## Mortgage Loan Originator SAFE Comprehensive Course Mortgage Loan Originator Prelicensing / National Topics 20-Hour Course Syllabus

### **Course Provider**

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## Course Purpose

This course satisfies the requirements set forth by the Secure and Fair Enforcement Mortgage Licensing Act for a comprehensive 20-hour prelicensing course for mortgage loan originators.

#### **Course Description**

This course covers topics required by the SAFE Act: Federal lending legislation (3 hrs), ethics (3 hrs), and nontraditional mortgage products (2 hrs). Also included are 12 hours of electives on key concepts, including financial disclosure, privacy protection, consumer I.D., and predatory lending protection laws; government loan programs; the SAFE Act; financial calculations; conventional loans and financing; loan processes, products, and finance instruments; and the Uniform State Test.

## **Course Objectives**

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

- Identify historical events that shaped today's mortgage industry.
- Contrast the primary mortgage market and secondary mortgage market.
- Identify entities involved in the primary and secondary mortgage markets.
- Identify the regulatory agencies involved in mortgage lending.
- Discuss the seeds of the subprime mortgage crisis.
- Discuss the history of the Dodd-Frank Act and the state of the mortgage market preceding its passage into legislation.
- Identify disclosure provisions of federal laws related to mortgage lending.
- Identify regulations to protect the privacy of consumers.
- Describe regulations that address predatory lending.
- Define regulatory requirements for mortgage loan originators.
- Define the various roles mortgage professionals play.
- Distinguish between pre-approval and pre-qualification.
- Identify the steps in the loan process.
- Discuss the information necessary to complete a standard loan application.
- Identify criteria for evaluating borrowers.
- Calculate housing and debt-to-income ratios.
- Explain credit scoring.
- Contrast a financing instrument with a security instrument.
- Describe advantages and disadvantages of mortgages and trust deeds.
- Identify typical mortgage clauses.
- Identify the characteristics of a conventional loan.
- Define amortization.
- Identify different types of conventional loans.
- Recognize the use of private mortgage insurance.

- · Contrast conforming and nonconforming loans.
- Describe methods of secondary financing.
- Identify basic qualifying standards for FHA-insured loans.
- Define the use of upfront mortgage insurance premiums.
- Recognize different FHA loan programs.
- Identify basic qualifying standards for VA-guaranteed loans.
- Define eligibility and entitlement for veterans.
- Recognize different USDA loan programs.
- Describe the advantages and disadvantages of buydown plans.
- Identify the elements that make up an adjustable rate mortgage.
- Describe the purpose of construction loans, including the three most common disbursement plans.
- Identify the characteristics of a reverse mortgage.
- Identify the factors that define a subprime loan.
- Describe the agency guidelines on lending and subprime loans.
- Contrast the various types of alternative financing.
- Identify RESPA and the regulation on payment of kickbacks and unearned fees.
- Recognize the responsibilities of mortgage loan servicers and the documentation they must provide according to Section 10 of RESPA.
- Describe disclosure provisions of federal laws related to mortgage lending.
- Describe the disclosures implemented by Regulation Z: The Loan Estimate and the Closing Disclosure.
- Identify procedures to protect the privacy of consumers.
- Recognize limitations on lenders'/MLOs' use of consumer credit information.
- Describe control of credit reporting information.
- Describe requirements for recording consumer credit information.
- Describe regulations designed to address predatory lending.
- Describe the rules for compensation for an MLO and a registered MLO.
- Discuss the rules regarding seller financing of owner-occupied residences.
- Identify licensing requirements and procedures for mortgage loan professionals.
- Recognize education requirements for MLOs.
- Define ethics and discuss the purpose of the codes of ethics.
- Recognize material facts in an advertisement.
- Define the bait and switch advertising strategy.
- List classes that are protected from illegal discrimination.
- Identify scenarios that violate RESPA's prohibition against kickbacks.
- Recognize indicators of mortgage fraud.
- Identify the participants and their roles in mortgage fraud schemes.
- Identify predatory lending practices.
- Identify the elements that affect the Uniform State Test.
- Recognize the regulatory authority of federal and state mortgage entities.
- Recognize the definitions of components and concepts in the mortgage industry.
- Identify licensing laws and requirements that regulate MLOs and other mortgage professionals.
- Describe compliance conditions and practices that apply to the mortgage industry.
- Identify regulations that prohibit illicit mortgage lending practices.
- Recognize federal requirements for anti-money laundering and recordkeeping by financial institutions.
- Recognize regulations that address mortgage assistance programs and financial records.
- Identify different types of financial payments.
- Recognize mortgage loan-to-value conditions.
- Determine mortgage closing costs and prepaid items.
- Identify the components and requirements of a successful loan closing.
- Describe appropriate and effective methods of dealing with challenging scenarios in the MLO's daily routine.

