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GENERAL INFORMATION

Who Is Required to Have This License?

Any company or person who engages in the business of check cashing and receives compensation for such activity of at least \$500.00 within a 30-day period. Check cashing includes taking payment instruments or prepaid access, other than traveler's checks, in exchange for money, payment instruments, or prepaid access.

Any company or person who engages in the business of exchanging money of one government for the money of another government and receives revenues from such activity that is equal to or greater than 5% of total revenues.

All other locations, including limited stations and mobile units, owned and operated by the applicant must be separately registered and must submit a Branch Form (MU3) application through NMLS to obtain such registration.

See 8 V.S.A. Chapter 72, General Provisions and 8 V.S.A. Chapter 79, Money Services Act, for more information.

Vermont Department of Financial Regulation does not issue an electronic license or a paper license for this license type. Approval in NMLS serves as the official record.

Activities Authorized Under This License

This license authorizes the following activities as defined by NMLS on the **Business Activities Definitions** chart:

- Check cashing
- o Foreign currency dealing or exchanging

Pre-Requisites for License Applications

- Vermont Secretary of State Registration
- The applicant, and each officer, director, and qualifying/responsible person of, and each person in control of, the applicant, has never had a financial services license or similar license revoked in any governmental jurisdiction, except that a subsequent formal vacation of such revocation shall not be deemed a revocation.

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 The applicant, and each officer, director, and qualifying/responsible person of, and each person in control of, the applicant, has not been convicted of, or pled guilty or nolo contendere to, a felony in a domestic, foreign, or military court.

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.
- Do not upload the same company documents multiple times. Unless the document is state-specific,
 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, be sure to indicate the applicable state.

Helpful Resources

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

Agency Contact Information

Contact *Vermont Department of Financial Regulation* licensing staff by phone at (802) 828-3307 or send your questions via email to dfr.licensing@vermont.gov for additional assistance.

For U.S. Postal Service:

Vermont Department of Financial Regulation
Banking Division
89 Main Street
Montpelier, VT 05620-3101

For Overnight Delivery:

Vermont Department of Financial Regulation Banking Division 89 Main Street, 2nd Floor Montpelier, VT 05602

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	VT Check Cashing & Currency Exchange License	Submitted via
	VT License/Registration Fee: \$500.00 VT Application Fee: \$500.00 NMLS Initial Processing Fee: \$0	NMLS (Filing submission)
	Credit Report for Control Persons: \$15 per control person.	NMLS (Filing submission)
	FBI Criminal Background Check for MU2 Individual: \$36.25 per person.	NMLS (Filing submission)

REQUIREMENTS COMPLETED IN NMLS		
Complete	VT Check Cashing & Currency Exchange 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 a financial statement prepared 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 the applicant is a start-up company, only an initial statement of condition is required. Additional Audited Financial Statements: Upload audited financial statements prepared in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles for the applicant's prior two fiscal years. Parent company financial statements (see below) should be submitted directly to the Department and not uploaded in NMLS.	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 Other Trade Names section of the Company Form (MU1) and a separate license type (i.e. VT Check Cashing & Currency Exchange License – Other Trade Name #) is required. Vermont Licensees are permitted to use only one other trade name for each license obtained. Therefore, please be advised that applicants must hold a separate VT Check Cashing & Currency Exchange - Other Trade Name license for each other trade name listed in the Other Trade Names section of the Company Form (MU1). Vermont Department of Financial Regulation does not allow more than one (1) other trade name for VT Check Cashing & Currency	NMLS

