## **CHECKLIST SECTIONS**

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- License Fees
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- Requirements/Documents Uploaded in NMLS
- Requirements Submitted Outside of NMLS

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

### Who Is Required To Have This License?

"Debt management service provider" means a person that provides or offers to provide to a consumer in this state any debt management services, in return for a fee or other consideration.

## § 81-22-5. Licensure and annual relicensure

(1) Licensure and relicensure. No person or entity may act as a debt management service provider with respect to consumers who are residents of this state without a license issued under this chapter. The license application must be in a form prescribed by the commissioner.

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

This license authorizes the following activities...

- Debt management/credit counseling
- Credit Repair

### **Pre-Requisites for License Applications**

None.

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

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### **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 <u>Document Upload Descriptions and Examples</u>.
- 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.
- 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>Mississippi Department of Banking and Consumer Finance</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, 5<sup>th</sup> 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 Debt Management Service Provider License	Submitted via	
	MS Application Fee: \$750  NMLS Initial Processing Fee: \$0	NMLS (Filing submission)	

REQUIREMENTS COMPLETED IN NMLS		
Complete	MS Debt Management Service Provider License	Submitted via
	Submission of Company Form (MU1): Complete and submit the Company Form (MU1) in NMLS. This form serves as the application for the license/registration through NMLS.	NMLS
	Financial Statements: Upload an audited or unaudited financial statement for the most recent fiscal year prepared by a Certified Public Accountant/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.  Note: Financial statements are uploaded separately under the Filing tab and	NMLS
	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 Other Trade Names section of the Company Form (MU1). Mississippi Department of Banking and Consumer Finance does not limit the number of other trade names.	NMLS
	Resident/Registered Agent: The Resident/Registered Agent must be listed under the Resident/Registered Agent section of the Company Form (MU1).	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: Mississippi 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).	NMLS
	1. Exam Billing	
	2. Licensing	
	3. Consumer Complaint (Public)	
	4. Exam Delivery	
	5. Consumer Complaint (Regulator)	
	6. Legal	
	7. Off-Site Exam Contact	
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	Qualifying Individual: The Qualifying Individual 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
Note	MU2 Individual FBI Criminal Background Check Not Required Through NMLS: Direct Owners/Executive Officers, Indirect Owners, and Qualifying Individuals are NOT required to authorize a FBI criminal background check (CBC) through NMLS.	N/A

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	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 the applicant's state of formation and/or 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).
	Debt Management Agreement: Upload a MS specific written contract, plan or agreement between a debt management provider and a consumer for performance of debt management services. One agreement uploaded per State.  This document should be named [MS] Debt Management Agreement.	Upload in NMLS: under Debt Management Agreement in the Document Uploads section of the Company Form (MU1).
	Surety Bond: Submit company bond in the amount of \$50,000 furnished by a surety company authorized to conduct business in Mississippi. The name of the principal insured on the bond must match exactly the full legal name of applicant, including any Other Trade Names. Click here to access the Surety Bond Form.  This document should be named [License Type] Surety Bond.	Upload in NMLS: under Surety Bond in the Document Uploads section of the Company Form (MU1).
INDIVIDUA	.L (MU2) DOCUMENTS UPLOADED IN NMLS	also be mailed to the agency.
	al (MU2) documents are required to be uploaded into NMLS for this license/registr	ation at this time.

REQUIREMENTS SUBMITTED OUTSIDE OF NMLS			
Complete	MS Debt Management Service Provider License	Submitted via	
No items are required to be submitted outside of NMLS for this license/registration at this time.			

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