. The Internal Revenue Service may also be contacted at 1999 Broadway, Denver, Colorado 80202 or by telephone at (303) 446-1675;
 - B. Promotes affordable housing or provides homeownership education, or similar services;
 - C. Conducts its activities in a manner that serves public and charitable purposes, rather than commercial purposes;

- D. Receives funding and revenue and charges fees in a manner that does not incentivize it or its employees to act other than in the best interests of its clients;
- E. Compensates its employees to act other than in the best interests of its clients; and
- F. Provides or identifies for the borrower residential mortgage loans with terms favorable to the borrower and comparable to mortgage loans and housing assistance provided under the government housing assistance programs.
- 1.6 Business Day: Has the same meaning as set forth in 12 C.F.R. §1026.2(a)(6) and 12 C.F.R.§1024.2(b) as incorporated by reference in Board Rule 1.36.
- 1.7 <u>Business Name:</u> The company for which individuals who originate a mortgage, offer to originate a mortgage, act as a mortgage loan originator, or offer to act as a mortgage loan originator are officers, partners, members, managers, owners, exclusive agents, contractors, independent contractors or employees.
- 1.8 <u>Consumer Credit</u>: may be either closed-end or open-end credit. It is credit that is extended primarily for personal, family, or household purposes. It excludes business and agricultural loans, and loans exceeding \$25,000 that are not secured by real property or a dwelling. It also must be extended by a "creditor".
- 1.9 <u>Creditor:</u> Has the same meaning as set forth in 12 C.F.R. §1026.2(a)(17) as incorporated by reference in Board Rule 1.36.
- 1.10 <u>Employee:</u> An individual whose manner and means of performance of work are subject to the right of control of, or are controlled by, a person, and whose compensation for federal income tax purposes is reported, or required to be reported, on a W-2 form issued by the controlling person.
- 1.11 Finance Charge: has the same meaning as set forth in 12 C.F.R. §1026.4(a) as incorporated by reference in Board Rule 1.36.
- 1.12 <u>Fixed Term</u>: The length of time a teaser rate, payment rate, or interest rate, is fixed and will not adjust.
- 1.13 Good Faith Estimate Disclosure: Is the same disclosure form established in the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act, specific to Regulation X, Appendix C as incorporated by reference in Board Rule 1.36.
- 1.14 <u>Housing Finance Agency:</u> An authority that is chartered by the State of Colorado to help meet the affordable housing needs of the residents of Colorado; is supervised directly or indirectly by the state government; is subject to audit and review by the State of Colorado; and whose activities make it eligible to be a member of the National Council of State Housing Agencies.
- 1.15 <u>HUD Approved Housing Counseling Agency:</u> is an agency which is either a private or public nonprofit organization that is exempt from taxation under Section 501(a) pursuant to Section 501(c), of the Internal Revenue Code of 1996, 26, U.S.C. 501(a) and 501(c), and approved by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, in accordance with Housing Counseling Program Handbook 7610.1 and Code of Federal Regulations Title 24, Part 214.
- 1.16 <u>Independent Contractor</u>: An individual who performs his or her duties other than at the direction of and subject to the supervision and instruction of an individual who is licensed by the Board or is not required to be licensed based on one of the following:

- A. The individual is lawfully registered with, and maintains a unique identifier through, the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry, and who is an employee of:
 - 1. A depository institution;
 - 2. A subsidiary that is:
 - a. Owned and controlled by a depository institution; and
 - b. Regulated by a Federal banking agency; or
 - 3. An institution regulated by the Farm Credit Administration; or
- B. An individual who is an employee of a federal, state, or local government agency or housing finance agency and who acts as a loan originator only pursuant to his or her official duties as an employee of a federal, state, or local government agency or housing finance agency; or
- C. An employee of a bona fie nonprofit organization who acts as a loan originator only with respect to his or her work duties to the bona fide nonprofit organization, and who acts as a loan originator only with respect to residential mortgage loans with terms that are favorable to the borrower.
- 1.17 Index: The index for an adjustable rate mortgage.
- 1.18 <u>Initial Adjustment Cap:</u> The limit on how much the interest or payment rate can change at the first adjustment period.
- 1.19 Interest Rate: The rate used to calculate a borrower's monthly interest payment.
- 1.20 Life Cap: The limit on how much the interest or payment rate can change over the life of the loan.
- 1.21 Loan Modification: A temporary or permanent change in one or more of the terms of a mortgagor's existing loan, allows the loan to be reinstated, and often results in a more affordable mortgage payment. The borrower retains ownership of the real property and the mortgage note and the deed of trust remains intact.
- 1.22 <u>Loan Modifier:</u> An individual who in the course of the person's business, vocation, or occupation offers to assist, provide, or negotiate on behalf of a borrower to facilitate the receipt of a loan modification from the borrower's current mortgage lender, generally for a fee or other thing of value.
- 1.23 Offering or Negotiating Terms of a Residential Mortgage Loan: To present for consideration to a borrower or prospective borrower particular residential mortgage loan terms, or to communicate directly or indirectly with a borrower, or prospective borrower for the purpose of reaching a mutual understanding about prospective residential mortgage loan terms. An individual's generic referral to or recommendation of a particular lender in and of itself, is not offering or negotiating the terms of a residential mortgage loan.
- 1.24 <u>Payment Rate:</u> The rate used to determine a borrower's monthly payment.
- 1.25 Payment Type: Is the principal and interest, interest only or negative amortization.
- 1.26 <u>Physical Address:</u> The physical location of the property.

- 1.27 <u>Prepayment Penalty:</u> A fee assessed pursuant to the terms of the loan on a borrower who repays all or part of the principal of a loan before it is due. Prepayment penalties do not include interest payments of thirty (30) days or less that may be assessed pursuant to the terms of some FHA or VA loans. Prepayment penalties for the purpose of this rule do not include termination fees of \$500.00 or less that are associated with home equity lines of credit.
- 1.28 <u>Rate:</u> The teaser rate, payment rate or interest rate used to determine a borrower's monthly payment or deferred interest specific to reverse mortgage transactions.
- 1.29 Application: Has the same meaning as set forth in 12 C.F.R. §1026.2(a)(3) and 12 C.F.R.§1024.2(b) as incorporated by reference in Board Rule 1.36.
- 1.30 <u>Safe and Secure Manner:</u> Reasonable measures are taken to minimize the risk of loss, damage, or theft.
- 1.31 <u>Short Sale:</u> The sale of a real property for less than the mortgage loan balance. In the settlement of the short sale transaction the existing mortgage is extinguished. Any deficiency created from the settlement of the transaction may be transformed into a promissory note, charged off, forgiven, or pursued as a judgment against the previous owner.
- 1.32 <u>Taking a Residential Mortgage Loan Application:</u> The receipt of a residential mortgage loan application by an individual for the purpose of facilitating a decision whether to extend an offer of residential mortgage loan terms to a borrower or prospective borrower, whether the application is received directly or indirectly from the borrower or prospective borrower. An individual's generic referral to or recommendation of a particular lender, in and of itself, is not taking a residential loan application.
- 1.33 <u>Teaser Rate:</u> A temporary and often low introductory rate on an adjustable rate mortgage.
- 1.34 Truth-in-Lending Disclosure: Is the same disclosure form established by the Truth in Lending Act, specific to Regulation Z, Appendices H-2, H-3, H-4(a), (b), (c) and (d) as incorporated by reference in Board Rule 1.36.
- 1.35 <u>Uniform Residential Loan Application:</u> Is the Freddie Mac form 65 or the Fannie Mac form 1003 used in residential loan transactions on properties of four or fewer units.
- 1.36 TILA-RESPA Integrated Disclosure Rule: means the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's Integrated Mortgage Disclosures final rule, set forth in 12 C.F.R. § 1024, et seq., the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act (Regulation X), and in 12 C.F.R. § 1026, et seq., the Truth in Lending Act (Regulation Z), effective October 3, 2015, incorporated by reference in compliance with Section 24-4-103(12.5), C.R.S., and does not include any later amendments or editions of the final rule. A certified copy of the TILA-RESPA Integrated Disclosure rule is readily available for public inspection at the offices of the Board of Mortgage Loan Originators at 1560 Broadway, Suite 925, Denver, Colorado. The TILA-RESPA Integrated Disclosure rule may be examined at the internet website of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau at www.consumerfinance.gov. The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau may also be contacted at 1700 G Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20552 or by telephone at (202)435-7000.
- 1.37 REPEALED (Effective March 17, 2017)
- 1.38 Colorado Lock-in Disclosure: means the Colorado Lock-in Disclosure form created by the Board of Mortgage Loan Originators. This form is to be used for any loan application or transaction that is not under the authority of the TILA-RESPA Integrated Disclosure Rule as defined and incorporated by reference in Board Rule 1.36. This disclosure may be found on the Division of Real Estate's Website. A mortgage loan originator may use an alternate form if the alternate form

includes all information required on the Colorado Lock-in Disclosure form, as determined by the Board.

1.39 <u>Family Member:</u> A person who is related by blood, marriage, civil union, or adoption.

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- 1.1. Active: A current, Valid license that allows a person to engage in residential mortgage loan origination activities.
- 1.2. Address: The street address, city, state and postal code.
- <u>1.3.</u> Advertisement: Has the same meaning as set forth in 12 C.F.R. §1026.2(a)(2) as incorporated by reference in Rule 1.39. ('the' added during Rulemaking Hearing)
- 1.4. Applicant: A natural person that submits an application to the Board to perform the activities of a Mortgage Loan Originator.
- 1.5. Application: Has the same meaning as set forth in 12 C.F.R. §1026.2(a)(3) and 12 C.F.R.§1024.2(b) as incorporated by reference in Rule 1.39.
- 1.6.
 Board: The Board of Mortgage Loan Originators as defined pursuant to section 12-10-702(3),

 C.R.S.
- 1.7. Board Insurance Policy: The qualified insurance carrier contracted by the Board to offer a group policy of errors and omissions insurance pursuant to section 12-10-707, C.R.S. The qualified insurance carrier of the Board Insurance Policy may be found on the Division's website.
- 1.8. Bona Fide Nonprofit Organization: An organization that complies with the following criteria:
 - A. Has the status of tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, incorporated by reference in compliance with Section 24-4-103(12.5), C.R.S., and does not include later amendments or editions of the Code. A certified copy of the Code is readily available for public inspection at the offices of the Board of Mortgage Loan Originators at 1560 Broadway Suite 925, Denver, Colorado. The Internal Revenue Code of 1986 may be examined at the internet website of the Internal Revenue Service at www.irs.gov. The Internal Revenue Service may also be contacted at 1999 Broadway, Denver, Colorado 80202 or by telephone at (303) 446-1675;
 - B. Promotes affordable housing or provides homeownership education, or similar services;
 - C. Conducts its activities in a manner that serves public and charitable purposes, rather than commercial purposes;
 - D. Receives funding and revenue and charges fees in a manner that does not incentivize it or its Employees to act other than in the best interests of its clients;
 - E. Compensates its Employees to act only in the best interests of its clients; and

- F. Provides or identifies for the borrower residential mortgage loans with terms favorable to the borrower and comparable to mortgage loans and housing assistance provided under the government housing assistance programs.
- 1.9.Business Day: Has the same meaning as set forth in 12 C.F.R. §1026.2(a)(6) and 12C.F.R.§1024.2(b) as incorporated by reference in Rule 1.39.
- 1.10. Business Name: The company for which individuals who originate a mortgage, offer to originate a mortgage, act as a mortgage loan originator, or offer to act as a mortgage loan originator are officers, partners, members, managers, owners, exclusive agents, contractors, independent contractors or Employees.
- 1.11. Colorado Lock-in Disclosure: means the Colorado Lock-in Disclosure form created by the Board of Mortgage Loan Originators. This form is to be used for any loan application or transaction that is not under the authority of the TILA-RESPA Integrated Disclosure Rule as defined and incorporated by reference in Board Rule 1.39. This disclosure may be found on the Division of Real Estate's Website. A mortgage loan originator may use an alternate form if the alternate form includes all information required on the Colorado Lock-in Disclosure form, as determined by the Board.
- 1.12. Consumer Credit: may be either closed-end or open-end credit. It is credit that is extended primarily for personal, family, or household purposes. It excludes business and agricultural loans, and loans exceeding \$25,000 that are not secured by real property or a dwelling. It also must be extended by a "creditor".
- 1.13. Director: The Director of the Division as defined pursuant to section 12-10-101(1), C.R.S.
- 1.14. Division: The Colorado Division of Real Estate as defined pursuant to section 12-10-101(2), C.R.S.
- 1.15. Employee: An individual whose manner and means of performance of work are subject to the right of control of, or are controlled by, a person, and whose compensation for federal income tax purposes is reported, or required to be reported, on a W-2 form issued by the controlling person.
- 1.16. Family Member: A person who is related by blood, marriage, civil union, or adoption.
- 1.17. Fee: The prescribed non-refundable license fee as set by the Division.
- 1.18.
 Good Faith Estimate Disclosure: Is the same disclosure form established in the Real Estate

 Settlement Procedures Act, specific to Regulation X, Appendix C as incorporated by reference in Rule 1.39.
- 1.19. Housing Finance Agency: An authority that is chartered by the State of Colorado to help meet the affordable housing needs of the residents of Colorado; is supervised directly or indirectly by the state government; is subject to audit and review by the State of Colorado; and whose activities make it eligible to be a member of the National Council of State Housing Agencies.
- 1.20.
 HUD Approved Housing Counseling Agency: is an agency which is either a private or public

 nonprofit organization that is exempt from taxation under Section 501(a) pursuant to Section

 501(c), of the Internal Revenue Code of 1996, 26, U.S.C. 501(a) and 501(c), and approved by the

 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, in accordance with Housing Counseling

 Program Handbook 7610.1 and Code of Federal Regulations Title 24, Part 214.

- 1.21.
 Inactive: A Mortgage Loan Originator who holds a Valid license shown in the Board's records as being Inactive is not permitted to engage in residential mortgage loan origination activities. To maintain licensure on Inactive status, a Mortgage Loan Originator must still continue to renew their license and meet the continuing education requirements as set forth in Chapters 3 and 4 of these Rules.
- 1.22. Independent Contractor: An individual who performs his or her duties other than at the direction of and subject to the supervision and instruction of an individual who is licensed by the Board or is not required to be licensed based on one of the following:
 - A. The individual is lawfully registered with, and maintains a unique identifier through, the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry, and who is an Employee of:
 - 1. A depository institution;
 - 2. A subsidiary that is:
 - a. Owned and controlled by a depository institution; and
 - b. Regulated by a Federal banking agency; or
 - 3. An institution regulated by the Farm Credit Administration; or
 - B. An individual who is an Employee of a federal, state, or local government agency or housing finance agency and who acts as a loan originator only pursuant to his or her official duties as an Employee of a federal, state, or local government agency or housing finance agency; or
 - C. An Employee of a bona fide nonprofit organization who acts as a loan originator only with respect to his or her work duties to the bona fide nonprofit organization, and who acts as a loan originator only with respect to residential mortgage loans with terms that are favorable to the borrower.
- 1.23. Jurisdiction: All fifty (50) states, the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.
- 1.24.
 Loan Modification: A temporary or permanent change in one or more of the terms of a mortgagor's existing loan, allows the loan to be reinstated, and often results in a more affordable mortgage payment. The borrower retains ownership of the real property and the mortgage note and the deed of trust remains intact.
- 1.25.
 Loan Modifier: An individual who in the course of the person's business, vocation, or occupation offers to assist, provide, or negotiate on behalf of a borrower to facilitate the receipt of a loan modification from the borrower's current mortgage lender, generally for a fee or other thing of value.
- 1.26. Mortgage Company: Has the same meaning pursuant to section 12-10-702(12), C.R.S.
- 1.27. Mortgage Loan Originator or MLO: Has the same meaning pursuant to section 12-10-702(14), C.R.S.
- 1.28. Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry or NMLS: A mortgage licensing system developed to track the licensing and registration of mortgage loan originator as further defined in

section 12-10-702(15), C.R.S. The system is also known as the Nationwide Multistate Licensing System and Registry.