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Exchange Licensees.	
The Other Trade Name [#] license type should be consistent for all other locations using the same "Trade Name", "Assumed Name" or "DBA." For example, VT Check Cashing & Currency Exchange - Other Trade Name #1 is used to obtain a license using the Trade Name "ABC Entity", then all future license requests for use of the Trade Name "ABC Entity" should use Other Trade Name #1.	
Note: If operating under an "Other Trade Name", upload the Vermont Secretary of State Certificate of Trade Name Registration regarding ability to do business under that trade name (see below).	
Resident/Registered Agent: The Registered Agent must be listed under the Resident/Registered Agent section of the Company Form (MU1) and must match the information currently on record with the Vermont Secretary of State.	NMLS
Primary Contact Employees : The following individuals must be entered into the <i>Contact Employees</i> section of the Company Form (MU1).	NMLS
Primary Company Contact - Enter the person the Department should contact for questions regarding the application and licensing issues.	
Primary Consumer Complaint Contact - Enter person the Department should contact to process a consumer complaint.	
Non-Primary Contact Employees: Vermont Department of Financial Regulation 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. Exam Delivery 2. Pre-Exam Contact	NMLS
Books and Records: Be sure to add Vermont to the Jurisdiction Section for Books & Records on the MU1.	NMLS
Bank Account: Identify the Business Account/Operating Account that the company uses for Vermont check cashing & currency exchange activities in the Bank Account section of the company form MU1. The account must be in the name of the applicant.	NMLS
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).
Direct Owner/Executive Officers: The individual(s) and person(s) below must be listed in the Direct Owner/Executive Officers section of Company Form (MU1). • All persons who, directly or indirectly, have the right to vote 10% or	NMLS

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 more of a class of voting security or power to sell or direct the sale thereof. Members of the applicant's governing body, including Board of Directors Executive Officers – must include at a minimum all individuals who perform, regardless of title, the functions of chief executive officer (CEO), chief financial officer (CFO), chief operations officer (COO), chief compliance officer (CCO), chief information/technology officer (CIO/CTO), bank secrecy act officer (BSA), and other similar positions. An applicant that fails to provide individuals with the aforementioned designations will be deemed incomplete. Note: The applicant's name as it appears on the Company Form (MU1) must be entered in either the Employment History section or Other Business section of each individual's MU2 to reflect the individual's role with the applicant. 	
 Indirect Owner: The person(s) below must be listed in the Indirect Officers section of Company Form (MU1). Corporation - each of the shareholders that beneficially owns, has the right to vote, or has the power to sell or direct the sale of, 25% or more of a class of voting security of that corporation. Limited Liability Corporation - all elected or appointed managers, if managed by elected or appointed managers, and all members that have the right to receive upon dissolution, or have contributed, 25% or more of the LLC's capital. Partnership - all general partners and those limited and special partners that have the right to receive upon dissolution, or have contributed, 25% or more of the partnership's capital. Trust - the trust and each trustee. Continue up the chain of ownership listing all 25% or more owners at each level of ownership. Only once a public reporting company, a credit union, a bank or a bank holding company regulated by a Federal Banking or Credit Union Regulator, or a natural person is reached, no ownership information further up the chain of ownership need be given. 	NMLS
Qualifying Individual: A manager is required for the main corporate location. This individual must be listed in the <i>Qualifying Individual</i> section of Company Form (MU1). Note: The applicant's name as it appears on the Company Form (MU1) must be entered in either the Employment History section or Other Business section of the individual's MU2, and the business address must match the applicant's company address on the Company Form (MU1). The Qualifying Individual must provide a criminal background check and credit report.	NMLS
MU2 Attestation: Complete the Individual Form (MU2) in NMLS. This form must be attested to by each person before it is able to be submitted along with the Company Form (MU1).	NMLS

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	Credit Report: All individuals completing an Individual Form (MU2) are required to authorize a credit report through NMLS. Individuals will be required to complete an Identity Verification Process (IDV) along with an individual attestation before a license request for your company can be filed through NMLS. This authorization is made when the Individual Form (MU2) is submitted as part of the Company Form (MU1).	NMLS
	MU2 Individual FBI Criminal Background Check Requirements: The following Individuals, as specified below, on the Company Form (MU1) are required to authorize an FBI criminal background check (CBC) through NMLS. Direct Owners: Natural persons who, directly or indirectly, own 10% or more of the applicant. Executive Officers: Executive Officers (CEO, President, CFO, COO, CIO, CCO) or those serving similar functions, and any others required by the commissioner. Indirect Owners: Natural persons who own 25% or more of a direct or indirect owner. Qualifying Individuals: All Qualifying Individuals unless licensed as a Vermont mortgage loan originator. After authorizing an 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 Quick Guides - Company section of the NMLS Resource Center for more information. Note: The Individual must grant Vermont authorization to view the CBC results at the time the CBC is requested. Vermont cannot view CBC results that are generated BEFORE Vermont has been granted access. If results are generated before Vermont is granted access, Vermont cannot view the results and the MU2 individual will be required to request and pay for another CBC.	NMLS
Note	Surety Bond: Vermont does not require a surety bond for a check cashing & currency exchange license.	N/A

