Section 36a-801 of the Connecticut General Statutes, requires activity subject to licensure to be conducted at an office in a state, as defined in section 36a-2. State means any state of the United States, the District of Columbia, any territory of the United States, Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the trust territory of the Pacific Islands, the Virgin Islands and the Northern Mariana Islands.

This document includes instructions for a branch office new application. If you need to complete a new application for a company main office (corporate location), refer to the company main office checklist.

**Note:** The company main office (corporate location) must have an approved license before a branch office application may be approved.

#### **CHECKLIST SECTIONS**

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

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

## Who Is Required to Have This License?

A location other than the main office at which a Consumer Collection Agency Licensee acts as a Consumer Collection Agency.

Note: The Company Form (MU1) must be requested prior to the submission of a Branch Form (MU3).

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

Bond Coverage: \$50,000 per location

Total License Cost: \$500 including the NMLS processing fee

The Connecticut Department of Banking 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**

- Branch Form (MU3) Filing Quick Guide
- Document Upload Descriptions and Examples
- Payment Options Quick Guide
- License Status Definitions Quick Guide

Agency specific requirements marked **Filed in NMLS** must be completed and/or uploaded in NMLS; this information will not be viewable to the agency until the application has been submitted through NMLS.

Agency specific requirements marked **attached** on the checklist below must be received with this checklist within 5 business days of the electronic submission of your application through the NMLS at the below address.

## **Agency Contact Information**

Contact Consumer Credit staff by phone at (860) 240-8225 or send your questions via email to <a href="mailto:dob.ccl@ct.gov">dob.ccl@ct.gov</a> for additional assistance.

For U.S. Postal Service & Overnight Delivery:
Connecticut Department of Banking
Consumer Credit Division
260 Constitution Plaza
Hartford, CT 06103-1800

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	CT Consumer Collection Agency (Branch Office)	Submitted via	
	CT License Fee: \$500 NMLS Processing Fee: \$0	NMLS (Filing submission)	
	Credit Report for MU2 Individual: \$15 per person.	NMLS (Filing submission)	
	FBI Criminal Background Check for MU2 Individual: \$36.25 per person.	NMLS (Filing submission)	
REQUIREMENTS COMPLETED IN NMLS			
Complete	CT Consumer Collection Agency (Branch Office)	Submitted via	
	<b>Submission of Branch Form (MU3):</b> Complete and submit the Branch Form (MU3) in NMLS. This form serves as the application for the license through NMLS.	NMLS	
	Other Trade Names: If this branch is 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 both the Branch Form (MU3) and the Company Form (MU1). CT Department of Banking does not limit the number of other trade names. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that all names are properly registered with the required municipality or government agency.	NMLS	
	Branch Manager: Must recognize an individual who is responsible for the actions of the licensee. Complete the Individual Form (MU2) in NMLS. This individual must be listed in the Branch Manager section of Branch Form (MU3).  The branch manager is required to meet minimum criminal and credit background check requirements. The individual will be required to authorize a criminal background check and credit report through NMLS.	NMLS	
	<b>Branch Manager (MU2) Attestation:</b> Complete the Individual Form (MU2) in NMLS. This form must be attested to by the applicable branch manager before it is able to be submitted along with the Branch Form (MU3).	NMLS	
	Credit Report: The branch manager is 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 branch can be filed through NMLS. This authorization is made when the Individual Form (MU2) is submitted as part of the Branch Form (MU3).	NMLS	
	FBI Criminal Background Check Requirements: The branch manager is required to authorize an FBI criminal background check (CBC) through NMLS.  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 Criminal Background Check section of the NMLS Resource Center for more info.  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.		

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	Surety Bond Rider: Submit an Electronic Surety Bond Rider through the applicant's Company Form (MU1) to increase the bond amount of the Consumer Collection Agency License Surety Bond by \$50,000 to satisfy this requirement.  Contact the surety bond producer to inform them of the application, so the producer can initiate the Surety Bond Rider Process in NMLS. Visit the NMLS Resource Center for more information.	Electronic Surety Bond in NMLS
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