- 1.29. Offering or Negotiating Terms of a Residential Mortgage Loan: To present for consideration to a borrower or prospective borrower particular residential mortgage loan terms, or to communicate directly or indirectly with a borrower, or prospective borrower for the purpose of reaching a mutual understanding about prospective residential mortgage loan terms. An individual's generic referral to or recommendation of a particular lender in and of itself, is not offering or negotiating the terms of a residential mortgage loan.
- 1.30. Petitioner: For the purposes of implementing the provisions of Chapter 7 of these Rules, any person who has filed with the Board a petition or has been granted leave to intervene by the Board for a declaratory order pursuant to section 24-4-105(11), C.R.S. and as set forth in Chapter 7 of these Rules.
- 1.31. Physical Address: The physical location of the property.
- <u>1.32.</u> Practice Act: The Mortgage Loan Originator Licensing and Mortgage Company Registration Act found at section 12-10-701, et. seq., C.R.S.
- 1.33. Rate: The teaser rate, payment rate or interest rate used to determine a borrower's monthly payment or deferred interest specific to reverse mortgage transactions.
- 1.34. Responsible Mortgage Loan Originator or Responsible MLO: A Mortgage Loan Originator who holds an Active license and is shown in the Board records as supervising the actions and residential mortgage loan origination activities of the Mortgage Loan Originator holding a temporary license.
- 1.35. Safe and Secure Manner: Reasonable measures are taken to minimize the risk of loss, damage, or theft.
- 1.36. Short Sale: The sale of a real property for less than the mortgage loan balance. In the settlement of the short sale transaction the existing mortgage is extinguished. Any deficiency created from the settlement of the transaction may be transformed into a promissory note, charged off, forgiven, or pursued as a judgment against the previous owner.
- 1.37.
 Sponsor or Sponsorship: A relationship status as shown in the records of the NMLS between a

 Mortgage Company and a Mortgage Loan Originator. The Mortgage Loan Originator will only

 conduct business under the Mortgage Company as shown in the records of the NMLS.
- 1.38. Taking a Residential Mortgage Loan Application: The receipt of a residential mortgage loan application by an individual for the purpose of facilitating a decision whether to extend an offer of residential mortgage loan terms to a borrower or prospective borrower, whether the application is received directly or indirectly from the borrower or prospective borrower. An individual's generic referral to or recommendation of a particular lender, in and of itself, is not taking a residential loan application.
- 1.39. TILA-RESPA Integrated Disclosure Rule: means the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's Integrated Mortgage Disclosures final rule, set forth in 12 C.F.R. § 1024, et seq., the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act (Regulation X), and in 12 C.F.R. § 1026, et seq., the Truth in Lending Act (Regulation Z), effective October 3, 2015, incorporated by reference in compliance with Section 24-4-103(12.5), C.R.S., and does not include any later amendments or editions of the final rule. A certified copy of the TILA-RESPA Integrated Disclosure rule is readily available for public inspection at the offices of the Board of Mortgage Loan Originators at 1560 Broadway, Suite 925, Denver, Colorado. The TILA-RESPA Integrated Disclosure rule may be examined at

the internet website of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau at www.consumerfinance.gov. The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau may also be contacted at 1700 G Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20552 or by telephone at (202)435-7000.

- 1.40. Truth-in-Lending Disclosure: Is the same disclosure form established by the Truth in Lending Act, specific to Regulation Z, Appendices H-2, H-3, H-4(a), (b), (c) and (d) as incorporated by reference in Rule 1.39.
- 1.41. Uniform Residential Loan Application: Is the Freddie Mac form 65 or the Fannie Mae form 1003 used in residential loan transactions on properties of four or fewer units.
- 1.42. Valid: A license that is approved and shown in the Board's records as either Active or Inactive as well as being eligible for renewable status.
- **Note:** Chapter 2 Requirements for Licensure is repealed in its entirety and the chapter is being reenacted below.

CHAPTER 2: REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE

- 2.1 An applicant for licensure as a Colorado mortgage loan originator must successfully complete the requirements set forth below:
 - A. Submit a set of fingerprints for a criminal history check to the Colorado Bureau of Investigations (CBI) within 1 year immediately preceding the date of application;
 - B. Register with the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry in accordance with policies and procedures established by the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry. This includes, but is not limited to completion of the correct registration application, authorization for the registry to pull a credit report and payment of any fees associated with registration;
 - C. Submit fingerprints to the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry in accordance with policies and procedures established by the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry;
 - D. Complete the twenty (20) hours of pre-licensing education reviewed and approved by the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry or by a company contracted by the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry for the review and approval of prelicensing courses;
 - 1. Effective March 1, 2016, applicants must also complete two (2) hours of Colorado specific pre-licensing education reviewed and approved by the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry or by a company contracted by the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry for the review and approval of pre-licensing courses.
 - 2. The two (2) hours of Colorado specific education replaces what was a required general elective within the twenty (20) hours of pre-licensing education.
 - 3. Applicants may also complete the two (2) hours of Colorado specific prelicensing education as a standalone course outside of the twenty (20) hour prelicensing education.

- 4. The two (2) hours of Colorado specific education must have a final examination that covers all major topics covered in the course. Applicants must receive a passing score of seventy-five percent (75%) on the Colorado specific education examination.
- 5. The twenty (20) hours of pre-licensing education must be satisfactorily completed within the three (3) year period immediately preceding the date of application for licensure.
- E. Successful completion of the S.A.F.E. Mortgage Loan Originator examination, developed by the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry, consisting of two sections. These two sections include a national component and a Uniform State Test (UST) component. An individual shall pass the test in accordance with policies and procedures developed and administered by the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry and in compliance with the S.A.F.E. Mortgage Licensing Act;
- F. Acquisition of a surety bond as required by § 12-10-717, C.R.S. and in accordance with any rule of the Board that directly or indirectly addresses surety bond requirements;
- G. Acquisition of the errors and omissions insurance required by § 12-10-707, C.R.S. and in accordance with any rule of the Board that directly or indirectly addresses errors and omissions insurance requirements;
- H. Completion of the Colorado Division of Real Estate specific Mortgage Loan Originator Application; and
- I. Payment of the application fee established by the Board and is non-refundable.
- 2.2 Authority to audit education provider
 - The Board or the Board's designee may audit any mortgage loan originator courses offered and may request from each education provider or schools offering such courses, all related instructional materials, student attendance records and other information that may be necessary for an audit. Failure to comply with this rule may result in the withdrawal of course approval.

2.3 Retesting

- A. An individual may retake a test three (3) consecutive times with each consecutive taking occurring at least thirty (30) days after the preceding test.
- B. After failing three (3) consecutive tests, an individual shall wait at least six (6) months before taking the test again.
- C. Individuals who fail to maintain a valid license for a period of five (5) years or longer shall retake the test prior to re-application, not taking into account any time during which such individual was licensed.
- 2.4 Temporary authority and Colorado temporary license
 - An applicant applying for mortgage loan originator temporary license that is eligible for temporary authority must meet the following requirements:
 - A. Submit a set of fingerprints to the Nationwide Multistate Licensing System and Registry (NMLS) in accordance with policies and procedures as established by the NMLS.

- B. Must be eligible for temporary authority with the NMLS in accordance with policies and procedures as established by the NMLS.
- C. Applicant must be employed and sponsored by a Colorado NMLS registered mortgage company.
- D. Applicant has not had any of the following:
 - 1. An application for a mortgage loan originator license denied in any jurisdiction;
 - 2. A mortgage loan originator license revoked or suspended in any jurisdiction;
 - 3. Has been subject to, or served with a cease and desist order; and
 - 4. Has been convicted of, or pled guilty or nolo contendere to, a misdemeanor or felony pursuant to sections 12-10-711(1)(b), (2)(b)(I), and (2)(c), C.R.S.
- E. Applicant has met either one of the following:
 - 1. Registered in the NMLS as a loan originator for a depository (i.e. bank or savings association) as defined in section 12-10-709(1)(b), C.R.S. during the one (1) year period preceding the date of application for a temporary license; or
 - 2. A license issued as a mortgage loan originator in another jurisdiction during the thirty (30) day period preceding the date of application for a temporary license.
- F. Applicant will have seven (7) business days from notice of issuance of temporary authority from the NMLS to submit the Colorado Division of Real Estate's "Mortgage Loan Originator License Application" which includes the following state specific requirements pursuant to section 12-10-711(11), C.R.S.:
 - Submit a set of fingerprints for the purposes of a criminal history check to the Colorado Bureau of Investigations (CBI).
 - Acquisition of a surety bond pursuant to section 12-10-717, C.R.S. and in accordance with any rule of the Board that directly or indirectly addresses surety bond requirements.
 - Acquisition of the errors and omissions insurance pursuant to section 12-10-707, C.R.S. and in accordance with any rule of the Board that directly or indirectly addresses errors and omissions insurance requirements.
 - 4. Applicant must identify the responsible Colorado licensed mortgage loan originator ("Responsible Mortgage Loan Originator") who is responsible for the supervision of the applicant during the time they hold an active mortgage loan originator temporary license.
 - 5. Payment of the non-refundable application fee as established by the Board.
- 2.5 A mortgage loan originator holding a temporary license must be employed and sponsored by a Colorado NMLS registered mortgage company and must be supervised by a Responsible Mortgage Loan Originator licensed in Colorado.
 - A. The Responsible Mortgage Loan Originator will be held responsible under all applicable provisions of law, including without limitation this Part 7 and § 38-40-105, C.R.S., for the

actions of the mortgage loan originator holding a temporary license, and are personally subject to all applicable penalties under the law.

- B. Responsible Mortgage Loan Originators must notify the Division of Real Estate, in a manner acceptable to the Board, the beginning and ending dates of supervision for mortgage loan originators holding a temporary license.
- C. Responsible Mortgage Loan Originators will be held responsible for the activities of mortgage loan originators holding a temporary license through and including the date of the temporary license expiration or termination of supervision, whichever is sooner.
- 2.6 A mortgage loan originator temporary license will expire on one of the following dates, whichever is sooner:
 - A. Applicant withdraws their application for a Colorado mortgage loan originator license;
 - B. The Board denies the applicant's application for a Colorado mortgage loan originator license;
 - C. The Board approves and issues a Colorado mortgage loan originator license;
 - D. Supervision termination date between the Responsible Mortgage Loan Originator and the mortgage loan originator holding a temporary license; or
 - E. One hundred twenty (120) days after the date the applicant was issued a temporary license.
- 2.7 Applicants seeking a temporary license will be granted one (1) mortgage loan originator temporary license providing the applicant meets all of the requirements as set forth in these rules. Additional or extended temporary licenses will be prohibited.
- 2.8 REPEALED (11/24/2019)
- 2.9 Any mortgage loan originator temporary license issued by the Board will have the same force and effect of the license pursuant to section 12-10-701, *et seq.*, C.R.S. for the period of time it is in effect.
- 2.10 Once the applicant fully complies with the terms of the law as determined by the Board, the Board will license the applicant in accordance with section 12-10-704, C.R.S.
- 2.11 Preliminary advisory opinion

Potential applicants for a state license or a registration through the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry may submit information in order for the Board or an authorized representative of the Board to reasonably ascertain the likelihood of license or registration approval through a defined preliminary advisory opinion process.

- 2.12 Potential applicants may request a preliminary advisory opinion for any of the following reasons:
 - A. If the individual has been convicted, plead guilty or nolo contendere to any crime in a domestic, foreign or military court.
 - B. If the individual has been enjoined in the immediately preceding five (5) years under domestic or foreign laws from engaging in deceptive conduct relating to the origination of a mortgage loan;

- C. If the individual has had other professional licenses, certifications or registrations issued by Colorado, the District of Columbia, any other states or foreign countries, revoked or suspended for fraud, theft, deceit, material misrepresentations or the breach of a fiduciary duty and such suspension or revocation denied authorization to practices as: a mortgage loan originator or similar license; real estate broker; real estate appraiser; an insurance producer; an attorney; a securities broker-dealer; a securities sales representative; an investment advisor; or an investment advisor representative; or
- D. If the individual has been assessed a civil or criminal penalty for violating any provision of the Colorado Consumer Protection Act.
- 2.13 Individuals requesting a preliminary advisory opinion shall complete the Preliminary Advisory Application located on the Division of Real Estate's website.
- 2.14 Individuals requesting a preliminary advisory opinion shall submit all corresponding, or relevant documents related to any conduct or actions as set forth in Rule 2.12. Incomplete requests will not be processed. The Board or an authorized representative of the Board may, at any time, request additional information regarding the preliminary advisory opinion request. Such corresponding, relevant or related documents may include, but are not limited to:
 - A. Police officer reports;
 - B. Dispositions documents;
 - C. Court documents;
 - D. Original charges documents;
 - E. Stipulated agreements; or
 - F. Final Agency Orders.
- 2.15 Individuals requesting a preliminary advisory opinion shall submit a written and signed personal explanation and detailed account of the facts and circumstances.
- 2.16 Any preliminary advisory opinion shall not be binding on the Board or limit the Board's authority to investigate a future formal application for licensure.
- 2.17 An individual seeking a preliminary advisory opinion is not an applicant for licensure and the issuance of an unfavorable opinion shall not prevent such individual from making application for licensure pursuant to the Mortgage Loan Originator Licensing Act.
- 2.18 The Board or an authorized representative of the Board will provide a favorable or an unfavorable opinion.
- 2.19 Surety bond
 - Mortgage loan originators are deemed compliant with the surety bond requirement if their surety bond meets the requirements defined in one of the following options:
 - A. Mortgage loan originators, at a minimum, may acquire and maintain an individual surety bond if:
 - 1. The surety bond is in the amount of \$25,000.00;

- The surety bond is in conformance with all relevant Colorado statutory requirements;
- 3. The surety bond is exclusive to covering acts contemplated under current Colorado mortgage loan originator licensing laws;
- The surety bond is not applicable to any conduct or transactions outside the jurisdiction of the Board; and
- 5. The surety bond is identical to the individual surety bond form developed and approved by the Board.
- B. Mortgage loan originators who are W-2 employees or exclusive agents for companies with less than 20 individuals who are required to be licensed pursuant to current Colorado mortgage loan originator licensing laws and who do not work for more than one company, may, at a minimum, operate under their company's surety bond if the surety bond meets the following criteria:
 - 1. The surety bond is in the amount of \$100,000.00;
 - The surety bond is in conformance with all relevant Colorado statutory requirements;
 - 3. The surety bond is exclusive to covering acts of all of the company's W -2 employees or exclusive agents contemplated under current Colorado mortgage loan originator licensing laws; and
 - The surety bond is identical to the individual surety bond form developed and approved by the Board.
- C. Mortgage loan originators who are W-2 employees or exclusive agents for companies with 20 or more individuals who are required to be licensed pursuant to current Colorado mortgage loan originator licensing laws and who do not work for more than one company, may, at a minimum, operate under a company's surety bond if the surety bond meets the following criteria:
 - 1. The surety bond is in the amount of \$200,000.00;
 - The surety bond is in conformance with all relevant Colorado statutory requirements;
 - The surety bond is exclusive to covering acts of all of the company's W -2 employees or exclusive agents contemplated under current Colorado mortgage loan originator licensing laws; and
 - 4. The surety bond is identical to the company surety bond form developed and approved by the Board.
- 2.20 Regarding company surety bonds, the company shall provide the Board or an authorized representative of the Board with any and all requested surety bonds relevant to Rule 2.19 or current mortgage loan originator license laws and shall verify and provide adequate proof regarding the timeline of employment for each individual operating under such company policy. Failure on the part of the company to provide such information shall result in non-compliance regarding the surety bond requirement for individual licensees operating under such company bond.

