

16a-2-302. (UCCC) License to make supervised loans; registration for residential mortgage loan

originator fees. (1) (a) The administrator shall receive and act on all applications for licenses to make supervised loans and all applications for residential mortgage loan originator registrations under this act. Applications shall be filed in the manner prescribed by the administrator and shall contain the information the administrator may require by rule and regulation to make an evaluation of the financial responsibility, character and fitness of the applicant.

(b) Submitted with each application shall be a nonrefundable application fee. Application, license and registration fees shall be in such amounts as are established pursuant to subsection (5) of K.S.A. 16a-6-104, and amendments thereto. The license year shall be the calendar year. Each license shall be nonrefundable and nonassignable, and shall remain in force until surrendered, suspended or revoked.

(c) The administrator shall remit all moneys received under K.S.A. 16a-1-101 to 16a-6-414, inclusive, and amendments thereto, to the state treasurer in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 75-4215, and amendments thereto. Upon receipt of each such remittance, the state treasurer shall deposit the entire amount in the state treasury. Of each deposit 10% shall be credited to the state general fund and the balance shall be credited to the bank commissioner fee fund. All expenditures from such fund shall be made in accordance with appropriation acts upon warrants of the director of accounts and reports issued pursuant to vouchers approved by the administrator or by a person or persons designated by the administrator.

(d) Every licensee and registrant shall, on or before the first day of January, pay to the administrator the license or registration fee prescribed under this subsection (1) for each license or registration held for the succeeding license year. Failure to pay the fee within the time prescribed shall automatically revoke the license or registration.

(2) No license or registration shall be issued unless the administrator, upon investigation, finds that the financial responsibility, character and fitness of the applicant, and of the members thereof if the applicant is a copartnership or association and of the officers and directors thereof, if the applicant is a corporation, are such as to warrant belief that the business will be operated honestly and fairly within the purposes of this act. The administrator shall not base a registration denial solely on the applicant's credit score. An applicant meets the minimum standard of financial responsibility for engaging in the business of making supervised loans, under subsection (1) of K.S.A. 16a-2-301, and amendments thereto, only if:

(a) The applicant has filed with the administrator a proper surety bond of at least \$100,000 which has been approved by the administrator. The bond must provide within its terms that the bond shall not expire for two years after the date of the surrender, revocation or expiration of the subject license, whichever shall first occur. The required surety bond may not be canceled by the licensee without providing the administrator at least 30 days' prior written notice, provided that such cancellation shall not affect the surety's liability for violations of the uniform consumer credit code occurring prior to the effective date of cancellation and principal and surety shall be and remain liable for a period of two years from the date of any action or inaction of the principal that gives rise to a claim under the bond; and

(b) the applicant provides evidence in a form and manner prescribed by the administrator that establishes the applicant will maintain a satisfactory minimum net worth, as determined by the administrator, to engage in credit transactions of the nature proposed by the applicant. Such net worth requirements shall be established by the administrator pursuant to rule and regulation and shall not exceed \$500,000 for each applicant or licensee.

(3) The administrator may deny any application or renewal for a supervised loan license or a residential mortgage loan originator registration, if the administrator finds:

(a) There is a refusal to furnish information required by the administrator within a reasonable time as fixed by the administrator; or

(b) any of the factors stated as grounds for denial, revocation or suspension of a license in K.S.A. 16a-2-303 or K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 16a-2-303a, and amendments thereto.

(4) Upon written request the applicant is entitled to a hearing on the question of license qualifications if: (a) The administrator has notified the applicant in writing that the application has been denied; or (b) the administrator has not issued a license within 60 days after the application for the license was filed. A request for a hearing may not be made more than 15 days after the administrator has mailed a writing to the applicant notifying the applicant that the application has been denied and stating in substance the administrator's findings supporting denial of the application.

(5) The administrator shall adopt rules and regulations regarding whether a licensee shall be required to obtain a single license for each place of business or whether a licensee may obtain a master license for all of its places of business, and in so doing the administrator may differentiate between licensees located in this state and licensees located elsewhere. Each license shall remain in full force and effect until surrendered, suspended or revoked.

(6) No licensee shall change the location of any place of business without giving the administrator at least 15 days prior written notice.

(7) A licensee may conduct the business of making loans for personal, family or household purposes only at or from any place of business for which the licensee holds a license and not under any other name than that in the license. Loans made pursuant to a lender credit card do not violate this subsection.

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