REQUIREMENTS/DOCUMENTS UPLOADED IN NMLS		
Complete	VT Check Cashing & Currency Exchange License	Submitted via
	Additional Requirements: Upload the following documents specific to Vermont. • Vermont Activity Affidavit: Upload an affidavit, signed and dated by an officer of the firm on official letterhead, indicating whether or not business has been conducted with any Vermont clients. If the applicant has transacted business with Vermont clients, provide directly to dfr.licensing@vermont.gov a list of accounts including client(s) name, address, telephone number, and the amount(s) involved, as well as any fees earned by the firm. This document should be named Vermont Activity for Vermont.	Upload in NMLS: under Additional Requirements in the Document Uploads section of the Company Form (MU1).

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AML/BSA Policy: Upload the applicant's Anti-Money Laundering (AML) / Bank Secrecy Act (BSA) Policy and the most recent independent review of the applicant's AML program. This document should be named Internally Approved Date mm-dd-yyyy.	Upload in NMLS: under the Document Type AML/BSA Policy in the Document Uploads section of the Company Form (MU1).
 Business Plan: Upload a business plan outlining the following information: Marketing strategies Products Target markets Fee schedule Operating structure the applicant intends to employ. This document should be named [Company Legal Name] Business Plan. Note: If the existing uploaded business plan already includes the above information, an additional document does not need to be uploaded. A company should only upload a single business plan. If state-specific material is required, this information should be added to the existing uploaded business plan. 	Upload in NMLS: under the Document Type Business Plan in the Document Uploads section of the Company Form (MU1).
Certificate of Authority/Good Standing Certificate: Upload a State approved document issued by the Vermont 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 State of Vermont. This document should be named [VT Certificate of Authority].	Upload in NMLS: under the Document Type Certificate of Authority/Good Standing Certificate in the Document Uploads section of the Company Form (MU1).
 Company Staffing and Internal Policies: Upload document(s) including state required information on staffing and internal organizational policies and procedures. These document(s) must include the following information: Financial Privacy Policy [Vermont requires that entities with access to non-public, private information protect that information in an appropriate manner. This policy should describe how the firm protects personal identifiable information] This document(s) should be named [Name of Policy]. Note: Do not include the AML/BSA Policy, which is a separate document and should be uploaded under the Document Type AML/BSA Policy in the Document Uploads section of the Company Form (MU1). 	Upload in NMLS: under the Document Type Company Staffing and Internal Policies in the Document Uploads section of the Company Form (MU1).
Document Samples: Upload copies of the following sample documents used in the regular course of business in connection with this license: A specimen form of the receipt or other evidence of service for check cashing or currency exchange which the applicant will provide to the customer that includes the amount of the payment instrument and the total fee charged.	Upload in NMLS: under Document Samples in the Document Uploads section of the Company Form (MU1).

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	These documents should be named [Name of Document Sample].	
	Formation Documents: Determine classification of applicant's legal status and submit a State certified copy of the requested applicable documentation detailed below. Be sure to include the original formation documents and all subsequent amendments, thereto including a list of any name changes.	Upload in NMLS: under Formation Document" in the Document Uploads section of the Company
	This document should be named Formation Documentation [Date of Creation (MM-DD-YYYY)].	Form (MU1).
	Sole Proprietor	
	Business registration if available.	
	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.	
	Limited Partnership:	
	Certificate of Limited Partnership; and Destroyship Agreement (including all amondments)	
	 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);	
П	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	
	o 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.	