- 2.21 Mortgage loan originators shall be required to provide proof of continuous surety bond coverage and that all required information is current. The mortgage loan originator may update all required information electronically on the Division of Real Estate's website.
- 2.22 Any licensee who so fails to obtain and maintain a surety bond in accordance with Board Rules or fails to provide proof of continuous coverage shall be subject to disciplinary action.
- 2.23 Errors and Omissions Insurance
 - Mortgage loan originators may obtain errors and omissions coverage from the qualified insurance carrier contracted with the Board of Mortgage Loan Originators to offer licensees and license applicants a group policy of insurance or licensees and applicants may obtain errors and omissions coverage independent of the group plan. Mortgage loan originators are deemed compliant with the errors and omissions insurance requirements if their errors and omissions insurance meets the requirements defined in one of the following options:
 - A. Mortgage loan originators, at a minimum, may acquire and maintain individual errors and omissions insurance in their own name with the following terms of coverage:
 - 1. The contract and policy are in conformance with all relevant Colorado statutory requirements;
 - 2. Coverage includes all acts for which a mortgage loan originator license is required, except those illegal, fraudulent, or other acts which are normally excluded from such coverage;
 - 3. Coverage shall encompass all types of transactions conducted by the mortgage loan originator and shall be in the individual mortgage loan originator's name;
 - 4. Coverage is for not less than \$100,000 for each licensed individual per covered claim, with an annual aggregate limit of not less than \$300,000 per licensed individual, not including costs of investigation and defense; and
 - 5. Coverage contains a deductible no greater than \$1,000, or a deductible no greater than \$20,000 for policies that primarily insure reverse mortgage transactions.
 - 6. Prior acts coverage shall be offered to licensees with continuous past coverage.
 - B. Mortgage loan originators who are employees or exclusive agents for companies with less than 20 individuals who are required to be licensed pursuant to the current Colorado mortgage loan originator licensing laws and who do not work for more than one company, may, at a minimum, operate under the company's errors and omissions insurance policy if the policy meets the following terms of coverage:
 - 1. The contract and policy are in conformance with all relevant Colorado statutory requirements;
 - 2. Coverage includes all acts for which a mortgage loan originator license is required, except those illegal, fraudulent, or other acts which are normally excluded from such coverage;
 - 3. Coverage shall include all activities contemplated under current Colorado mortgage loan originator licensing laws and states this in the policy;

- Coverage shall encompass all types of transactions conducted by all of the mortgage loan originators employed at the company or by all mortgage loan originators who are exclusive agents of the company;
- 5. Coverage is for not less than \$1,000,000 per covered claim, with an annual aggregate limit of not less than \$1,000,000, not including costs of investigation and defense; and
- 6. Coverage contains a deductible no greater than \$50,000.
- 7. Prior acts coverage shall be offered to licensees with continuous past coverage.
- C. Mortgage loan originators who are W-2 employees or exclusive agents for companies with 20 or more employees and who do not work for more than one company, may, at a minimum, operate under the company's errors and omissions insurance policy if the policy meets the following terms of coverage:
 - The contract and policy are in conformance with all relevant Colorado statutory requirements;
 - Coverage includes all acts for which a mortgage loan originator license is required, except those illegal, fraudulent, or other acts which are normally excluded from such coverage;
 - 3. Coverage shall include all activities contemplated under current Colorado mortgage loan originator licensing laws and states this in the policy;
 - 4. Coverage shall encompass all types of transactions conducted by all of the mortgage loan originators employed at the company or by all mortgage loan originators who are exclusive agents of the company;
 - Coverage shall encompass all types of transactions conducted by all of the mortgage loan originators employed at the company;
 - 6. Coverage is for not less than \$1,000,000 per covered claim, with an annual aggregate limit of not less than \$2,000,000 not including costs of investigation and defense; and
 - 7. Coverage contains a deductible no greater than \$100,000.
 - 8. Prior acts coverage shall be offered to licensees with continuous past coverage.
- 2.24 Regarding company errors and omissions insurance policies, the company shall provide the Board, or an authorized representative of the Board, with any and all requested errors and omissions insurance policies relevant to Rule 2.23 or current Colorado mortgage loan originatorlicensing laws and shall verify and provide adequate proof regarding the timeline of employment for each individual operating under such company policy. Failure on the part of the company to provide such information shall result in non-compliance regarding the errors and omissions insurance requirement for individual licensees operating under the company's errors and omissions insurance policy.
- 2.25 Mortgage loan originators shall be required to provide proof of continuous errors and omissions insurance coverage and that all required information is current. The mortgage loan originator may update all required information electronically on the Division of Real Estate's website.

2.26 Any licensee who so fails to obtain and maintain an errors and omissions insurance coverage in accordance with Board rules or fails to provide proof of continuous coverage shall be subject to disciplinary action.

CHAPTER 2: REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE

2.1. Pre-Licensing Education Requirement

An Applicant must successfully complete the twenty (20) hours of pre-licensing education reviewed and approved by the NMLS or by a company contracted by the NMLS for the review and approval of pre-licensing courses.

- A. Colorado specific pre-licensing education
 - 1.
 Effective March 1, 2016, Applicants must also complete two (2) hours of

 Colorado specific pre-licensing education reviewed and approved by the NMLS

 or by a company contracted by the NMLS for the review and approval of pre-licensing courses.
 - 2. The two (2) hours of Colorado specific education replaces what was a required general elective within the twenty (20) hours of pre-licensing education.
 - 3. Applicants may also complete the two (2) hours of Colorado specific prelicensing education as a standalone course outside of the twenty (20) hour prelicensing education.
 - 4. The two (2) hours of Colorado specific education must have a final course examination that covers all major topics covered in the course. Applicants must receive a passing score of seventy-five percent (75%) on the Colorado specific education examination.
- B. Completion of pre-licensing education
 - 1. New license or expired license for three or more years

Applicants who have never held a license or held a license that has expired for three (3) or more years in Colorado or any other Jurisdiction must satisfactorily complete twenty (20) hours of pre-licensing education within the three (3) year period immediately the date of application for licensure.

2. Holds a Valid license or expired license for less than three years

Applicants who hold a Valid license or held a license that has expired for less than three (3) years in Colorado or any other Jurisdiction must complete the Colorado specific education as set forth in subsection A.1. of this Rule if not previously taken.

C. Course audits

The Board or the Board's designee may audit courses set forth in this Rule at any time and at no cost. The Board may request from each course provider all related instructional materials, student attendance records and other information that may be necessary for an audit. The purpose of the audit is to ensure adherence to the approved course of study by verifying the course material and instruction are consistent with acceptable educational principles; and that instruction is provided in a manner that the desired learning objectives are met. Failure to comply with relevant statutes and these Rules may result in the withdrawal of the approval of the course provider, instructor, and/or course.

2.2. S.A.F.E. Mortgage Loan Originator Examination Requirement

The S.A.F.E. Mortgage Loan Originator Examination is developed by the NMLS and consists of the national examination with the Uniform State Test content.

- A. An Applicant must successfully pass the examination in accordance with the policies and procedures developed and administered by the NMLS.
- B. Applicants must comply with NMLS test administration standards and any test administration required by the testing service provider.
- C. An Applicant may retake the examination three (3) consecutive times with each consecutive time occurring at least thirty (30) days after the preceding examination.
- D. After failing three (3) consecutive examinations, an Applicant must wait at least six (6) months before taking the examination again.
- E. A Mortgage Loan Originator who fails to maintain a Valid license in any Jurisdiction for a period of five (5) years or longer must retake the examination prior to re-application for licensure, not taking into account any time during which such individual was licensed.
- 2.3. Criminal Background Check Requirement

Pursuant to section 12-10-704(6), C.R.S., an Applicant must submit a set of fingerprints to the Colorado Bureau of Investigation for the purpose of conducting a state and national criminal history record check prior to submitting an application to the Division. Fingerprints must be submitted to the Colorado Bureau of Investigation for processing in a manner acceptable to the Colorado Bureau of Investigation. Fingerprints must be readable and all personal identification data completed in a manner satisfactory to the Colorado Bureau of Investigation. The Board may, however, acquire a name-based criminal history record check for an Applicant who has twice submitted to a fingerprint-based criminal history record check and whose fingerprints are unclassifiable.

2.4. NMLS Requirement

Each Applicant must register with the NMLS in accordance with policies and procedures established by the NMLS. The Applicant, at minimum, must provide the following information to NMLS:

- A. A complete and accurate registration application, including the authorization of the NMLS to obtain a credit report and information related to any administrative, civil or criminal findings by any governmental Jurisdiction;
- B. Submission of a set of fingerprints to the NMLS in accordance with policies and procedures established by the NMLS; and
- C. Payment of any fees associated with the NMLS registration application.
- 2.5. Temporary Authority Eligibility and Temporary License
 - A. Temporary authority eligibility requirements

To be eligible for Temporary Authority to act as Mortgage Loan Originator, the Applicant must meet the following requirements:

- 1. The Applicant has met either one of the following classifications:
 - a. Registered in the NMLS as a loan originator for a depository (i.e. bank or savings association) as defined in section 12-10-709(1)(b), C.R.S. during the one (1) year period preceding the date of application for a temporary license; or
 - b. A license issued as a mortgage loan originator in another Jurisdiction during the thirty (30) day period preceding the date of application for a temporary license.
- 2. The Applicant must be eligible for temporary authority in accordance with policies and procedures as established by the NMLS.
- 3. The Applicant must be an Employee and Sponsored by a Colorado NMLS registered Mortgage Company.
- 4. An Applicant has not had any of the following administrative, civil or criminal actions:
 - a. An application for a mortgage loan originator license denied in any Jurisdiction;
 - b. A mortgage loan originator license revoked or suspended in any Jurisdiction;
 - c. Has been subject to, or served with a cease and desist order; and
 - <u>d.</u> Has been convicted of, or pled guilty or nolo contendere to, a misdemeanor or felony pursuant to sections 12-10-711(1)(b), (2)(b)(l), and (2)(c), C.R.S.
- B. Temporary license
 - 1.Applicants seeking a temporary license and who are eligible for Temporary
Authority as set forth in subsection A. of this Rule will be granted one (1)
temporary license. Additional or extended temporary licenses will be prohibited.
 - 2. Any temporary license issued by the Board will have the same force and effect of a license for the period of time it is in effect.
 - 3. A temporary license will expire on one (1) of the following dates, whichever is sooner:
 - a. The Applicant withdraws their application for a license;
 - b. The Board denies the Applicant's application for a license;
 - c. The Board approves and issues a license;

- <u>d.</u> Supervision termination date between the Responsible Mortgage Loan Originator and the Mortgage Loan Originator holding a temporary license; or
- e. One hundred twenty (120) calendar days after the date the Applicant was issued a temporary license.
- 4. A Mortgage Loan Originator holding a temporary license must be an Employee and Sponsored by a Colorado NMLS registered Mortgage Company and must be supervised by a Responsible Mortgage Loan Originator.
 - a. The Responsible Mortgage Loan Originator will be held responsible under all applicable provisions of law, including without limitation the Practice Act and these Rules, for the actions of the Mortgage Loan Originator holding a temporary license, and are personally subject to all applicable penalties under the law.
 - b. Responsible Mortgage Loan Originators must notify the Division, in a manner acceptable to the Board, the beginning and ending dates of supervision for Mortgage Loan Originators holding a temporary license.
 - c. Responsible Mortgage Loan Originators will be held responsible for the activities of Mortgage Loan Originators holding a temporary license through and including the date of the temporary license expiration or termination of supervision, whichever is sooner.

2.6. Surety Bond Requirement

A. Options for surety bonds

Pursuant to section 12-10-717, C.R.S., Mortgage Loan Originators are deemed compliant with the surety bond requirement if one (1) of the three (3) options are satisfied:

- 1. Mortgage Loan Originators, at a minimum, may acquire and maintain an individual surety bond if:
 - a. The surety bond is in the amount of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000);
 - b. The surety bond is in conformance with all relevant Colorado statutory requirements;
 - c. The surety bond is exclusive to covering acts contemplated under the <u>Practice Act</u>;
 - <u>d.</u> The surety bond is not applicable to any conduct or transactions outside the jurisdiction of the Board; and
 - e. The surety bond is identical to the individual surety bond form developed and approved by the Board.
- <u>2.</u> Mortgage Loan Originators who are Employees or exclusive agents for companies with less than twenty (20) individuals who are required to be licensed pursuant to the Practice Act and who do not work for more than one (1)

company, may, at a minimum, operate under their company's surety bond if the surety bond meets the following criteria:

- a. The surety bond is in the amount of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000);
- b. The surety bond is in conformance with all relevant Colorado statutory requirements;
- c.
 The surety bond is exclusive to covering acts of all of the company's

 Employees or exclusive agents contemplated under the Practice Act; and
- d. The surety bond is identical to the individual surety bond form developed and approved by the Board.
- 3. Mortgage Loan Originators who are Employees or exclusive agents for <u>companies with twenty (20) or more individuals who are required to be licensed</u> <u>pursuant to the Practice Act and who do not work for more than one (1)</u> <u>company, may, at a minimum, operate under a company's surety bond if the</u> <u>surety bond meets the following criteria:</u>
 - a. The surety bond is in the amount of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000);
 - b. The surety bond is in conformance with all relevant Colorado statutory requirements;
 - c. The surety bond is exclusive to covering acts of all of the company's Employees or exclusive agents contemplated under the Practice Act; and
 - d. The surety bond is identical to the company surety bond form developed and approved by the Board.
- B. Entity surety bonds

Regarding entity surety bonds as set forth in subsections A.2. and A.3. of this Rule, the Mortgage Company must provide the Board or an authorized representative of the Board with any and all requested surety bonds relevant to the Practice Act and as set forth in this Rule. The Mortgage Company must verify and provide adequate proof regarding the timeline of employment for each individual Mortgage Loan Originator operating under such company policy. Failure on the part of the Mortgage Company to provide such information will result in non-compliance regarding the surety bond requirement for the individual Mortgage Loan Originators operating under such entity bond.

C. Continuous surety bond coverage

Mortgage Loan Originators are required to provide proof of continuous surety bond coverage and that all required information is current. Mortgage Loan Originators may update all required information electronically on the Division's website.

D. Disciplinary action for failure to maintain surety bond

Any Mortgage Loan Originator who fails to obtain and maintain a surety bond as set forth in this Rule or fails to provide proof of continuous coverage will be subject to disciplinary action.

