

EquitySmart

HOME LOANS

How to Become a DFI MLO in WA

1. Read and follow the [WA DFI Loan Originator License New Application Checklist \(Individual\)](#)
2. Complete 22 hours of [NMLS Approved Pre-License Education](#) including 4 hours in Washington law.
3. Take and pass the Licensing Exam
 - a. [Schedule your exam](#) (Cost: \$110)
 - i. [Exam Scheduling Quick Guide](#)
 - ii. The Exam is pass / fail and the candidate must get at least 75% of the multiple-choice questions correctly in order to pass.
 1. Either in person or online proctored
 2. Must wait 6 months to take if failed 3 consecutive times
 3. Review the [MLO Testing Handbook](#) for more information
4. Apply for your License on the NMLS ([Quick Guide](#))
5. Pass a Background check ([How to request a background check](#)) (Cost: \$36.25)
6. Complete the Credit Report Authorization process ([Quick Guide](#)) (Cost: \$15)
7. Request to transfer NMLS Sponsorship status to Equity Smart

Useful Resources

- [Resources on How to Become a MLO](#)
- [Video on How to become a MLO](#)
- Trello board on how to pass the [MLO Safe Exam](#)

Questions? Please email us at licensing@equitysmartloans.com!