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To: Mortgage Brokers
Loan Officers
Mortgage Bankers
Financial Services Companies
Financial Services Company Exclusive Agents
Education Providers
CC: TDSML Listserv
Subject: Important Notice from TDSML (03/12/2010)

Re: Certification Eligibility of Pre-Licensure Education

*** Action May Be Required ***

This correspondence serves to notify Mortgage Brokers, Loan Officers, and Financial Services Company Exclusive Agents that a list of those who may be eligible to have their pre-licensure education certified has been placed in the SAFE & NMLS Information section of our website (titled *Certification Eligibility of Pre-Licensure Education*):

http://www.sml.state.tx.us/publications/important_information/eligible_to_certify_prelicensure_education.pdf. You would look here if you have questions about whether you'll be able to have certified the 20 hours of education required for a license to be issued through the NMLS.

The list will be updated on a weekly basis. If your name is not on the list, it may be because the list has not yet been updated or because you do not have the minimum 20 hours of required education on your licensing file to transition from SML to the NMLS.

For your convenience, here is a link to the NMLS Resource Page. From there you can click on "Education" from the link of Popular Links to find information on approved NMLS pre-licensing courses: <http://mortgage.nationwidelicensingsystem.org/Pages/default.aspx>.

If you have less than the 20 hours of approved education and need just a few hours to complete them, you can find SML approved course providers at: <http://www.sml.state.tx.us:8080/educ/query.jsp>.

Important information regarding the certification of pre-licensing education is as follows:

- Any education (Core, Ethics, or CE) filed on your record with SML on or after 01/01/2004 can be approved as meeting the pre-licensing requirement of 20 hours of NMLS-approved education
- Certification is only available to current SML licensees and registrants
- Education certificates must be on file with SML (that is, **posted to your record!**) **prior to 08/31/2010**. Any certificates coming into the department after 08/31/2010 will be ineligible for education certification
- You must file your MU4 prior to 08/31/2010 to be eligible for certification
- Education certificates can be faxed to SML's Division of Licensing at 512-475-1360.

If you have any questions, you may contact the Texas Department of Savings and Mortgage Lending, Licensing Division, via e-mail at licensing@sml.state.tx.us or phone at 512-475-1350.