2.7. Errors and Omissions Insurance Requirement

Pursuant to section 12-10-707, C.R.S., every Mortgage Loan Originator holding an Active license must have in effect a policy of errors and omissions insurance to cover all acts requiring a license. Mortgage Loan Originators may obtain errors and omissions coverage through the Board Insurance Policy or may obtain errors and omissions coverage independent of the Board Insurance Policy.

- A. Board insurance policy
 - 1. The Division may enter into a contract with an insurance carrier to make available the Board Insurance Policy under the following terms and conditions:
 - a. The insurance carrier must be in compliance with all applicable statutes established by the Colorado Division of Insurance.
 - b. The insurance carrier is licensed or authorized to write policies of errors and omissions insurance in this State.
 - <u>c.</u> The insurance carrier should maintain an A.M. Best rating of "A-"or better.
 - d. The insurance carrier will collect premiums, maintain records and report names of those insured and a record of claims to the Division on a timely basis and at no expense to the Division.
 - e. The insurance carrier has been selected through a competitive bidding process.
 - 2. The Board Insurance Policy must provide, at a minimum, the following terms of coverage:
 - a. The contract and policy are in conformance with all relevant Colorado statutory requirements;
 - b. Coverage includes all acts for which a license is required, except those illegal, fraudulent, or other acts which are normally excluded from such coverage;
 - c. Coverage must encompass all types of transactions conducted by the Mortgage Loan Originator and must be in the individual Mortgage Loan's Originator's name;
 - d. Coverage cannot be canceled by the insurance carrier except for nonpayment of the premium or in the event the Mortgage Loan Originator's license becomes Inactive or is revoked or an Applicant is denied a license. Cancellation notice must be provided in a manner that complies with section 10-4-109.7(1), C.R.S.;
 - e. Coverage is for not less than one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) per covered claim, with an annual aggregate limit of not less than three

hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000), not including costs of investigation and defense;

- f.Coverage contains a deductible no greater than one thousand dollars
(\$1,000), or a deductible no greater than twenty thousand dollars
(\$20,000) for policies that primarily insure reverse mortgage
transactions; and
- g. Prior acts coverage must be offered to Mortgage Loan Originators with continuous past coverage.
- B. Independent policies

For independent policies that are either individual and entity/group policies, the insurance carrier must be in compliance with all applicable statutes pursuant to the Colorado Division of Insurance and is licensed or authorized to write policies of errors and omissions insurance in this State. The insurance carrier should maintain an A.M. Best rating of "A- "or better.

- 1. Mortgage Loan Originators, at a minimum, may acquire and maintain individual errors and omissions insurance in their own name with the following terms of coverage:
 - a. The contract and policy are in conformance with all relevant Colorado statutory requirements;
 - b. Coverage includes all acts for which a license is required, except those illegal, fraudulent, or other acts which are normally excluded from such coverage;
 - c. Coverage must encompass all types of transactions conducted by the Mortgage Loan Originator and must be in the individual Mortgage Loan Originator's name;
 - <u>d.</u> Coverage is for not less than one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) per covered claim, with an annual aggregate limit of not less than three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000), not including costs of investigation and defense;
 - e. Coverage contains a deductible no greater than one thousand dollars (\$1,000), or a deductible no greater than twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) for policies that primarily insure reverse mortgage transactions; and
 - <u>f.</u> Prior acts coverage must be offered to Mortgage Loan Originators with continuous past coverage.
- 2. Mortgage Loan Originators who are Employees or exclusive agents for companies with less than twenty (20) individuals who are required to be licensed pursuant to the Practice Act and who do not work for more than one (1) company, may, at a minimum, operate under the company's errors and omissions insurance policy if the policy meets the following terms of coverage:
 - a. The contract and policy are in conformance with all relevant Colorado statutory requirements;

- b. Coverage includes all acts for which a license is required, except those illegal, fraudulent, or other acts which are normally excluded from such coverage;
- c. Coverage must include all activities contemplated under the Practice Act and states this in the policy;
- d. Coverage must encompass all types of transactions conducted by all of the Mortgage Loan Originators employed at the company or by all Mortgage Loan Originators who are exclusive agents of the company;
- e. Coverage is for not less than one million dollars (\$1,000,000) per covered claim, with an annual aggregate limit of not less than one million dollars (\$1,000,000), not including costs of investigation and defense;
- f. Coverage contains a deductible no greater than fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000); and
- g. Prior acts coverage must be offered to Mortgage Loan Originators with continuous past coverage.
- 3. Mortgage Loan Originators who are Employees or exclusive agents for <u>companies with twenty (20) or more individuals and who do not work for more</u> <u>than one (1) company, may, at a minimum, operate under the company's errors</u> <u>and omissions insurance policy if the policy meets the following terms of</u> <u>coverage:</u>
 - a. The contract and policy are in conformance with all relevant Colorado statutory requirements;
 - b. Coverage includes all acts for which a license is required, except those illegal, fraudulent, or other acts which are normally excluded from such coverage;
 - c. Coverage must include all activities contemplated under the Practice Act and states this in the policy;
 - d. Coverage must encompass all types of transactions conducted by all of the Mortgage Loan Originators employed at the company or by all Mortgage Loan Originators who are exclusive agents of the company;
 - e. Coverage is for not less than one million dollars (\$1,000,000) per covered claim, with an annual aggregate limit of not less than two million dollars (\$2,000,000), not including costs of investigation and defense;
 - <u>f.</u> Coverage contains a deductible no greater than hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000); and
 - g. Prior acts coverage must be offered to Mortgage Loan Originators with continuous past coverage.
- C. Entity errors and omissions insurance policies

Regarding entity errors and omissions insurance policies as set forth in subsections B.2. and B.3. of this Rule, the Mortgage Company must provide the Board, or an authorized

representative of the Board, with any and all requested errors and omissions insurance policies relevant to the Practice Act and as set forth in this Rule. The Mortgage Company must verify and provide adequate proof regarding the timeline of employment for each individual Mortgage Loan Originator operating under such entity policy. Failure on the part of the Mortgage Company to provide such information will result in non-compliance regarding the errors and omissions insurance requirement for individual Mortgage Loan Originators operating under the entity's errors and omissions insurance policy.

D. Continuous insurance coverage

Mortgage Loan Originators are required to provide proof of continuous errors and omissions insurance coverage and that all required information is current. The Mortgage Loan Originator may update all required information electronically on the Division's website.

E. Disciplinary action for failure to maintain insurance

A Mortgage Loan Originator who fails to obtain and maintain an errors and omissions insurance coverage as set forth in this Rule or fails to provide proof of continuous coverage will be subject to disciplinary action.

2.8. Application Process for Licensure

A. Applying for an initial license

An Applicant for Initial Licensure as a Colorado Mortgage Loan Originator must successfully complete the requirements as set forth below:

- 1. Submit a set of fingerprints to the Colorado Bureau of Investigation within one (1) year immediately preceding the date of application as set forth in Rule 2.3.:
- 2. Register with the NMLS as set forth in Rule 2.4.;
- 3. Submit a set of fingerprints to the NMLS as set forth in subsection B. of Rule 2.4;
- 4. Successfully complete the requisite educational requirements as set forth in Rule 2.1.;
- 5. Take and successfully pass the S.A.F.E. Mortgage Loan Originator Examination as set forth in Rule 2.2.;
- 6. Acquire a surety bond as required by section 12-10-717, C.R.S. and as set forth in Rule 2.6. prior to obtaining an Active license;
- 7.Acquire errors and omissions insurance required by section 12-10-707, C.R.S.
and as set forth in Rule 2.7. prior to obtaining an Active license;
- 8. Submit a complete and accurate "Mortgage Loan Originator License Application"; and

9. Pay the Fee.

B. Applying for a temporary license

An Applicant applying for a temporary license that is eligible for temporary authority must meet the following requirements:

- 1. Submit a set of fingerprints to the NMLS as set forth in subsection B. of Rule 2.4.;
- 2. Register for temporary authority with the NMLS as set forth in subsection A.2. of Rule 2.5.;
- 3. Be an Employee and Sponsored by a Colorado NMLS registered mortgage company as set forth in subsections A.3. and B.4. of Rule 2.5.; and
- 4. Within seven (7) business days from notice of the issuance of temporary authority from the NMLS, the Applicant must complete the following state specific requirements pursuant to section 12-10-711(11), C.R.S.:
 - a. Submit a set of fingerprints to the Colorado Bureau of Investigation as set forth in Rule 2.3.;
 - b. Acquire a surety bond pursuant to section 12-10-717, C.R.S. and as set forth in Rule 2.6.;
 - c. Acquire errors and omissions insurance pursuant to section 12-10-707, C.R.S. and as set forth in Rule 2.7.;
 - d. Identify the Responsible Mortgage Loan Originator as set forth in subsections A.3. and B.4. of Rule 2.5.;
 - e. Submit a complete and accurate "Mortgage Loan Originator License Application"; and
 - f. Pay the Fee.
- C. Once an Applicant fully complies with the Practice Act and these Rules as determined by the Board, the Board will issue a license to the Applicant pursuant to section 12-10-704, C.R.S.
- 2.9. Invalid Payment

If the Fees accompanying any application made to the Board are paid for by check and the check is not immediately paid upon presentment to the bank upon which the check was drawn, or if payment is submitted in any other manner and payment is denied, rescinded, or returned as invalid, the application will be canceled. The application or renewal must be re-submitted to the Board along with full payment of any Fees and payment of the fee required by State Fiscal Rules for the clerical services necessary for invalid payment.

2.10. Review of Application Completeness

All applications will be reviewed by the Division for completeness of all required. If the application is deemed incomplete by the Division, the Applicant will be notified in writing of the deficiencies identified within the application and will have thirty (30) days to provide the documentation; otherwise, the application will be canceled and the Fee will be forfeited.

2.11. Applicants with Prior or Pending Criminal Record

Pursuant to sections 12-10-704, 12-10-711, and 24-5-101, C.R.S., Applicants who have at any time in the past been convicted of, entered a plea of guilty to, entered a plea of nolo contendere, received a deferred judgment and sentence to a misdemeanor (excluding misdemeanor traffic violations) or a felony or any like municipal code violation, or has such charges pending must submit with their application the required documentation as listed below. If the required documentation is no longer available, the Applicant must provide written confirmation by the appropriate authority that such documentation is no longer available. For any charges or convictions which have been dismissed, expunged, or sealed, the Applicant must include court document(s) evidencing the dismissal, expungement, or sealing of the criminal case(s). Failure to provide the required documentation and forfeiture of the Fee. In addition to the required documentation, Applicants may submit supplemental documentation as listed below to demonstrate their rehabilitation, truthfulness, financial responsibility, character, and general fitness for consideration by the Board.

- A. Required documentation includes:
 - 1. Court case disposition, registry of action, or a case action summary, which must include the following information:
 - a. Offense(s) convicted of;
 - b. Statute(s) or municipal code(s) violated;
 - c. Classification(s) of offense(s) (i.e. felony or misdemeanor);
 - d. Date of conviction;
 - e. Date of sentencing;
 - f. Sentencing Terms; and
 - g. Status of case.
 - i. If the sentencing and probation terms have been completed, the status of case should show as closed or dismissed.
 - ii. If the sentencing and probation terms have not been completed, documentation must be submitted that shows current compliance with the sentencing and probation terms. Proof of current compliance should include a letter from the parole or probation officer and, if applicable, a payment history from the court showing a current account balance of payment.
 - 2. Police Officer's report(s), arrest report(s), or incident report(s);
 - 3. A signed written explanation of the circumstances surrounding each violation and, including the statement attesting that "I have no other criminal violations either past or pending, other than those I have stated on the application"; and
 - 4. Any other information or documentation that the Board deems necessary.
- B. Supplemental documentation includes:
 - 1. Employment history for the preceding five (5) years;

2. Letter(s) of recommendation; and

- 3. A personal written statement that demonstrates and evidences the Applicant's rehabilitation, financial responsibility, character, and general fitness.
- 2.12. Applicants with Past or Pending Administrative Disciplinary Actions or Findings

Pursuant to sections 12-10-704 and 12-10-711, C.R.S., an Applicant who has any past or pending administrative disciplinary actions or findings of a mortgage loan originator license or any other professional license from Colorado or any other Jurisdiction must submit with their application any of the following information and documentation as listed below that is relevant and available to the Applicant. If the required documentation is no longer available or accessible, the Applicant must provide written confirmation by the appropriate authority that such documentation is no longer available or the reasons why the document is not accessible. Failure to provide the required documentation within the time frame as set forth in Rule 2.10. will result in the cancellation of the application and forfeiture of the Fee.

- A. Any final agency order(s);
- B. Any consent order(s);
- C. Any stipulation(s);
- D. Any investigative report(s); and
- E. A signed written explanation of the circumstances surrounding each disciplinary actions.
- 2.13. Preliminary Advisory Opinion

Prior to an application for a license or a registration through the NMLS, a person may request the Board issue a preliminary advisory opinion. A person seeking a preliminary advisory opinion is not an Applicant for licensure. The Board may, at its sole discretion, issue an opinion which will not be binding on Board; is not appealable; and will not limit the Board's authority to investigate a future application for licensure. However, if the Board issues a positive or favorable opinion, the Board may elect to adopt such opinion as the final decision of the Board without further investigation or hearing. The issuance of a negative or unfavorable opinion will not prohibit a person from submitting an application for licensure.

- A. A person may request a preliminary advisory opinion regarding the potential effect of the following, but not limited to:
 - 1.
 Any criminal conviction(s), plea(s) of guilt or nolo contendere, deferred
 judgment(s) and sentence for criminal offense(s) in a domestic, foreign or military

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 - Having been enjoined in the immediately preceding five (5) years under domestic or foreign laws from engaging in deceptive conduct relating to the origination of a mortgage loan;
 - 3. Having professional licenses, certifications or registrations issued by Colorado, the District of Columbia, any other states or foreign countries, revoked or suspended for fraud, theft, deceit, material misrepresentations or the breach of a fiduciary duty and such suspension or revocation denied authorization to practices as: a mortgage loan originator or similar license; real estate broker; real estate appraiser; an insurance producer; an attorney; a securities broker-dealer;

a securities sales representative; an investment advisor; or an investment advisor representative; or

- 4. Having been assessed a civil or criminal penalty for violating any provision of the Colorado Consumer Protection Act.
- B. A person requesting an opinion must do so in a form prescribed by the Board. Such form must be supported and documented by, without limitation, the following:
 - 1. Pending or Past Criminal Record

The required and supplemental documentation as set forth in Rule 2.11. for any pending or past criminal record.

2. Pending or Past Professional Disciplinary Action(s)

The documentation as set forth in Rule 2.12. for any pending or past professional conduct.