#### **Required Course Materials**

The core instructional text for this course: *Mortgage Lending Principles and Practices*, 8<sup>th</sup> Edition 2017 (Hondros Learning).

- Each chapter includes key terms, learning activities, a summary, and a quiz
- Two 25-question comprehensive exams

#### **Expected Behavior/Classroom Policies**

#### Attendance:

• Attendance is mandatory to receive course credit.

#### Participation:

Active participation is required in this course. Students are expected to be actively engaged with the
material, listen to and follow the directions of the facilitator (instructor), participate in group discussions
and activities, and complete exercises as assigned. Internet references and resources are provided
throughout the course, which offer opportunities for additional learning and information.

#### Behavior:

- Students are expected to be respectful when interacting with the instructor and other students in the classroom and refrain from inappropriate language or derogatory comments.
- Students are expected to refrain from texting or other electronic communication during class.
- Cell phones should be on mute or turned off.

#### **Course Completion Requirements**

Before student completion status can be transmitted to the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System & Registry (NMLS), students are required to:

- Spend the minimum required amount of time in the course.
- Attend and participate in all course sessions.
- Complete all the required activities.
- Pass the final assessment with a score of at least 70%.

#### **Course Evaluation**

At the conclusion of the course, students will be asked to complete a Course Evaluation. The feedback from this evaluation is reviewed and used to ensure our compliance with the course objectives as well as student satisfaction.

## **20-Hour Course Outline**

## Required Course Topics [Requirement: 8 Hours]

• Federal Law [3 Hours; Chapter 7]

• Ethics [3 Hours; Chapter 11]

• Nontraditional [2 Hours; Chapter 6]

# Elective Course Topics [Total Available: 12 Hours]

• Chapters 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15

Chapter / Projected Course Time	Topics
Mortgage Lending Overview	
(Chapter 1)	Concepts of Mortgage Lending
	Importance of Understanding Mortgage Lending Concepts
20 minutes	Seeds of Today's Mortgage Industry
	Federal Home Loan Banks
	Federal Housing Administration
	Oversight of Financial Institutions
	Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation
	Office of Thrift Supervision
	Office of Comptroller of Currency
	National Credit Union Administration
	Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council
	Federal Housing Finance Agency
	Primary Mortgage Market Lenders
	Commercial Banks
	Savings and Loan Associations
	Mortgage Banking Companies
	Other Primary Residential Mortgage Lenders
	Secondary Mortgage Markets
	Secondary Market Participants
	Secondary Market Standards
	Mortgage Loan Market History
	Introduction to the Dodd-Frank Act
	Mortgage-Related Legislation under the Dodd-Frank Act
	Consumer Financial Protection Act (Title X)
	Mortgage Reform and Anti-Predatory Lending Act (Title XIV)
	Laws and Regulations Under the CFPB

