Department of Consumer Credit announces mortgage lender license

OKLAHOMA CITY, OK- The Oklahoma Department of Consumer Credit has announced the establishment of a mortgage lender license, effective November 1, 2013. The mortgage lender license was established by Oklahoma House Bill 1828, which amends the Oklahoma Secure and Fair Enforcement for Mortgage Licensing Act (Oklahoma SAFE Act), at 59 O.S. §§ 2095-2095.25.

An entity that takes an application for a residential mortgage loan, makes a residential mortgage loan or services a residential mortgage loan will be required to obtain a mortgage lender license if the entity has direct endorsement underwriting authority granted by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development or is an approved or authorized Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac seller or servicer or is an approved or authorized issuer for Ginnie Mae. An entity that satisfies the definition of both a mortgage lender and a mortgage broker under the Oklahoma SAFE Act will only be required to obtain a mortgage lender license.

Mortgage lenders will be required to obtain a license through the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System (NMLS), maintain a $100,000 bond for ensuring compliance with the Oklahoma SAFE Act, maintain a minimum net worth of $25,000, pay an initial license fee to the Department in the amount of $1,660.00 and be subject to both financial and performance examinations by the Department. An entity currently licensed as a mortgage broker that is required to obtain a mortgage lender license will not be required to pay an initial mortgage lender license application fee to the Department. NMLS processing fees will be applicable.

Additional information regarding the mortgage lender license will be available on the Department's Internet website, www.ok.gov/okdocc, and the NMLS website after August 1, 2013. Current mortgage licensees will be contacted via electronic mail regarding mortgage lender licensing requirements and instructions.