CHAPTER 3: CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

- 3.1. The continuing education requirements for licensed individualsMortgage Loan Originators shall will begin after issuance of the initial license.
 - A. Individuals Mortgage Loan Originators shall-will complete at least eight (8) hours of continuing education courses, which must <u>be include one (1) hour of Colorado specific education</u>, reviewed and approved by the <u>Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and RegistryNMLS</u> or by a company contracted <u>by the NMLS</u> to review and approve continuing education courses. The Colorado specific education may replace what was a required general electives within the eight (8) hour continuing education courses or may be completed as a standalone course.
 - B. The continuing education requirements must be completed each calendar year and prior to license and registration renewals or reinstatements.
- 3.2. Completion of the <u>twenty (</u>20) hours of pre-licensing education approved by the <u>Nationwide</u> <u>Mortgage Licensing System and Registry NMLS</u> in the same year in which the <u>initial</u> license was approved, <u>shall will</u> satisfy the continuing education requirements in that calendar year.
- 3.3. REPEALED (Effective March 1, 2016)
- 3.4. REPEALED (Effective March 1, 2016)
- 3.5. At any time and at no cost, the Board or the Board's authorized representative may audit any continuing education courses reviewed and approved by the NMLS or by a company contracted by the NMLS to review and approve continuing education courses. The Board or the Board's authorized representative may request all related instructional materials, student attendance records, and other information that may be necessary for the audit. The purpose of the audit is to ensure adherence to the approved course of study by verifying the course material and instruction are consistent with acceptable educational principles; and that instruction is provided in a manner that the desired learning objectives are met. Failure to comply with relevant statutes and these Rules may result in the withdrawal of the approval of the course provider, instructor, and/or the course.Authority to audit education provider

The Board or the Board's designee may audit any Colorado specific education course reviewed and approved by the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry or by a company contracted to review and approve continuing education courses. The Board or the Board's designee may request from each education provider or schools offering such courses, all related instructional materials, student attendance records and other information that may be necessary for an audit. Failure to comply with this rule may result in the withdrawal of course approval.

CHAPTER 4: RENEWAL, REINSTATEMENT, <u>RE-APPLICATION, INACTIVATION, SUSPENSION,</u> SURRENDER OR REVOCATION OF A LICENSE OR REGISTRATIONLICENSE STATUS

- 4.1. Renewal process for active licensees. Mortgage Loan Originators
 - A. There are two (2) existing databases that <u>Mortgage Loan Originators licensees shall must</u> independently renew their <u>Colorado</u> license through annually. The two (2) independent databases include:
 - 1. <u>The nationwide registration database managed by the NMLS. The license</u> database managed by the Division of Real Estate. This database may be located by visiting the Division of Real Estate's website.
 - 2. The license database managed by the Division. This database may be located by visiting the Division's website. The registration database managed by the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry.
 - B. Mortgage loan_Loan_originators_Originators must annually renewing, their license, regardless whether on Active or Inactive status, reinstating or re-applying for registration through the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and RegistryNMLS shall do so in accordance with ostablished the timelines, policies, and procedures set forthestablished by the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and RegistryNMLS. The Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and RegistryNMLS. The Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and RegistryNMLS. The Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and RegistryNMLS, registration applications, renewal applications, reinstatement applications, credit reports, criminal background checks and for other processes associated with registration through the nationwide database.
 - C. The Board shall issue or deny a license renewal or reinstatement application within thirty days after the applicant has submitted all of the information necessary for license renewal or reinstatement and after the Board has received all information necessary to make a determination regarding the applicants' compliance. After renewing through the NMLS as set forth in subsection B. of this Rule, Mortgage Loan Originators must then annually renew their license, whether on Active or Inactive status, through the Division's license database as described in subsection A.2. of this Rule and pay the Fee. Mortgage Loan Originators whose license is on Inactive status are not required to maintain errors or omissions insurance as set forth in Rule 2.7. or a surety bond as set forth in Rule 2.6. Mortgage Loan Originators with an Inactive license, however, are required to stay current on all continuing education requirements as set forth in Chapter 3 of these Rules in order to renew their license.
 - D. Regarding the license database managed by the Division of Real Estate, mortgage loan originators may renew or reinstate their license online or may do so by submitting a paper renewal or reinstatement application. The Board will issue or deny a renewal application within thirty (30) days after the applicant has submitted all of the information necessary for renewal and after the Board has received all information necessary to make a determination regarding the Mortgage Loan Originator's compliance.

- E. For both databases as described in subsection A. of this Rule, the license-renewal period begins November 1st of each calendar year and ends December 31st of each calendar year. Individuals-In order for Mortgage Loan Originators who to renew their license, the Mortgage Loan Originator shall-must be only do so if they are compliant with all provisions of the mortgage loan originator licensing actPractice Act and all Boardthese Rules.
- F. All licenses expire at 12 midnight on December 31st of each calendar year if the licensee has not properly renewed their license as set forth in this Rule.
- G. <u>Mortgage Loan Originators who failed to renew their license and If athe</u> license has expired, individuals may choose to reinstate their mortgage loan originator<u>Colorado</u> license as set forth in Rule 4.2. The reinstatement period for both databases begins January 1st of each calendar year and ends on the last day of February of each calendar year. Individuals who reinstate their license shall only do so if they are compliant with all provisions of the mortgage loan originator licensing act and all Board Rules.
- H. Individuals who fail to renew or reinstate their license shall re-apply in the manner set forth in Rule 4.3.
- I. All renewal, reinstatement or application fees shall be prescribed by the Board. All fees collected for the purpose of applying for license renewal, reinstatement or re-application are non-refundable.
- 4.2. <u>Reinstatement for Mortgage Loan Originators</u>Renewal process for inactive licensees.
 - A. <u>Mortgage Loan Originators who failed to renew their license in both databases as described in subsection A. of Rule 4.1. and the license has expired may reinstate their <u>Colorado license.</u> Individuals with inactive licenses shall renew their license annually in the manner set forth in Rule 4.1. Individuals with inactive licenses are not required to maintain compliant errors and omissions insurance or a compliant surety bond, but they are required to stay current on all continuing education requirements in order to renew their license. The reinstatement period for both databases as described in subsection A of Rule 4.1. begins January 1st and ends on the last day of February of each calendar year. In order for Mortgage Loan Originators to reinstate their Colorado license, the individual must be compliant with the Practice Act and these Rules.</u>
 - B. The <u>fee-Fee</u> for reinstatement is one and one half times the amount of the current renewal <u>feeFee</u>.
 - C. To reinstate a Colorado license, a Mortgage Loan Originator must complete the renewal process as set forth in subsections B. and C. of Rule 4.1.
 - D. A Mortgage Loan Originator who failed to reinstate their Colorado license during the reinstatement period must re-apply as set forth in Rule 4.3.
- 4.3. Re-application for Mortgage Loan Originators -
 - A. <u>Expired Colorado license for less than three years</u>

Mortgage Loan Originators who held a Colorado license that has expired for less than three (3) years after the date of license expiration must complete the requirements as set forth below: Individuals who fail to maintain an active valid license for at least three (3) years must satisfactorily complete the twenty (20) hours of pre-licensing education within the three (3) year period immediately preceding the date of application for licensure.

- 1. Submit a set of fingerprints to the Colorado Bureau of Investigation within one (1) year immediately preceding the date of application as set forth in Rule 2.3.;
- 2. Register with the NMLS as set forth in Rule 2.4.;
- 3. Submit a set of fingerprints to the NMLS as set forth in subsection B. of Rule 2.4.;
- 4. If not previously taken, successfully complete the two (2) hours of Colorado specific education as set forth in Rule 2.1.;
- 5. If applicable, successfully complete at least eight (8) hours of "late" continuing education courses, which must include one (1) hour of Colorado specific education, reviewed and approved by the NMLS or by a company contracted to review and approve continuing education courses;
- 6. Acquire a surety bond pursuant to section 12-10-717, C.R.S. and as set forth in Rule 2.6. prior to obtaining an Active license;
- 7.Acquire errors and omissions insurance pursuant to section 12-10-717, C.R.S.
and as set forth in Rule 2.7. prior to obtaining an Active license;
- 8. Submit a complete and accurate "Mortgage Loan Originator License Application"; and
- 9. Pay the Fee.
- B. Expired Colorado license for a period of three years but Less than five years

Mortgage Loan Originators who held a Colorado license that has expired for a period of three (3) years but less than five (5) years after the date of license expiration must complete the requirements as set forth below: Individuals who fail to maintain a valid license for a period of up to five (5) years after the date of license expiration and were compliant with the annual continuing education requirements at the time of license expiration must complete the following:

- Submit a set of fingerprints to the Colorado Bureau of Investigation within one (1) year immediately preceding the date of application as set forth in Rule
 <u>2.3.</u>Comply with the requirements set forth in section (A) of this Rule (if applicable);
- Register with the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry<u>NMLS</u> in accordance with policies and procedures established by the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry. This includes, but is not limited to completion of the correct registration application, authorization for the registry to pull a credit report and payment of any fees associated with registration<u>as set</u> forth in Rule 2.4.;
- 3. Submit <u>a set of fingerprints</u> to the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry<u>NMLS</u> in accordance with policies and procedures established by the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registryas set forth in subsection B. of Rule 2.4.;
- 4. <u>If applicable, successfully complete the relevant pre-licensing educational</u> requirements as set forth in Rule 2.1.; Obtain a compliant surety bond in accordance with Section 12-10-717, C.R.S. and Board Rule 2.19;

(strikeout of the 1 hour of Colorado specific education, change during rulemaking hearing)

- 5. If applicable, successfully complete at least eight (8) hours of "late" continuing education courses, which must include one (1) hour of Colorado specific education, reviewed and approved by the NMLS or by a company contracted to review and approve continuing education courses; Obtain compliant errors and omissions insurance in accordance with Section 12-10-707, C.R.S. and Board Rule 2.23; and
- 6. Acquire a surety bond pursuant to section 12-10-717, C.R.S. and Board as set forth in Rule 2.6. prior to obtaining an Active license; Complete the Colorado Division of Real Estate specific application and pay the application fee.
- 7.Acquire errors and omissions insurance pursuant to section 12-10-707, C.R.S.
and Board as set forth in Rule 2.7. prior to obtaining an Active license;
- 8. Submit a complete and accurate "Mortgage Loan Originator License Application"; and
- 9. Pay the Fee.
- C. Expired Colorado license for a period of five or more years
 - Mortgage Loan Originators who held a Colorado license that has expired for a period of five (5) or more years after the date of license expiration must complete the requirements as set forth below: Individuals who fail to maintain a valid license for a period of up to five (5) years after the date of license expiration and who were not compliant with the annual continuing education requirements at the time of license expiration must complete the following:
 - Comply with all requirements set forth in section (B), subsection (1) to (6)subsection B. of this Rule; and
 - 2. If applicable, retake and successfully pass the S.A.F.E. Mortgage Loan Originator examination, developed by the NMLS as set forth in Rule 2.2. Complete at least eight (8) hours of "late" continuing education courses, which must include one (1) hour of Colorado specific education, reviewed and approved by the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry or by a company contracted to review and approve continuing education courses;
- D. Individuals who fail to maintain a valid license for a period of more than five (5) years after the date of license expiration must complete the following:
 - 1. Comply with all requirements set forth in section (C), subsection (1) and (2) of this Rule; and
 - 2. Retake and successfully pass the S.A.F.E. Mortgage Loan Originator examination, developed by the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry, consisting of two sections. These two sections include a national component and a Uniform State Test (UST) component. An individual shall pass the test in accordance with policies and procedures developed and administered by the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry and in compliance with the S.A.F.E. Mortgage Licensing Act.
- 4.4. Individuals who do not have an active <u>Active</u> license are prohibited from practicing as a mortgage <u>Mortgage lean Loan originatorOriginator</u>. Additionally, individuals who do not have an active <u>Active</u> license are prohibited from engaging in any mortgage related activities which require

licensure pursuant to the Colorado mortgage loan originator licensing and Mortgage Company Registration Practice Act, Board rulethese Rules, or as prescribed by Board position statement.

- 4.5. Renewal, <u>Reinstatement</u>, and <u>Re-application</u> process for mortgage <u>Mortgage</u> <u>Mortgage</u>.
 - A. Mortgage <u>companies Companies shall must</u> renew the<u>ir</u> registration on the <u>nationwide</u> <u>database as described in subsection A.1. of Rule 4.1.</u> Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry.
 - B. _____Mortgage companies_Companies_renewing, reinstating or re-applying for registration through the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and registryNMLS shall-must do so in accordance with established the timelines, policies, and procedures set forthestablished by the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and RegistryNMLS. The Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and RegistryNMLS may collect fees for the purpose of registration applications, renewal applications, reinstatement applications, credit reports, criminal background checks and for other processes associated with registration through the nationwide database.
 - C. The Board <u>shall-must</u> issue or deny a registration renewal application within thirty (<u>30</u>) days after the <u>Mortgage Company applicant</u> has submitted all of the information necessary for <u>license</u> renewal or reinstatement and after the <u>board-Board</u> has received all information necessary to make a determination regarding the<u>applicants' Mortgage</u> <u>Company's</u> compliance.
 - D. The registration renewal period begins November 1st of each calendar year and ends December 31st of each calendar year. In order for Mortgage companies Companies that to renew or reinstate their license registration shall must be only do so if they are compliant with all provisions of the mortgage loan originator licensing and mortgage company registration act the Practice Act and all Board rules these Rules.
 - E. All registrations expire at 12 midnight on December 31st of each calendar year if the licensee Mortgage Company has not properly renewed their licenseregistration as set forth in this Rule.
 - F. If Mortgage Companies who failed to renew their registration through the nationwide database in subsection A.1. of Rule 4.1. and the registration a license has expired, mortgage companies may choose to reinstate their registration. The reinstatement period for reinstatement begins January 1st of each calendar year and ends on the last day of February of each calendar year. In order for Mortgage companies Companies that to reinstate their registration, the Mortgage Company shall-must be only do so if they are compliant with all provisions of the mortgage loan originator licensing and mortgage company registration actPractice Act and all Boardthese Rules.
 - G. Mortgage companies Companies that failwho failed to renew or reinstate their registration shall-must re-apply on the nationwide database as described in subsection A.1. of Rule <u>4.1. Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry</u> in order for the <u>Division of Real</u> <u>EstateBoard</u> to review their <u>registration</u> applications and determine whether the <u>mortgage</u> <u>Mortgage company Company</u> is compliant with the registration requirements.
 - H. All renewal, reinstatement, or <u>re-application</u> fees <u>must be paid through the NMLS shall be</u> prescribed by the Board and are non-refundable.
- 4.6. Mortgage <u>companies Companies</u> that do not have an approved registration are prohibited from acting through <u>omployees Employees</u> or other individuals who takes residential loan applications

or offers or negotiates terms of a residential mortgage loan. Additionally, mortgage Mortgage companies Companies that do not have an approved registration are prohibited from engaging in any mortgage related conduct that requires a registration pursuant to the mortgage loan originator licensing and mortgage company registration actPractice Act, Board these Rules, or as prescribed by the Board by Position position Statementstatement.