Chapter / Projected Course Time	Topics
The Mortgage Lending Process	
(Chapter 2)	Role of the Mortgage Professional
	Functions of Mortgage Professionals
70 minutes	The Loan Process
	Loan Inquiry
	Pre-Qualification
	Pre-Approval
	Traditional Steps
	Consulting with the MLO
	Interest Rates
	Common Fees Associated with Real Estate Loans
	Qualifying Standards
	Housing Expense Ratio
	Total Debt-to-Income Ratio
	Using Ratios to Determine Maximum Mortgage Payment
	Completing the Uniform Residential Loan Application (URLA)
	Co-Borrowers
	Section I: Type of Mortgage and Terms of Loan
	Section II: Property Information and Purpose of Loan
	Section III: Borrower Information
	Section IV: Employment Information
	Section V: Monthly Income and Combined Housing Expense
	Information
	Section VI: Assets and Liabilities
	Section VII: Details of the Transaction
	Section VIII: Declarations
	Section IX: Acknowledgment and Agreement
	Section X: Information for Government Monitoring Purposes
	Processing the Loan Application
	Income
	Secondary Sources of Income
	Evaluating Income
	Verifying Standard Employment Income
	Computing Monthly Income Credit History
	Credit Scoring Credit Scoring Systems
	Explaining Derogatory Credit
	Assets
	Liquid versus Non-Liquid Assets
	Evaluating Assets
	Verifying Deposits for Down Payment/Reserves
	Insurance and Escrow Requirements
	Underwriting
	Putting Together a Loan File
	Automated Underwriting Systems
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Chapter / Projected Course Time	Topics
Finance Instruments	
(Chapter 3)	Promissory Notes
	Types of Notes
20 minutes	Security Instruments
	Trust Deeds
	Mortgages
	Judicial Foreclosure Procedure
	Mortgage Lien Position
	Typical Clauses in Finance Instruments
	Acceleration Clause
	Alienation Clause
	Defeasance Clause
	Partial Release, Satisfaction, or Reconveyance Clause
	Prepayment Clause
	Other Mortgage Covenants
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Conventional Loans/Financing	
(Chapter 4)	Conventional Loans and Financing
	Traditional Conventional Loans
50 minutes	15-Year Mortgage Loans
	Conforming versus Nonconforming Loans
	Conventional Loan Products
	Conventional Loan Programs
	80% LTV Conventional Loan
	Higher LTV Loans
	Private Mortgage Insurance (PMI)
	How Private Mortgage Insurance Works
	PMI Premiums
	PMI Cancellation
	Secondary Financing
	Combined Loan-to-Value (CLTV)
Government Loan Programs	
(Chapter 5)	FHA Insured Loans
	Approved Lenders
80 minutes	HUD Homeownership Centers
	Underwriting Standards for FHA Loans
	Property Guidelines for FHA Loans
	Loan Regulations
	Mortgage Insurance Premium
	VA-Guaranteed Loans
	Eligibility
	Maximum Loan Limit
	Borrower Qualifying Standards
	Property Guidelines for VA Loans
	VA Loan Regulations
	USDA Rural Development Programs
	Section 502 Loans

