

### **CHECKLIST SECTIONS**

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### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

# Who Is Required to Have This License?

Companies whose main office location will NOT be engaging in Mississippi check cashing activity should submit a MS Check Cashing Company Registration New Application and review the requirements below. The remaining locations should be designated as a "Branch." See the MS Check Cashing Branch License New Application Checklist for more information.

Section 75-67-501 authorizes the MS Department of Banking to license and regulate this activity.

### **Activities Authorized Under This License**

This license authorizes the following activities...

- Payday lending- storefront
- o Payday lending- online
- Check cashing

# **Pre-Requisites for License Applications**

None

MS Department of Banking and Consumer Finance does not issue paper licenses for this license type.

# **Document Uploads Guidance**

Documents that must be uploaded to the *Document Uploads* section of the Company Form (MU1) in NMLS are indicated in the checklist below. When uploading documents:

- Follow the guidance in Document Upload Descriptions and Examples.
- Only upload documents relevant to the company application.
- Only upload documents where there is a selectable document category. If inappropriate documents
  are uploaded that should not be, you will be contacted by your regulator and asked to remove them
  from NMLS.

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- Do not upload the same company documents multiple times. Generally, unless the document is state-specific, if the document has already been uploaded for another state, a new upload is not required unless changes have been made.
- If a document previously uploaded has been revised, delete the old document and replace it with the new document (history of the old document will remain in NMLS).
- For state-specific documents (e.g., Surety Bonds), be sure to indicate the applicable state.

# **Helpful Resources**

- Company Form (MU1) Filing Instructions
- Document Upload Descriptions and Examples
- Individual Form (MU2) Filing Quick Guide
- Financial Statements Quick Guide
- Payment Options Quick Guide
- License Status Definitions Quick Guide

# **Agency Contact Information**

Contact <u>Consumer Finance Division</u> licensing staff by phone at <u>601-321-6901</u> or send your questions via email to <u>consumer@dbcf.ms.gov</u> for additional assistance.

*For U.S. Postal Service:* 

Consumer Finance Division P.O. Box 12129 Jackson, MS 39236 For Overnight Delivery:

Consumer Finance Division 4780 I-55 North, Fifth Floor Jackson, MS 39211

THE APPLICANT/LICENSEE IS FULLY RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE LICENSE FOR WHICH THEY ARE APPLYING. THE AGENCY SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS CONTAINED HEREIN ARE FOR GUIDANCE ONLY TO FACILITATE APPLICATION THROUGH NMLS. SHOULD YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONSULT LEGAL COUNSEL.

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LICENSE FEES - Fees collected through NMLS are NOT REFUNDABLE OR TRANSFERABLE.			
Complete	MS Check Cashing Registration	Submitted via	
Note	MS License/Registration Fee: \$0  NMLS Initial Processing Fee: \$0	N/A	

REQUIREMENTS COMPLETED IN NMLS			
Complete	MS Check Cashing Registration	Submitted via	
	<b>Submission of Company Form (MU1):</b> Complete and submit the Company Form (MU1) in NMLS. This form serves as the application for the license/registration through NMLS.	NMLS	
	<b>Financial Statements:</b> Upload a financial statement prepared signed by an executive officer in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles dated within 90 days of your fiscal year end. Financial statements should include a balance sheet, income statement, and statement of cash flows and all relevant notes thereto. If applicant is a start-up company, only an initial statement of condition is required.	NMLS	
	The financial statement must illustrate a company net worth of \$20,000 for the first location and \$5,000.00 for each additional location.  Note: Financial statements are uploaded separately under the Filing tab and Financial Statement submenu link. See the Financial Statements Quick Guide		
	for instructions.		
	Other Trade Name: If operating under a name that is different from the applicant's legal name, that name ("Trade Name", "Assumed Name" or "DBA") must be listed under the <i>Other Trade Names</i> section of the Company Form (MU1). MS does not limit the number of other trade names.	NMLS	
	Primary Contact Employees: The following individuals must be entered into the Contact Employees section of the Company Form (MU1).  1. Primary Company Contact.  2. Primary Consumer Complaint Contact.	NMLS	