4.7. Mortgage loan Loan originator Originator license License inactivation Inactivation and reactivation Reactivation

If a mortgage loan originator license or registration is inactivated by the Board of mortgage loan originators or an authorized representative of the Board for one or any combination of the following reasons, the mortgage Mortgage loan Loan originator Originator shall must pay an administrative fee Fee determined by the board Board in order to reactivate their Colorado license:

- A. The mortgage Mortgage lean-Loan originator Originator has failed or is failing to comply with the surety bond requirements of pursuant to sections 12-10-704(8), C.R.S. Sectionand 12-10-717, C.R.S. or any rule of the Board that directly or indirectly addresses surety bond requirements as set forth in Rule 2.6.;
- B. The mortgage Mortgage loan Loan originator Originator has failed or is failing to comply with the errors and omissions insurance requirement inpursuant to Section section 12-10-707, C.R.S. or any Rule of the Board that directly or indirectly addresses errors and omissions insurance requirements as set forth in Rule 2.7.;
- C. The mortgage Mortgage loan Loan originator Originator has failed or is failing to maintain current contact information, surety bond information, or errors and omissions insurance information as required by this Part 7 or by any Rule of the Board that directly or indirectly addresses such requirements;
- D. The mortgage Mortgage loan Loan originator Originator has failed or is failing to respond to an investigation or examination;
- E. The mortgage Mortgage loan Loan originator Originator has failed or is failing to comply with any of the education or testing requirements set forth in this Part 7or in any rule of the Board that directly or indirectly addresses education or testing requirements; or
- F. The mortgage Mortgage loan Loan originator Originator has failed or is failing to register with and provide all required information to the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and RegistryNMLS.
- 4.8. Individuals Mortgage Loan Originators who have an inactive Inactive license or registration are prohibited from practicing as a mortgage Mortgage loan Loan originator Originator. Additionally, individuals Mortgage Loan Originators who have an inactive Inactive license or registration are prohibited from engaging in any mortgage related activities which requires licensure pursuant to the Colorado mortgage loan originator licensing and mortgage company registration actPractice Act, Board rulethese Rules, or as prescribed by Board position statement.
- 4.9. In order for an inactive Inactive mortgage loan originator license or registration to be reactivated, the individual Mortgage Loan Originator seeking reactivation shall-must provide the Division of Real EstateBoard with proof of full compliance with current mortgage loan originator license lawthe Practice Act and these Rules.
- 4.10. The Board has created the mortgage loan originator license reactivation form and this form may be found on the Division of Real Estate's website. No changes in license status, whether Active or

Inactive, will be made except in the manner acceptable to the Board to effect such change and upon payment of the Fee for such change request.

CHAPTER 5: PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

5.1. Advertising

Any advertisement <u>Advertisement</u> of a residential mortgage loan product or <u>rate_Rate</u> offered by a <u>mortgage_Mortgage_loan_Loan_originator_Originatoras that term is defined in § 12-10-702(14),</u> <u>C.R.S.</u>, or <u>mortgage_Mortgage_company_Company_as that term is defined in § 12-10-702(12),</u> <u>C.R.S., shall-must</u> conform to the following requirements:

- A. An <u>advertisement <u>Advertisement shall-must</u></u> be made only for such products and terms as are actually available at the time they are offered and, if their availability is subject to any material requirements or limitations, the <u>advertisement <u>Advertisement shall-must</u> specify those requirements or limitations;</u>
- B. The <u>advertisement Advertisement shall must</u> contain the following, each of which must be clearly and conspicuously included in the <u>advertisementAdvertisement</u>;
 - At least one (1) responsible party. The responsible party must be an individual persona Mortgage Loan Originator or a mortgage_Mortgage_companyCompany. The responsible party must include their registration number that is approved on the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry (NMLS);
 - 2. The <u>name of the mortgage Mortgage company Companyname</u>; and
 - 3. The business phone number of the responsible party.
- C. The advertisement <u>Advertisement shall-must</u> not appear to be offered by a government agency, a quasi- government agency or the perspective borrower's current lender and/or loan servicer;
- D. An advertisement Advertisement shall must not make or omit any statement the result of which would be to present a misleading or deceptive impression to consumers;
- E. An advertisement <u>Advertisement shall must</u> otherwise comply with all applicable state and federal disclosure requirements;
- F. Advertisements shall-must incorporate applicable provisions of the final Interagency Guidance on Nontraditional Mortgage Product Risks ("Interagency Guidance") released on September 29, 2006, incorporated by reference in compliance with Section-section 24-4-103(12.5), C.R.S., and does not include any later amendments or editions of the final guidance. A certified copy of the Interagency Guidance is readily available for public inspection at the offices Ooffice of the Board of Mortgage Loan Originators at 1560 Broadway, Suite 925, Denver, Colorado. The Interagency Guidance released by the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the Office of Thrift supervision, and the National Credit Union Administration can be examined at the internet website of the federal register (volume 71, number 192, page 58609-58618) at www.federalregister.gov. Reference copies of the federal register publications may also be found at the Colorado Supreme Court, located at 101 w. Colfax, Denver, Colorado 80202 or by telephone at (303) 837-3720; and

- G. The responsible party must retain copies of all <u>advertisements Advertisements</u> for a period of four (4) years, and provide said copies for inspection by an authorized representative of the Board upon request.
- 5.2. The requirements Requirements set Set forth Forth in Subsection B. of Rule 5.1. (b), Subsections one (1) through three (3) shall will not Not apply Apply to:
 - A. Any advertisement Advertisement which indirectly promotes a <u>Consumer credit-Credit</u> transaction and which contains only the name of the <u>mortgage-Mortgage</u> <u>companyCompany</u>, the name and title of the <u>mortgage-Mortgage loan-Loan</u> <u>originatorOriginator</u>, the contact information for the <u>mortgage-Mortgage company</u> <u>Company</u> or the <u>mortgage-Mortgage loan-Loan originatorOriginator</u>, a <u>mortgage</u> <u>Mortgage company's</u> logo, or any license or registration numbers, such as the inscription on a coffee mug, pen, pencil, youth league jersey, sign, business card, or other promotional item; or
 - B. Any rate sheet, pricing sheet, or similar proprietary information provided to real estate brokers, builders, and other commercial entities that is not intended for distribution to consumers.

5.3. Loan Modifier Licensure

- A. Individuals, not otherwise exempt from Part 7, who directly or indirectly take residential loan Loan modification Modification applications or who negotiate, offer, or attempt to negotiate or offer loan Loan modifications Modifications are required to be licensed as a Colorado Mortgage Loan Originator.
- B. <u>All individuals required to be licensed Mortgage Loan Originators</u> shall-<u>must</u> comply with all other provisions of the Colorado Mortgage Loan Originator LicensingPractice Act and all Boardthese Rules.
- 5.4. Required Use of a Loan Modification Contract
 - A. Individuals Mortgage Loan Originators taking loan Loan modification Modification applications or offering or negotiating loan Loan modifications Modifications are required to use a loan modification contract which complies with the Mortgage Loan Originator LicensingPractice Act and the Foreclosure Protection Act.
 - B. The Board has created the Colorado Loan Modification Services Contract to ensure compliance with the aforementioned laws. This contract may be found on the Division's of Real Estate's website website. Loan modifiers Modifiers shall-must use this form or an alternate form, if such alternate form clearly includes all information required on the suggested form, as determined by the Board.
 - C. The Colorado Loan Modification Services contract prescribed by as set forth in this rule Rule shall-must be completed at time of application.
- 5.5. The Requirements Set Forth in Rules 5.3. and 5.4. Shall-will Not Apply to:
 - A. Employees of HUD approved <u>Approved housing Housing counseling</u> <u>agencies Agencies</u> who are providing advice or general information on <u>loan Loan</u> modifications <u>Modifications</u> in an ancillary manner relating to their general housing counseling services or duties.

- B. Employees of mortgage loan servicing companies operating on behalf of the borrowers' mortgage lenders.
- C. Licensed Real-real Estate estate Brokers brokers engaged in licensed activities when performing real estate brokerage services within the defined short Short sale-Sale transactions do not need to maintain a license as a mortgage loan originator Mortgage Loan Originator. If a real estate broker engages in the activities of providing loan Loan modification Modification services, (those not included in the activities of short Short salesSales) as defined, loan Loan modification Modification services are defined as outside the scope of licensed real estate broker activities and therefore, separate licensure as a mortgage Mortgage loan Loan originator Originator is required.
- D. An attorney, as set forth in-pursuant to Section section 12-10-709(1)(c), C.R.S., who renders services in the course of practice, who is licensed in Colorado, and who is not primarily engaged in the business of negotiating residential mortgage loans or loan Loan modifications Modifications is not required to be licensed as a mortgage Mortgage loan Loan originator Originator., but is required to must comply with all non-licensing provisions of current mortgage loan originator law set forth in Sections 12-10-701 through 12-10-726, C.R.S.

5.6. Reasonable Inquiry

- A. A <u>mortgage Mortgage loan Loan originator Originator shall will</u> only recommend appropriate products after reasonable inquiry has been made in order to understand <u>the</u> borrower's current and prospective financial status.
- B. Reasonable inquiry requires the mortgage Mortgage loan Loan originator Originator to interview and discuss review and analyze the information submitted by the borrower(s) regarding their current and prospective income, including the income's source and likely continuance, with borrowers, and continuance and may not require the mortgage Mortgage loan Loan originator Originator to verify such income.
- C. A mortgage Mortgage loan Loan originator Originator has a duty to recommend mortgage products based on the information provided by the borrower.
- D. A mortgage Mortgage loan Loan originator Originator shall will be deemed in compliance with this rule and Colorado law, §section 12-10-710(1)(b), C.R.S. and this Rule,, concerningRule, concerning reasonable inquiry, upon interviewing and discussing, with all applicable borrowers, reviewing and analyzing all sections contained in the uniform Uniform residential Residential loan Loan application Application and upon completion of a the Tangible net Net benefit disclosure Disclosure. The tangible Tangible net Net benefit disclosure Disclosure is posted on the Division's of Real Estate's website.

5.7. Tangible Net Benefit

The reasonable, <u>Tangible tangible Net net Benefit benefit Standard standard in Spursuant to</u> 12-10-710(1)(a), C.R.S., is inherently dependent upon the totality of facts and circumstances relating to a specific transaction. While the refinancing of certain home loans may clearly provide a reasonable, tangible net benefit, others may require closer scrutiny, or consideration to determine whether a particular loan provides the requisite benefit to the borrower.

A. When determining reasonable, tangible net benefit, there are many considerations a mortgage-Mortgage loan-Loan originator-Originator shall-must take into account in their analysis. and discuss with prospective borrowers. If applicable, the required considerations for a mortgage Mortgage loan Loan originator Originator determining the requisite benefit shall must include, but are not limited to:

- 1. -Lower payments;
- 2. -Condensed amortization schedule;
- 3. Debt consolidation;
- 4. Cash out;
- 5. -Avoiding foreclosure;
- 6. Negative amortization;
- 7. Balloon payments;
- 8. Variable rates;
- 9. Interest only options;
- 10. Prepayment penalties; and
- 11. Hybrid mortgage products.
- B. The purpose or reason for a purchase or refinance transaction shall-will be identified by the borrower. A mortgage Mortgage loan Loan originator Originator shall-will require that all borrowers describe, in writing, the reasons they are seeking a mortgage loan, a loan Loan modification Modification or to refinance an existing mortgage loan.
 - 1. It is the responsibility of the mortgage <u>Mortgage loan Loan originator Originator to</u> ensure this information is acquired and accurately documented.
 - 2. Pursuant to <u>§-section</u> 12-10-710(1), C.R.S., a mortgage-Mortgage loan-Loan originator Originator may not have demonstrated a duty of good faith and fair dealing in all communications and transactions with a borrower if it is determined that a mortgage Mortgage loan Loan originator Originator completed the required purpose or reason for a purchase, loan Loan modification Modification or refinance transaction without consulting the borroweranalyzing the borrower's specific circumstances.
- 5.8. Tangible Net Benefit Disclosure Form

The Board developed a disclosure form regarding reasonable, tangible net benefit. Alternate disclosures are acceptable if they include all information required on the suggested form, as determined by the Board.

- A. <u>At the time of completing a loan application Application, the mortgage Mortgage loan</u> <u>Loan originator Originator shall must complete a Tangible Net Benefit Disclosure with the</u> borrower(s).<u>The Tangible Net Benefit Disclosure Form must be disclosed within three (3)</u> <u>Business Days after receipt of a loan Application.</u>
- B. The Tangible Net Benefit Disclosure shall-will also be completed with the borrower(s) prior to the borrower(s) signing loan closing documents or at the closing if the reasonable, tangible net benefit has changed.

- C. <u>The Tangible Net Benefit Disclosures shall must</u> be signed by both the mortgage <u>Mortgage lean Loan originator Originator</u> and the borrower(s).
- D. A mortgage Mortgage loan Loan originator Originator shall will provide copies of completed disclosure forms to all borrowers within three (3) business days after receipt of a loan application <u>Application</u> or any moneys from a borrower. Furthermore, the mortgage <u>MortgageMortgage</u> loan Loan originator <u>Originator</u> must be able to provide proof to the Board or an authorized representative of the Board that the disclosure forms defined inas set forth in this rule-Rule were in fact-provided to the borrower within three (3) business-Business days-Days after receipt of a loan application, any moneys from a borrower or prior to or at closing if any subsequent changes to any loan terms requiring re-disclosure.
- 5.9. Mortgage Loan Originator and Mortgage Company Duty to Respond and Provide Requested Documents for Investigations
 - A. Persons Mortgage Loan Originators required to be licensed or and mortgage Mortgage companies Companies required to be registered pursuant to § <u>§sections</u> 12-10-704 and 12-10-705, C.R.S., shall-must provide the Board or the Board's <u>authorized</u> representative with all information required by this ruleRule.
 - 1. <u>Mortgage Loan Originators and Mortgage Companies will receive written</u> <u>notification and a copy of the complaint from the Board or an authorized</u> <u>representative of the Board that an investigation has been initiated. All requested</u> <u>information must be submitted in accordance with the timeline established in the</u> <u>notification letter. An extension of time may be requested.</u> Failure to provide all <u>information requested by the Board or an authorized representative of the Board</u> within a timeline established by the Board, or authorized representative of the <u>Board, shall will</u> be grounds for disciplinary action and grounds for the imposition of fines unless the Board, or authorized representative of the Board an extension of time for the response.
 - a. The mortgage Mortgage loan Loan originator Originator and mortgage Mortgage company Company may ask forrequest an extension of time to comply if:
 - i. The request is <u>reasonable done so inand in</u> writing; and
 - ii. The request is received by the Board or authorized representative of the Board prior to the expiration date defined as set forth in the notification letter sent by the Board or authorized representative of the Board.
 - b. Any and all extensions granted are done so at the discretion of the Board or an authorized representative of the Board.
 - 2. Failure to provide all requested information shall-will be grounds for disciplinary action and grounds for the imposition of fines-regardless of whether the underlying complaint results in further investigation or subsequent action by the Board.
 - B. The response from the person Mortgage Loan Originator shall must contain the following:
 - 1. If requested in the notification letter, the <u>The</u> mortgage <u>Mortgage lean Loan</u> originator <u>Originator shall must</u> provide a complete and specific answer to the

factual recitations, allegations, or averments made in the complaint filed against the licenseeMortgage Loan Originator, whether made by a member of the public or on the Board's own motion or by an authorized representative of the Board;

- 2. The mortgage Mortgage loan Loan originator Originator shall must provide a complete and specific response to all questions, allegations, or averments presented in the notification letter; and
- 3. Any and all documents or records requested in the notification letter.
- C. Mortgage companies Companies shall <u>mustImust</u> maintain any and all documents collected, gathered and provided for the purpose of negotiating and originating residential mortgage loans for a period of four (4) years. Additionally, <u>mortgage Mortgage</u> companies companies shall <u>must</u> maintain any and all documents used for the purpose of soliciting or marketing borrowers that were directed, made or caused to be made by the <u>mortgage Mortgage companyCompany</u>. These documents include, but are not limited to:
 - 1. All <u>uniform Uniform residential Residential Ioan Loan applications Applications</u> (form 1003);
 - 2. All required state and federal disclosures;
 - 3. Asset statements;
 - 4. Income documentation;
 - 5. Verification of employment;
 - 6. Verification of deposit;
 - 7. Lender submission forms;
 - 8. Advertisements;
 - 9. Flyers;
 - 10. HUD-1 sSettlement statements;
 - 11. Uniform underwriting and transmittal summary (form 1008); and
 - 12. Credit report.
- D. The mortgage Mortgage loan Loan originator Originator shall msutmust maintain any and all documents used for the purpose of soliciting or marketing borrowers that were directed, made or caused to be made by the mortgage Mortgage loan Loan originator Originator.
- E. All documents required in this <u>rule_Rule_shall_must</u> be kept in a <u>safe_Safe_and secure</u> <u>Secure_mannerManner</u>. Electronic storage is acceptable as long as the information is accessible, <u>and kept in a safe Safe_and secure_Secure_mannerManner</u>.
- 5.10. Mortgage Loan Originators Maintaining Current Contact Information and All Information Required for Licensing