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Nontraditional/Nonconforming Loans & Financing	Mortgage Products
(Chapter 6)	Jumbo Loans and B and C Borrowers
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100 minutes	
	Buydown Plans
	Permanent Buydown
	Temporary Buydown
	Limits on Interested Party Contributions and Other
	Considerations
	Adjustable Rate Mortgages
	Components of ARMs ARM Standardization
	ARM Disclosures
	ARM Disclosure Requirements for Interest Rate/Payment Changes
	Construction Loans
	Permanent Financing (Take-Out Loan)
	Subprime Loans
	The Characteristics of a Subprime Loan
	Interest Rate Components
	Underwriting Standards
	Today's Subprime Loans
	Balloon Mortgage Loans
	Home Equity Loans
	Reverse Mortgages
	Eligibility Requirements
	HUD Guidelines for Initial Funds Disbursement to a Borrower
	Amount Available with a Reverse Mortgage
	Repayment
	Seller Financing
	Seller Financing Overview
	Seller Financing Rules
	Land Contracts
	Other Forms of Creative Financing
	Homebuyer Assistance Programs
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Chapter / Projected Course Time	Topics
Federal Financial Disclosure	·
Laws	Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act (RESPA) – Regulation
(Chapter 7)	X
	Settlement Services
150 minutes	Covered Transactions
	RESPA Mortgage Servicing Final Rules
	Required Disclosures
	The TILA-RESPA Integrated Disclosures
	The Loan Estimate
	Tolerance Guidelines for the Loan Estimate
	The Closing Disclosure
	The Closing Disclosure Form
	Closing Disclosure Requirements
	Disclosures that May Be Required at Loan Consummation
	The Escrow Closing Notice
	Partial Payment Policy Disclosure
	Servicing Transfer Disclosure Statement
	Applying TILA Regulations to MLO Practices
	Truth in Lending Act – Regulation Z
	Truth in Lending Act Provisions
	Ability-to-Repay and Qualified Mortgage Rule
	Borrower Must Have Sufficient Assets or Income to Pay Back Loan
	Features of Qualified Mortgages (QM)
	Advertising Disclosures
	Homeowners Protection Act
	Exclusions
	Disclosure Provisions of the HPA
	High-Risk Loans
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Federal Privacy Protection and	
Consumer Identification Laws	Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA) – Regulation V
(Chapter 8)	Consumer Rights
` ' '	Consumer Reporting Agency Obligations
50 minutes	Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act (FACTA)
	Provisions of the FACT Act
	Red Flags Rules
	Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act (GLB Act)
	Financial Privacy Rule
	Pretexting Provisions
	USA PATRIOT Act
	Minimum Data Required
	National Do Not Call Registry
	Established Business Relationship (EBR)

Chapter / Projected Course Time	Topics
Federal Prohibition of Predatory	•
Lending	Home Ownership and Equity Protection Act (HOEPA)
(Chapter 9)	High Cost Loans
	Higher-Priced Loans
55 minutes	Balloon Payments, Late Fees, and Other Loan Terms
	Loan Originator Compensation Rule
	Prohibition Against Dual Compensation
	Bonus Compensation and
	Compensation Direct Payment
	Steering and Safe Harbor
	Guidelines for Registered Loan Originators
	Written Policies and Procedures
The SAFE Act	
(Chapter 10)	The SAFE Act – Introduction
	Objectives of the SAFE Act
35 minutes	Loan Originator Definition
	Other Definitions
	Mortgage Loan Originator Test
	Minimum Competence
	Resource Assistance
	Retaking the Exam
	License Maintenance Requirements
	Failure to Satisfy Minimum Standards
	Continuing Education for Mortgage Loan Originators
	Approved Courses
	Employer and Affiliate Educational Courses
	Educational Offerings
	Continuing Education Credits
	Reciprocity of Education
	Lapse in License
	Make-Up of Continuing Education
	SAFE Act Licensing Requirements

Chapter / Projected Course Time	Topics
Ethics in Mortgage Lending	
(Chapter 11)	Ethical and Legal Considerations
	Penalties for Unethical Behavior
150 minutes	Ethics in Advertising
	Regulation N: Prohibited Representations
	Mortgage Acts and Practices
	Misrepresentation and Material Facts
	Bait and Switch
	Unfair and Deceptive Practice
	Examining Advertisements
	Evaluating Buzzwords
	Internet Advertising
	Better Business Bureau Advertising Guidance
	Civil Rights Act of 1866
	Enforcement
	Fair Housing Act
	Fair Housing Act Exemptions
	Fair Housing Violations
	Discrimination in Mortgage Lending
	Discriminatory Practices
	Advertising Provisions
	Enforcement
	Discrimination and Same-Sex Marriage
	The Equal Credit Opportunity Act
	Considering Income Age of Applicant
	Citizenship Status and ECOA
	Credit Decisions
	Loan Application: Home Mortgage Disclosure Act Reporting
	Requirement
	Other Types of Discrimination
	Kickbacks and Referral Fees
	Allowable Fees
	Required Use
	Violations
	Mortgage Fraud
	Fraud Participants
	Flipping
	Other Types of Mortgage Fraud
	Red Flags of Mortgage Fraud
	Elder Abuse
	Fraud Enforcement
	Penalties for Mortgage Fraud
	Predatory Lending
	Predatory Lending Regulations
	Excessive Fees
	Equity Skimming
	Indicators of Predatory Lending