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	Non-Primary Contact Employees: MS Department of Banking and Consumer Finance requires that an individual(s) be identified as a Non-Primary Contact for the following areas. These contacts must be listed in the Contact Employees section of the Company Form (MU1).  1. Licensing 2. Exam Delivery 3. Consumer Complaint (Regulator) 4. Legal	NMLS
	Approvals and Designation: Enter the company's FinCEN Registration Confirmation Number and Filing Date in the Approvals and Designation section of the Company Form (MU1).	NMLS
Note	<b>Bank Account:</b> Bank account information is not required. The <i>Bank Account</i> section of the Company Form (MU1) can be left blank.	N/A
	Disclosure Questions: Provide a complete and detailed explanation and document upload for each "Yes" response to Disclosure Questions made by the company or related control persons (MU2).  See the Company Disclosure Explanations Quick Guide for instructions.	Upload in NMLS in the Disclosure Explanations section of the Company Form (MU1) or Individual Form (MU2).
Note	<b>Qualifying Individual:</b> The <i>Qualifying Individual</i> section is not required to be completed for MS on the Company Form (MU1).	N/A
	Control Person (MU2) Attestation: Complete the Individual Form (MU2) in NMLS. This form must be attested to by the applicable control person before it is able to be submitted along with the Company Form (MU1).	NMLS
Note	<b>Credit Report:</b> Individuals in a position of control are NOT required to authorize a credit report through NMLS.	N/A
	MU2 Individual FBI Criminal Background Check Requirements: The following Individuals, as specified below, on the Company Form (MU1) are required to authorize a FBI criminal background check (CBC) through NMLS.  Direct Owners  All Direct Owners  After authorizing a FBI criminal background check through the submission of the Company Form (MU1) and Individual Form (MU2), you must schedule an appointment to be fingerprinted if new prints are required.  See the Criminal Background Check section of the NMLS Resource Center for more information.  Note: If you are able to 'Use Existing Prints' to process the FBI criminal background check, you DO NOT have to schedule an appointment. NMLS will automatically submit the fingerprints on file.	NMLS

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REQUIREMENTS/DOCUMENTS UPLOADED IN NMLS			
Complete	MS Check Cashing Registration	Submitted via	
	Certificate of Authority/Good Standing Certificate: Upload a State-issued and approved document (typically by the Secretary of State's office), dated not more than 60 days prior to the filing of the application through NMLS that demonstrates authorization to do business in MS.  This document should be named [[State prefix] Certificate of Authority OR [State prefix] Certificate of Good Standing].	Upload in NMLS: under the Document Type Certificate of Authority/Good Standing Certificate in the Document Uploads section of the Company Form (MU1).	

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**Formation Documents:** Determine classification of applicant's legal status and submit a State certified copy of the requested applicable documentation detailed below. Original formation documents and all subsequent amendments, thereto including a list of any name changes.

### **Sole Proprietor**

# **Unincorporated Association:**

• By-Laws or constitution (including all amendments).

### **General Partnership:**

Partnership Agreement (including all amendments).

### **Limited Liability Partnership:**

- Certificate of Limited Liability Partnership; and
- Partnership Agreement (including all amendments).

# **Limited Partnership:**

- Certificate of Limited Partnership; and
- Partnership Agreement (including all amendments).

### **Limited Liability Limited Partnership:**

- Certificate of Limited Liability Limited Partnership; and
- Partnership Agreement (including all amendments).

# **Limited Liability Company ("LLC"):**

- Articles of Organization (including all amendments);
- Operating Agreement (including all amendments);
- IRS Form 2553 or IRS Form 8832 if S-corp treatment elected; and
- LLC resolution if authority not in operating agreement.

### **Corporation:**

- Articles of Incorporation (including all amendments);
- By-laws (including all amendments), if applicable;
- Shareholder Agreement (including all amendments), if applicable;
- IRS Form 2553 if S-corp treatment elected; and
- Corporate resolution if authority to complete application not in By-Laws or Shareholder Agreement, as amended, as applicable.

# **Not for Profit Corporation**

- Documents requested of a Corporation; and
- Proof of nonprofit status
  - o Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") 501(c)(3) designation letter; or
  - statement from a State taxing body or the State attorney general certifying that: (i) the entity is a nonprofit organization operating within the State; and (ii) no part of the entity's net earnings may lawfully benefit any private shareholder or individual; or
  - entity's certificate of incorporation or similar document if it clearly establishes the nonprofit status of the applicant; or
  - Any of the three preceding items described, if that item applies to a
     State or national parent organization, together with a statement by
     the State or parent organization that the applicant is a local nonprofit
     affiliate.

### Trust (Statutory)

- Certificate of Trust; and
- Governing instrument (all amendments).

Upload in NMLS: under the Document Type Formation Document in the Document Uploads section of the Company Form (MU1).

This document should be named Formation Documentation [Date of Creation (MM-DD-YYYY)].

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# Electronic Surety Bond: Submit a company bond in the amount of \$10,000 furnished by a surety company authorized to conduct business in MS. All licensed branches should be included in the total coverage amount of the ESB. The name of the principal insured on the bond must match exactly the full legal name of the applicant, including any Other Trade Names. See the ESB Adoption Table and the ESB for NMLS Licensees page of the NMLS Recourse Center for more information. Note: Surety bonds submitted via the Document Uploads section will not satisfy this requirement. INDIVIDUAL (MU2) DOCUMENTS UPLOADED IN NMLS

No individual (MU2) documents are required to be uploaded into NMLS for this license/registration at this time.

REQUIREMENTS SUBMITTED OUTSIDE OF NMLS		
Complete	MS Check Cashing Registration	Submitted via
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