- A. Individuals required to be licensed as a state licensed Mortgage lean Loan originator Originators shall must maintain all current contact information and all information required for licensing, in a manner acceptable to the Board, including on the Division of Real Estate database and on the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registrythe two (2) databases described subsection A. of Rule 4.1. Failure to maintain the information identified in this rule Rule shall will be grounds for disciplinary action.
- B. Contact information shall-must include, but is not limited to:
 - 1. E-mail address;
 - 2. Legal first, middle and last names;
 - 3. Physical home address;
 - 4. Home phone number;
 - 5. Business address;
 - 6. Business phone number; and
 - 7. Business name.
- C. Information required for licensing includes, but is not limited to:
 - 1. Surety bond company;
 - 2. Surety bond number;
 - 3. Surety bond effective date;
 - 4. Errors and omissions insurance provider;
 - 5. Errors and omissions policy number;
 - 6. Errors and omissions effective and expiration date; and
 - 7. Convictions, pleas of guilt or nolo contendere for all crimes.
- D. Individuals required to be licensed as a state licensed loan originator Mortgage Loan Originators shall must update the Board within thirty (30) calendar days of any changes to the information defined as set forth in this rule Rule on both the Division of Real Estate databases described in subsection A. of Rule 4.1, and on the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry.
- 5.11. REPEALED (Effective March 17, 2017)
- 5.12. Mortgage Loan Originator Agreements

A mortgage Mortgage loan Loan originator Originator shall must have a written correspondent or loan originator agreement with a lender before any solicitation of, or contracting with, any member of the public. A mortgage Mortgage loan Loan originator Originator is compliant with this rule and Sections sections 12-10-713(1)(x) and (aa), C.R.S. and this Rule, if they adhere to one (1) of the following requirements:

- A. They individually have a written correspondent or loan originator agreement with a lender before any solicitation of, or contracting with, any member of the public;
- B. They are an officer, partner, member, exclusive agent, or <u>employee Employee</u> of a company that has a written correspondent or loan originator agreement with a lender before any solicitation of, or contracting with, any member of the public;
- C. They are acting as an <u>independent Independent contractor Contractor</u> and maintain a contractual agreement with a <u>Mortgage company Company</u> that has a written correspondent or loan originator agreement with a lender before any solicitation of, or contracting with, any member of the public; or
- D. They are an <u>employee Employee</u> of a lender before any solicitation of, or contracting with, any member of the public.
- 5.13. REPEALED (Effective March 17, 2017)
- 5.14. Colorado specific Lock-in Disclosure requirements under Section section 12-10-725(2), C.R.S.
 - A. The Colorado Lock-in Disclosure form must be used for all transactions not under the authority of the TILA-RESPA Integrated Disclosure Rule and for which the applicable GFE, HUD-1 and Truth-in-Lending Disclosures are used.
 - B. The Colorado Lock-in Disclosure form must be disclosed:
 - 1. Within three (3) <u>business Business days Days</u> after receipt of a loan <u>application</u> <u>Application and Application and</u> if applicable, contain the following information:
 - a. The cost, terms, duration and conditions of the lock-in agreement;
 - b. Whether a lock-in agreement has been entered;
 - c. Whether the lock-in agreement is guaranteed by the mortgage <u>Mortgage</u> <u>loan-Loan originator</u>Originator; and
 - d. Disclosure must be made if a lock-in agreement has not been entered and that the interest <u>rate_Rate_</u>and terms are subject to change.
 - If, after the initial written disclosure is provided, a mortgage-Mortgage loan-Loan originator-Originator enters into a lock-in agreement, within three (3) business Business days-Days thereafter and prior to the borrower signing loan closing documents.
 - 3. If, after a mortgage Mortgage loan Loan originator Originator enters into a lock-in agreement, the annual percentage rate Rate increases from the annual percentage rate Rate disclosed earlier by more than 1/8 of one (1) percentage point, within three (3) business Business days Days of such change and prior to the borrower signing loan closing documents.
 - 4. If, after the mortgage Mortgage loan Loan originator Originator enters into a lockin agreement, there is a change to any of the information provided on the lock-in disclosure form, including, but not limited to a lock-in extension.

- C. The Colorado lockLock-in Disclosure form or alternate form shall-must be used when disclosing the secured rate-Rate of interest for the prospective borrower or disclosing that the interest rateRate of interest is not secured and is subject to change.
- 5.15. REPEALED (Effective October 3, 2015)
- 5.16. REPEALED (Effective October 3, 2015)
- 5.17. REPEALED (Effective March 17, 2017)
- 5.18. REPEALED (Effective October 3, 2015)
- 5.19. REPEALED (Effective October 3, 2015)
- 5.20. REPEALED (Effective October 3, 2015)
- 5.21. Individuals who originate a mortgage or act as a mortgage Mortgage loan Loan originator Originators are required to keep records of the disclosures, set forth in pursuant to Sections sections 12-10-725(1) and (2), C.R.S., and these rules Rules, for a period of five (5) four (4) years, for the purposes of inspection by the Board or authorized representative of the Board.
 - A. All documents shall <u>must</u> be kept in a <u>safe-Safe</u> and <u>secure-Secure mannerManner</u>. Electronic storage is acceptable as long as the information is accessible. <u>and kept in a</u> <u>safe_Safe_and secure_MannerManner</u>.
 - B. The <u>Mortgage company Company</u> for whom the <u>mortgage_Mortgage_loan_Loan originator</u> <u>Originator</u> is an officer, partner, contractor, <u>independent_Independent</u> <u>contractorContractor</u>, member, exclusive agent or an <u>employee_Employee</u> may provide the requested documents to the Board. However, the <u>mortgage_Mortgage_loan_Loan</u> <u>originator_Originator</u> is responsible for compliance with the Board's request and is subject to disciplinary action if the <u>Mortgage_company_Company</u> fails or refuses to provide the requested documentation.
 - C. The mortgage_Mortgage_loan_Loan_originator_Originator_must be able to provide proof to the Board or an authorized representative of the Board that the disclosure forms defined in as set forth in this rule-Rule were in fact provided to the borrower within three (3) business_Business_days_Days_after receipt of a loan application_Application_or any subsequent changes to any loan terms requiring re-disclosure.
- 5.22. Dual Status Disclosure

The Board prohibits individuals from acting as a mortgage <u>Mortgage loan Loan originator</u> <u>Originator</u> and a <u>Real real Estate estate Brokerbroker</u>, on the same transaction, unless they comply with the requirements set forth in this <u>ruleRule</u>.

- A. Dual status is a material fact to real estate transactions and <u>shall-must</u> be disclosed to the borrower(s).
- B. The Board has created the Colorado Dual Status Disclosure form to ensure this information is clearly and concisely disclosed. This disclosure may be found on the Division's of Real Estate's website. A mortgage Mortgage lean Loan originator Originator shall must use this form or an alternate form, if such alternate form clearly includes all information required on the suggested form, as determined by the Board.

- C. The Colorado Dual Status Disclosure form <u>shall-must</u> be completed, disclosed, and provided to the borrower within three (3) <u>business-Business days-Days</u> after receipt of a loan <u>applicationApplication</u>.
- D. Persons who originate a mortgage, offer to originate a mortgage, act as a mortgage <u>Mortgage_loan Loan_originatorOriginator</u>, or offer to act as a mortgage_Mortgage_loan <u>Loan originator Originators shall-must</u> maintain the disclosure form defined by as set forth in this rule_Rule for a period of five_four (4) years.
- E. The mortgage Mortgage loan Loan originator Oiginator Originator must be able to provide proof to the Board or an authorized representative of the Board that the disclosure forms defined as set forth in this rule-Rule were in fact provided to the borrower within three (3) business-Business days-Days after receipt of a loan application Application or any subsequent changes to any loan terms requiring re-disclosure.

5.23. Immediate notification of a conviction, plea, or violation required

Pursuant to <u>Sections</u> 12-10-711 and 12-10-713, C.R.S., a <u>mortgage Mortgage loan Loan</u> originator Originator shall-must make written notification to the Board <u>through the online services</u> portal found on the Division's of Mortgage Loan Originators within website within thirty (30) calendar days of any of the following:

- A. A plea of guilty, a plea of nolo contendere or a conviction of any felony or misdemeanor offense under Colorado law, federal law, or the laws of other states, excluding misdemeanor traffic offenses or petty offenses;
- B. A violation, or aiding and abetting a violation, of the Colorado or federal fair housing laws;
- C. Revocation or suspension of any license, registration, or certification issued by Colorado or another state-jurisdiction because of fraud, deceit, material misrepresentation, theft, or breach of a fiduciary duty; and
- D. A revocation, suspension, or any other disciplinary action taken against a mortgage <u>Mortgage loan Loan originator's Originator's</u> license in any jurisdiction.

CHAPTER 6: EXCEPTIONS AND BOARD REVIEW OF INITIAL DECISIONS AND EXCEPTIONS

- 6.1. Written form Form, service, and filing Filing requirements Requirements, and Service
 - A. All designations of record, requests, exceptions and responsive pleadings ("pleadings") must be in written form, mailed with a certificate of mailing to the Board.
 - B. All pleadings must be received filed by the Board by 5:00 p.m. Onon or before the date the filing is due. Computation of time for the filing timelines for Chapter 6 of these Rules is pursuant to section 2-4-108, C.R.S. A pleading is considered filed upon receipt by the Board. Chapter 6 of These-these rules-Rules do not provide for any additional time for service by mail.
 - C. <u>All pleadings must be filed with the Board and not with the Office of Administrative</u> <u>Courts. Any pleadings filed in error with the Office of Administrative Courts will not be</u> <u>considered. The Board's address is:</u> <u>Any pleadings must be served on the opposing party</u> by mail or by hand delivery on the date which the pleading is filed with the Board.</u>

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D. All pleadings must be served on the opposing party on the date which the pleading is filed with the Board. Electronic service between the parties is encouraged. The date and manner must be noted on the certificate of service. All pleadings must be filed with the Board and not with the Office of Administrative Courts. Any designations of record, requests, exceptions or responsive pleadings filed in error with the Office of Administrative Courts will not be considered. The Board's address is:

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- 6.2. -Initial DecisionAuthority to review
- Upon receipt of the initial decision prepared and filed by the Administrative Law Judge from the Office of Administrative Courts, the Division will timely mail a copy of the initial decision to the parties at their respective addresses of record with the Board pursuant to section 24-4-105(16)(a), C.R.S.
 - A. The Board hereby preserves the Board's option to initiate a review of an initial decision on its own motion pursuant to § 24-4-105(14)(a)(ii) and (b)(iii), C.R.S. outside of the thirty day period after service of the initial decision upon the parties without requiring a vote for each case.
 - B. This option to review shall apply regardless of whether a party files exceptions to the initial decision.
- 6.3. Board's Authority to Review the Initial Decision

Pursuant to section 24-4-105(14)(a)(II), C.R.S., the Board may initiate a review of an initial decision on its own motion within thirty (30) days of the date on which the Division mails the initial decision to the parties. A letter from the Division initiating the review of the initial decision constitutes a motion within the meaning of section 24-4-105(14)(a)(II), C.R.S. Designation of record and transcripts

- A. Any party seeking to reverse or modify the initial decision of the administrative law judge shall file with the Board a designation of the relevant parts of the record for review ("designation of record"). Designations of record must be filed with the Board within twenty days of the date on which the Board mails the initial decision to the parties' address of record with the Board.
- B. Within ten days after a party's designation of record is due, any other party may file a supplemental designation of record requesting inclusion of additional parts of the record.
- C. Even if no party files a designation of record, the record shall include the following:
 - 1. All pleadings;
 - 2. All applications presented or considered during the hearing;

3. All documentary or other exhibits admitted into evidence;

- All documentary or other exhibits presented or considered during the hearing;
- 5. All matters officially noticed;
- 6. Any findings of fact and conclusions of law proposed by any party; and
- 7. Any written brief filed.
- D. Transcripts: transcripts will not be deemed part of a designation of record unless specifically identified and ordered. Should a party wish to designate a transcript or portion thereof, the following procedures will apply:
 - 1. The designation of record must identify with specificity the transcript or portion thereof to be transcribed. For example, a party may designate the entire transcript, or may identify witness(es) whose testimony is to be transcribed, the legal ruling or argument to be transcribed, or other information necessary to identify a portion of the transcript.
 - 2. Any party who includes a transcript or a portion thereof as part of the designation of record must order the transcript or relevant portions by the date on which the designation of record must be filed (within twenty days of the date on which the Board mails the initial decision to the parties).
 - 3. When ordering the transcript, the party shall request a court reporter or transcribing service to prepare the transcript within thirty days. The party shall timely pay the necessary fees to obtain and file with the Board an original transcription and one copy within thirty days.
 - 4. The party ordering the transcript shall direct the court report or transcribing service to complete and file with the Board the transcript and one copy of the transcript within thirty days.
 - 5. If a party designates a portion of the transcript, the opposing party may also file a supplemental designation of record, in which the opposing party may designate additional portions of the transcript.
 - 6. An opposing party filing a supplemental designation of record designating additional portions of the transcript must order and pay for such transcripts or portions thereof within the deadlines set forth above. An opposing party must also cause the court reporter to complete and file with the Board the transcript and one copy of the transcript within thirty days.
 - 7. Transcripts that are ordered and not filed with the Board in a timely manner by the reporter or the transcription service due to non-payment, insufficient payment or failure to direct as set forth above will not be considered by the Board.
- 6.4. Appeal of the Initial Decision by the Parties Filing of exceptions and responsive pleadings
 - A. <u>Any party wishing to reverse or modify an initial decision of an Administrative Law Judge</u> must file written exceptions with the Board in accordance with the procedures and time frames as set forth in Rule 6.5.
 - B. If neither party appeals the initial decision by filing exceptions, the initial decision will become the final order of the Board after thirty (30) days from the date on which the Division mails the initial decision pursuant to section 24-4-105(14)(b)(III), C.R.S. Failure

to file exceptions will result in a waiver of the right to judicial review of the final order of the Board unless the portion of the final order subject to review differs from the contents of the initial decision pursuant to section 24-4-105(14)(c), C.R.S. Any party wishing to file exceptions shall adhere to the following timelines:

- 1. <u>If no transcripts are ordered</u>, exceptions are due within thirty days from the date on which the Board mails the initial decision to the parties. Both parties' exceptions are due on the same date.
- 2. <u>If transcripts are ordered by either party</u>, the following procedure shall apply.
 - Upon receipt of all transcripts identified in all designations of record and supplemental designations of record, the Board shall mail notification to the parties stating that the transcripts have been received by the Board. Exceptions are due within thirty days from the date on which such notification is mailed. Both parties' exceptions are due on the same date.
- B. Either party may file a responsive pleading to the other party's exceptions. All responsive pleadings shall be filed within ten days of the date on which the exceptions were filed with the Board. No other pleadings will be considered except for good cause shown.
- C. The Board may in its sole discretion grant an extension of time to file exceptions or responsive pleadings, or may delegate the discretion to grant such an extension of time to the Board's designee.