Chapter / Projected Course Time	Topics
Uniform State Test	
(Chapter 12)	HERA and the SAFE Act
	State Regulatory Authority
50 minutes	Title V—SAFE Act
	State Regulatory Authority Agencies
	CFPB Examinations
	Fees
	Compliance
	Prohibited Conduct and Practices
	Required Conduct
	Taking a Loan Application
	Exempt Activities – Taking a Loan Application
	Required Conduct: Offering or Negotiating the Terms of a Loan
	Exempt Activities – Offering or Negotiating Loan Terms
	Required Conduct: For Compensation or Gain
	Exempt Activities – Not for Compensation or Gain
	Required Conduct: Engaging in the Business of an MLO
	Exempt Activities – Engaging in Business of MLO
	Loan Processing/Underwriting Activities that Require Licensing
	Loan Processing/Underwriting Activities that Do Not Require
	Licensing
	Other Circumstances That Require a State MLO License
	Other Circumstances That Do Not Require a State MLO
	License
	Advertising
Selected Consumer Protection	
Regulations	RESPA
(Chapter 13)	Mortgage Servicing
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50 minutes	Foreclosures/Modifications
	Mortgage Assistance Relief Services (MARS)
	FTC Safeguards Rule
	Provisions
	Definition of Consumer and Customer
	Bank Secrecy Act (BSA)
	Application to Banking/Mortgage Industry
	Requirements for Reporting
	Anti-Money Laundering (AML)
	AML Information

Chapter / Projected Course Time	Topics
Financials and Calculations	
Review	Periodic Interest
Chapter 14	Prepaid Expenses
•	Payments
50 minutes	Down Payment
	Loan-to-Value
	Income Calculations
	Hourly Wage
	Bi-Weekly Salary
	Semi-Monthly Salary
	PITI Payments
	Debt-to-Income Ratios
	Temporary and Fixed Interest Rate Buydown – Discount Points
	Acquisition Cost
	Closing Costs
	ARMs – Fully Indexed Rate
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The Successful Mortgage Loan	Real Estate Appraisals
Closing	Appraisal Approaches
Chapter 15	Reconciliation
	Updating or Recertifying an Appraisal
50 minutes	Property Insurance
	Lender's Interest
	Flood Insurance
	Private Mortgage Insurance
	PMI Cancellation
	Title Insurance
	Chain of Title
	Title Insurance
	Closing
	Closing Procedures
	At the Closing
	Closing Disclosure Reconciliation
	Proration
	Mortgage Interest Payment
	Mortgage Loan Originator Challenges
	Consumer Information and Communication Protocols
	MLO Conflict of Interest
	Mortgage Fraud Scenarios
	Addressing a Borrower's Undisclosed Income
	Addressing the Receipt of a Gift by the Borrower
	Borrower Applying with Other Mortgage Companies
	Simultaneously
	Changes to the Application During the Loan Process
	Handling Third-Party Inquiries
	Permissible Acts Regarding a Client's Property Appraisal
	Utilizing a Power of Attorney
Final Exam	Two 25 questions final exams provided.
	Must pass with 70%.
20 minutes	If student fails first exam, use 2 <sup>nd</sup> exam for retake.
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