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Trust (Statutory) Certificate of Trust; and Governing instrument (all amendments).	
Management Chart: Submit a Management Chart displaying the applicant's directors, officers, and managers (individual name and title). The chart must identify the individuals responsible for compliance reporting and internal audit. This document should be named [Company Legal Name] Management Chart. Note: If the existing uploaded management chart already includes the above information, an additional document does not need to be uploaded. A company should only upload a single management chart.	Upload in NMLS: under Management Chart in the Document Uploads section of the Company Form (MU1).
Organizational Chart/Description: Submit a chart showing (or a description which includes) the percentage of ownership of all natural persons or entities that have a 10% or greater, direct or indirect, ownership interest: • Direct Owners • Indirect Owners • Subsidiaries and Affiliates of the applicant/licensee This document should be named [Company Legal Name] Organizational Chart – Description. Note: If the existing uploaded Organizational Chart/Description already includes the above information, an additional document does not need to be uploaded. A company should only upload a single management chart.	Upload in NMLS: under Organizational Chart/Description in the Document Uploads section of the Company Form (MU1).
Other Trade Name: If operating under an "Other Trade Name", upload the Vermont Secretary of State Certificate of Trade Name Registration regarding ability to do business under that trade name. This document should be named VT Check Cashing & Currency Exchange License Trade Name / Assumed Name. Note: Operating under an "Other Trade Name" in Vermont requires a separate license.	Upload in NMLS: under the Document Type Trade Name/Assumed Name Registration Certificates in the Document Uploads section of the Company Form (MU1).

INDIVIDUAL FORM (MU2) DOCUMENTS UPLOADED IN NMLS		
Complete	VT Check Cashing & Currency Exchange License	Submitted via
	Credit Report Explanations: If applicable, submit a line by line, detailed letter of explanation of all derogatory credit accounts along with proof of payoffs, payment arrangements and evidence of payments made, or evidence of any formal dispute filed (documents must be dated). Accounts to address include, but are not limited to: state and federal tax liens, civil judgements, collections items, charge offs, accounts currently past due, accounts with serious delinquencies in the last 3 years, repossessions, loan modifications, etc. Note: Items regarding bankruptcy, foreclosure actions, outstanding judgments or liens, or delinquent child support payments should be addressed in the	Upload in NMLS: under the Document Type Credit Report Explanations in the Document Uploads section of the Individual Form (MU2).

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	Disclosure Explanations section of your Individual Form (MU2). This document should be named Credit Report Explanations – Sub Name – Document Creation Date.	
	Legal Name/Status Documentation: Upload legal documentation of legal name or legal status. This may be certified copies of divorce decree, marriage certificate, copy of driver's license, passports, birth certificate, etc. This document should be named [Document Name] (Ex. Driver's License, Marriage Certificate, etc.).	Upload in NMLS: under the Document Type Legal Name/Status Documentation in the Document Uploads section of the Individual Form (MU2).
REQUIREM	IENTS SUBMITTED OUTSIDE OF NMLS	
Complete	VT Check Cashing & Currency Exchange License	Submitted via
	MU2 Individual Credit Report Requirements: Any natural person who has completed an Individual Form (MU2) and does not or has not resided in the US for at least the last 10 consecutive years, must provide a comprehensive credit report/history prepared by an independent third-party credit reporting agency in the country where the individual resides/resided, and submit it directly to the Department. Note: If the report is issued in a language other than English, please attach a translation.	Email to VT: dfr.licensing@vermont.gov
	 MU2 Individual Criminal Background Check Requirements: Any natural person who is required to submit an FBI Criminal Background Check and does not or has not resided in the US for at least the last 10 consecutive years, must provide an investigative background report prepared by an independent third party search firm and submit it directly to the Department. At a minimum, the report must contain the following: Criminal records for the past 7 years, including felonies, misdemeanors and violations including a search of court data in the countries, states, towns, where the individual resided and worked and in contiguous areas. Note: If the report is issued in a language other than English, please attach a translation. 	Email to VT: dfr.licensing@vermont.gov
	Parent Corporation Financial Statements: Provide the current and prior two years' financial statements for all persons, excluding natural persons, identified in the Direct Owners & Executive Officers section of Company Form (MU1) that hold 10% or more ownership interest in the applicant. If un-audited, financial statements must be completed in accordance with GAAP, signed under the pains and penalties of perjury, and dated within 90 days of the date of application. Financial statements are not required for parent companies that are currently licensed by the Vermont Banking Division or are publicly traded. Note: Do not upload parent company financial statements in NMLS.	Email to VT: dfr.licensing@vermont.gov

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Note: Only print *REQUIREMENTS SUBMITTED OUTSIDE OF NMLS* page for the submission of the documents lists. There is no need to print out and send *all* pages of this checklist. All documents must have the applicant's NMLS ID#.

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