6.5. Filing of ExceptionsRequest for oral argument

A. Pursuant to section 24-4-105(15)(a), C.R.S., any party seeking to file exceptions must initially file with the Board a designation of the relevant parts of the record and of parts of the transcript of the hearing within twenty (20) days of the date on which the Division mails the initial decision to the parties. All requests for oral argument must be in writing and filed by the deadline for responsive pleadings.

B. <u>Transcripts:</u>

Any party may designate the entire transcript, or may identify witness(es) whose testimony is to be transcribed, the legal ruling or argument to be transcribed, or other information necessary to identify a portion of the transcript. However, no transcript is required if the Board's review is limited to pure questions of law. The deadline for filing exceptions depends on whether either of the parties designates a portion of the transcript. It is within the sole discretion of the Board to grant or deny a request for oral argument. If oral argument is granted, both parties shall have the opportunity to participate.

- 1. If the parties do not designate parts of the transcript, exceptions are due within thirty (30) days from the date on which the Division mails the initial decision to the parties. Both parties' exceptions are due on the same day.
- 2. Any party wishing to designate all, or any part, of the transcript must adhere to the following procedures:
 - a. Transcripts will not be deemed part of a designation unless specifically identified and ordered.

- b. If one party designates a portion of the transcript, the other party may file a supplemental designation in which that party may designate additional portions of the transcript. The supplemental designation must be filed with the Board and served on the other party within ten (10) days after the date on which the original designation was filed.
- c. Any party who designates a transcript must order the transcript by the date on which they file their designation with the Board whether they are filing an original or supplemental designation.
- d. The party ordering a transcript must direct the court reporter or transcribing service to complete and file with the Board the original transcript and one (1) copy within thirty (30) days of their order.
- e. The party that designates a transcript must pay for such transcripts.
- f.Transcripts that are ordered and not filed with the Board in a timely
manner due to non-payment, insufficient payment, or failure to direct as
set forth above may not be considered by the Board.
- g. Upon receipt of transcripts identified in all designations and supplemental designations, the Board will mail a notification to the parties stating that the transcripts have been received by the Board.
- h. Exceptions are due within thirty (30) days from the date on which such notification is mailed. Both parties' exceptions are due on the same date.
- C. A party's exceptions must include specific objections to the initial decision. If a request for oral argument is granted, each side shall be permitted ten minutes of oral argument unless such time is extended by the Board or its designee.
- D. Either party may file a response to the other party's exceptions. All responses must be filed within ten (10) days of the date on which the exceptions were filed with the Board. Subsequent replies will not be considered except for good cause shown.
- E. The Board may in its sole discretion grant an extension of time to file exceptions or responses, or may delegate the discretion to grant such an extension of time to the Board's authorized representative.
- 6.6. Request for Oral Arguments
 - A. All requests for oral argument must be in writing and included with a party's exceptions or response.
 - B. It is within the sole discretion of the Board to grant or deny a request for oral argument. The Board generally does not grant requests for oral argument. If an oral argument is granted, each party will have ten (10) minutes to present their argument. Questioning by members of the Board will not count against the allocated ten (10) minutes.
 - C. The Board or its authorized representative may extend the time for oral arguments upon good cause shown.
- 6.7. Final Orders

- A. The Board may deliberate and vote on exceptions immediately following oral arguments or the Board may take the matter under advisement.
- B. When the Board votes on exceptions, whether after oral arguments or at a subsequent Board meeting, the ruling of the Board will not be considered final until a written order is issued.
- C. The date of the Board's final order is the date on which the written order is signed, irrespective of any motions for reconsideration that are filed.

CHAPTER 7: DECLARATORY ORDERS PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-4-105(11), C.R.S.

7.1. <u>Petition for a Declaratory Order</u>

Pursuant to section 24-5-105(11), C.R.S., <u>Any persona Petitioner</u> may petition the Board for a declaratory order to terminate controversies or to remove uncertainties as to the applicability to <u>any statutory provision, rule, or order the Petitioner of any statutory provisions or of any rule or order</u> of the Board <u>as it would apply to the Petitioner</u>.

7.2. Parties to the Proceeding

The parties to any proceeding as set forth in Chapter 7 of these Rules will be the Board and the Petitioner. Any other person may seek leave of the Board to intervene in such a proceeding. Permission to intervene will be granted at the sole discretion of the Board. A petition to intervene will set forth the same matters as set forth in Rule 7.3. The Board will determine, in its discretion and without prior notice to Petitioner, whether to entertain any such petition. If the Board decides that it will not entertain such a petition, the Board shall promptly notify the Petitioner in writing of its decision and the reasons for that decision. A copy of the order shall be provided to the Petitioner.

7.3. Petition Contents

Any petition filed as set forth in Chapter 7 of these Rules will state the following: In determining whether to entertain a petition filed pursuant to this rule, the Board may consider the following matters, among others:

- A. <u>The name and address of the Petitioner</u>; Whether a ruling on the petition will terminate a controversy or remove uncertainties as to the applicability to Petitioner of any statutory provision or rule or order of the Board.
- B. <u>The statute, rule, or order to which the petition relates;</u>Whether the petition involves any subject, question or issue which is the subject of a formal or informal matter or investigation currently pending before the Board or a court involving one or more of the Petitioners.
- C. <u>A concise statement of all the facts and law necessary to show the nature of the</u> <u>controversy or uncertainty and the manner in which the statute, rule, or order in question</u> <u>applies or potentially applies to the Petitioner; and</u> Whether the petition involves any <u>subject, question or issue which is the subject of a formal or informal matter or</u> <u>investigation currently pending before the Board or a court but not involving any</u> <u>Petitioner.</u>

- D. <u>The Petitioner may submit a concise statement of the declaratory order.</u> Whether the petition seeks a ruling on a moot or hypothetical question or will result in an advisory ruling or opinion.
- E. Whether the Petitioner has some other adequate legal remedy, other than an action for declaratory relief pursuant to Rule 57, C.R.C.P., which will terminate the controversy or remove any uncertainty as to the applicability to the Petitioner of the statute, rule or order in question.
- 7.4. <u>Board's Considerations Whether or Not to Rule-Any petition filed pursuant to this rule shall set</u> forth the following:

The Board may determine, in its sole discretion and without prior notice to the Petitioner, whether or not to rule upon a petition. In determining whether or not to rule upon a petition filed as set forth in Chapter 7 of these Rules, the Board may consider the following matters, among others:

- A. <u>Whether a ruling on the petition will terminate a controversy or remove uncertainties as to</u> <u>the applicability to the Petitioner of any statutory provision, rule, or order of the Board.</u> The name and address of the Petitioner and whether the Petitioner holds a license or registration issued pursuant to Section 12-10-701, et. seq. C.R.S. (as amended).
- B. Whether the petition involves any subject, question, or issue which is the subject of a formal or informal matter or investigation currently pending before the Board or a court involving one or more of the Petitioners. The statute, rule or order to which the petition relates.
- C. Whether the petition involves any subject, question, or issue which is the subject of a formal or informal matter or investigation currently pending before the Board or a court not involving the Petitioner. A concise statement of all of the facts necessary to show the nature of the controversy or uncertainty and the manner in which the statute, rule or order in question applies or potentially applies to the Petitioner.
- D. <u>Whether the petition seeks a ruling on a hypothetical question.</u> A concise statement of the legal authorities if any, and such other reasons upon which the Petitioner relies.
- E. <u>Whether the Petitioner has some other adequate legal remedy, other than an action for</u> <u>declaratory order which will terminate the controversy or remove any uncertainty as to the</u> <u>applicability to the Petitioner of the statute, rule, or order in question.</u> A concise statement of the declaratory order sought by the Petitioner.
- 7.5. <u>Board Determines Not to Rule</u> If the Board determines that it will rule on the petition, the following procedures shall apply:

If the Board determines it will not rule on a petition, the Board will issue its written decision disposing of the petition, stating the reasons for declining to rule upon the petition. A copy of the decision will be provided to the Petitioner. A decision not to rule on a petition for a declaratory order is not final agency action subject to judicial review

- A. The Board may rule upon the petition without a hearing. In such case:
 - 1. The Board may dispose of the petition on the sole basis of the matters set forth in the petition.
 - 2. The Board may request the Petitioner to submit additional facts in writing. In such event, such additional facts will be considered as an amendment to the petition.

- 3. Any ruling of the Board will apply only to the extent of the facts presented in the petition and any amendment to the petition.
- 4. The Board may order the Petitioner to file a written brief, memorandum or statement of position based on the facts set forth in the petition and any amendment to the petition.
- 5. The Board may take administrative notice of facts pursuant to The Administrative Procedures Act, Section 24-4-105(8), C.R.S. (as amended), and may utilize its experience, technical competence and specialized knowledge in the disposition of the petition.
- 6. If the Board rules upon the petition without hearing, it shall promptly notify the Petitioner in writing of its decision.
- B. The Board may, in its discretion, set the petition for hearing, upon due notice to Petitioner, for the purpose of obtaining additional facts or information or to determine the truth of any facts set forth in the petition or to hear oral argument on the petition. The notice to the Petitioner setting such hearing shall set forth, to the extent known, the factual or other matters into which the Board intends to inquire and whether the hearing will be evidentiary or non-evidentiary in nature. For the purpose of such a hearing, to the extent necessary, the Petitioner shall have the burden of proving all of the facts stated in the petition, all of the facts necessary to show the nature of the controversy or uncertainty and the manner in which the statute, rule or order in question applies or potentially applies to the Petitioner and any other facts the Petitioner desires the Board to consider.
- 7.6. Board Determines to Rule The parties to any proceeding pursuant to this rule shall be the Board and the Petitioner. Any other person may seek leave of the Board to intervene in such a proceeding, and leave to intervene shall be granted at the sole discretion of the Board. A petition to intervene shall set forth the same matters as required by section 7.4 of this rule. Any reference to a "Petitioner" in this rule also refers to any person who has been granted leave to intervene by the Board.

If the Board determines that it will rule on the petition:

- A. The Board may order the Petitioner to file an additional written brief, memorandum, statement of position, or request the Petitioner to submit additional facts or arguments in writing.
- B. The Board may take administrative notice of facts pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act, section 24-4-105(8), C.R.S., and may utilize its experience, technical competence, and specialized knowledge when ruling on the petition.
- C. The Board may set the petition, upon due notice to the Petitioner, for a non-evidentiary hearing.
- D. The Board may, upon due notice to the Petitioner, set the petition for hearing for the purpose of obtaining additional facts or information, or to determine the truth of any facts set forth in the petition, or to hear oral arguments on the petition. Notice to the Petitioner setting such formal hearing will set forth, to the extent known, the factual or other matters into which the Board intends to inquire. The Petitioner will have the burden of proving all of the facts stated in the petition, all of the facts necessary to show the nature of the controversy or uncertainty and the manner in which the statute, rule, or order in question

applies or potentially applies to the Petitioner and any other facts the Petitioner desires the Board to consider.

- E. Any ruling by the Board may be based solely on the matters set forth in the petition or may be based on any amendments to the petition, any information gathered by the Board through a non-evidentiary hearing, formal hearing or otherwise, or any facts the Board may take administrative notice of. Upon ruling on a petition, the Board will issue its written order stating its basis for the order. A copy of the order will be provided to the Petitioner.
- 7.7. Declaratory Orders Subject to Judicial Review

Any declaratory order or other order disposing of a petition <u>pursuant to thisas set forth in</u> <u>Chapter7 of these</u> <u>rule Rule shall will</u> constitute agency action subject to judicial review pursuant to <u>Section section</u> 24-4-106, C.R.S. (as amended).

CHAPTER 8: NATIONWIDE MORTGAGE-MULTISTATE LICENSING SYSTEM AND REGISTRY ("NMLS")

- 8.1. NMLS Challenge
 - <u>A.</u> A mortgage Mortgage lean Loan originator Originator may challenge information entered into the NMLS by the Division.
 - <u>B.</u><u>SuchThe</u> challenge must be in writing and <u>must</u> set forth the specific information being challenged and includealong with any supporting evidence.
 - <u>C.</u> The grounds for a challenge <u>shall-will</u> be limited to the factual accuracy of the information pertaining to the <u>mortgage Mortgage loan-Loan originator's Originator's</u> own license record.
 - D. A challenge submitted to appeal the underlying grounds for a disciplinary action will not be considered by the Director.
- **8.2.** A challenge submitted to appeal the underlying grounds for a disciplinary action will not be considered by the Director.

8.2.8.3. Review of NMLS Challenge

- A. The Director, or an authorized representative of the Director, will review all information submitted by the mortgage Mortgage loan-Loan originator Originator and will determine the merits of the challenge.
- B. If the Director, or the Director's authorized representative, determines that the information submitted to the NMLS by the Division is factually incorrect, the Division will promptly submit the correct information to the NMLS.
- 8.3. 8.4. Appeal the NMLS Challenge
 - <u>A.</u> A mortgage Mortgage loan Loan originator Originator may appeal the Director's, or the Director's_authorized representative's, decision regarding the challenge to the Board of Mortgage Loan Originators within thirty (30) calendar days of the decision being rendered.

- B. The decision of the Board regarding a NMLS challenge is subject to judicial review by the court of appeals by appropriate proceedings under <u>Section section</u> 24-4-106(11), C.R.S.
- 8.4.8.5 Call Reports

All mortgage Mortgage companies Companies must submit the NMLS Mortgage Call Report on a calendar quarterly basis, as set forth below, and shall-must contain such the required information as the set forth by the NMLS may require.

- A. A mortgage Mortgage company Company must identify the applicable NMLS Mortgage Call Report. This includes, but is not limited to, the standard section and the expanded section of the NMLS Mortgage Call Report. The mortgage Mortgage company Company must identify and complete the report on behalf of all employed mortgage Mortgage loan Loan originators Originators or other mortgage Mortgage loan Loan originators Originators that operate through their Mortgage companyCompany.
- **B.** The quarterly report is due within <u>forty-five (45) calendar</u> days of the end of the <u>calendar</u> quarter and the financial condition report of the standard section is due annually <u>ninety</u> (90) <u>calendar</u> days from the <u>Mortgage company's Company's fiscal year end</u>.
- **C.** Mortgage <u>companies Companies</u> must comply with any rules, policies and procedures relating to the submission of a Mortgage Call Report that are prescribed by the NMLS.
- D. Failure to properly submit a NMLS Mortgage Call Report in a timely manner prescribed by the NMLS will prevent the Mortgage Company from renewing their NMLS registration.
- 8.6 Failure to properly submit a NMLS Mortgage Call report in a timely manner prescribed by the NMLS shall prevent the mortgage company from renewing their NMLS registration.

A hearing on the above subject matter will be held on Wednesday, July 15, 2020 at the Colorado Division of Real Estate, 1560 Broadway, Suite 110-D, Denver, Colorado 80202 beginning at 9:00 a.m. Also, the virtual webinar of the meeting may be accessed at the following link:

https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7113878016683812364

Any interested person may participate in the rule making through submission of written data, views and arguments to the Division of Real Estate. Persons are requested to submit data, views and arguments to the Division of Real Estate in writing no less than ten (10) days prior to the hearing date and time set forth above. However, all data, views and arguments submitted prior to or at the rulemaking hearing or prior to the closure of the rulemaking record (if different from the date and time of hearing), shall be considered.

Please be advised that the rule being considered is subject to further changes and modifications after public comment and formal hearing.