



# TN Deferred Presentment License New Application Checklist (Company)

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Who Is Required to Have This License?

Deferred Presentment services means a transaction pursuant to a written agreement involving the following combination of activities in exchange for a fee: (A) Accepting a check dated on the date it was written; and (B) Holding the check for a period of time prior to presentment for payment or deposit. No person shall engage in the business of Deferred Presentment Services without having first obtained a license. A separate license shall be required for each location (branch) from which the business is conducted.

Payday Lending – Online, No person shall engage in the business of deferred presentment services in this state through the use of the internet, facsimile, telephone, or other means without having first obtained a license.

A person shall be deemed to be engaged in the business of deferred presentment services in this state, if the person induces a consumer, while located in this state, to enter into a deferred presentment services transaction in this state.

### Activities Authorized Under This License

This license authorizes the following activities...

- Payday lending - storefront
- Payday lending - online

### Pre-Requisites for License Applications

- None

Tennessee Department of Financial Institutions (TN) 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.
- 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 Tennessee Department of Financial Institutions, Compliance Division licensing staff by phone at (615) 253-6714 or send your questions via email to [ask.licensing@tn.gov](mailto:ask.licensing@tn.gov) for additional assistance.

*For U.S. Postal Service & Overnight Delivery:*

*Tennessee Department of Financial Institutions  
Compliance Division  
Tennessee Tower, 26th Floor  
312 Rosa L. Parks Avenue  
Nashville, TN 37243*

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.

**LICENSE FEES** - Fees collected through NMLS are NOT REFUNDABLE OR TRANSFERABLE.

Complete	TN Deferred Presentment License	Submitted via...
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Application Fee:</b> \$625 <b>NMLS Initial Processing Fee:</b> \$100	<b>NMLS (Filing submission)</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Credit Report for Control Persons:</b> \$15 per control person.	<b>NMLS (Filing submission)</b>

REQUIREMENTS COMPLETED IN NMLS		
Complete	TN Deferred Presentment License	Submitted via...
<input type="checkbox"/>	<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.	<b>NMLS</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p><b>Financial Statements:</b> Upload a <b>compiled, reviewed or audited balance</b> sheet and income statement for the immediately preceding fiscal year end, prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles by a certified public accountant or public accounting firm not affiliated with the applicant.</p> <p>For a newly created entity, the commissioner may accept only a balance sheet prepared by a certified public accountant or public accounting firm not affiliated with the applicant, accompanied by a projected income statement demonstrating that the applicant will have adequate capital after payment of start-up costs.</p> <p>The financial statement must illustrate a company Tangible Net Worth of \$25,000.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> Financial statements are uploaded separately under the Filing tab and <i>Financial Statement</i> submenu link. See the <a href="#">Financial Statements Quick Guide</a> for instructions.</p>	<b>NMLS</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p><b>Other Trade Name:</b> 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). TN does not limit the number of other trade names.</p> <p>If operating under an “Other Trade Name”, upload <b>document(s)</b> regarding ability to do business under that trade name.</p> <p>This document should be named <i>[State-License Type] Trade Name – Assumed Name</i>.</p>	<p><b>NMLS</b></p> <p><b>Upload in NMLS:</b> under the Document Type <a href="#">Trade Name/Assumed Name Registration Certificates</a> in the <i>Document Uploads</i> section of the Company Form (MU1).</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Resident/Registered Agent:</b> The Resident/Registered Agent must be listed under the <i>Resident/Registered Agent</i> section of the Company Form (MU1) and must match the information currently on record with TN.	<b>NMLS</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p><b>Primary Contact Employees:</b> The following individuals must be entered into the <i>Contact Employees</i> section of the Company Form (MU1).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Primary Company Contact.</b></li> <li><b>Primary Consumer Complaint Contact.</b></li> </ol>	<b>NMLS</b>
Note	<b>Non-Primary Contact Employees:</b> TN does not <b>require</b> any non-primary contacts to be listed in the <i>Contact Employees</i> section of the Company Form (MU1).	<b>N/A</b>

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
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Disclosure Questions:</b> 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 <a href="#">Company Disclosure Explanations Quick Guide</a> for instructions.	<b>Upload in NMLS</b> in the <i>Disclosure Explanations</i> 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 TN on the Company Form (MU1).	N/A
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Control Person (MU2) Attestation:</b> 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
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Credit Report:</b> Individuals in a position of control 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
Note	<b>MU2 Individual FBI Criminal Background Check Not Required Through NMLS:</b> Direct Owners/Executive Officers, Indirect Owners, and Qualifying Individuals are NOT required to authorize a FBI criminal background check (CBC) through NMLS.	N/A

**REQUIREMENTS/DOCUMENTS UPLOADED IN NMLS**

Complete	TN Deferred Presentment License	Submitted via...
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p><b>Business Plan:</b> Upload a business plan outlining the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Marketing strategies</li> <li>• Products</li> <li>• Target markets</li> <li>• Fee schedule</li> <li>• Operating structure the applicant intends to employ.</li> </ul> <p>This document should be named <i>[Company Legal Name] Business Plan</i>.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> 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.</p>	<p><b>Upload in NMLS:</b> under the Document Type <u>Business Plan</u> in the <i>Document Uploads</i> section of the Company Form (MU1).</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p><b>Certificate of Authority/Good Standing Certificate:</b> 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 Tennessee.</p> <p>This document should be named <i>[[State prefix] Certificate of Authority OR [State prefix] Certificate of Good Standing]</i>.</p>	<p><b>Upload in NMLS:</b> under the Document Type <u>Certificate of Authority/Good Standing Certificate</u> in the <i>Document Uploads</i> section of the Company Form (MU1).</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p><b>Document Samples:</b> Upload copies of the following sample documents used in the regular course of business in connection with this license:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Bank Statement(s) (Cash Verification) dated within 30 days of uploaded Financial Statements.</b></li> </ul> <p>This document should be named <i>[Name of Document Sample]</i>.</p>	<p><b>Upload in NMLS:</b> under <u>Document Samples</u> in the <i>Document Uploads</i> section of the Company Form (MU1).</p>

<input type="checkbox"/>	<p><b>Formation Documents:</b> 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.</p> <p><b>Sole Proprietor</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eligibility Verification Letter. Click <a href="#">here</a> to access the Form.</li> </ul> <p><b>Unincorporated Association:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• By-Laws or constitution (including all amendments).</li> </ul> <p><b>General Partnership:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Partnership Agreement (including all amendments).</li> </ul> <p><b>Limited Liability Partnership:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Certificate of Limited Liability Partnership; and</li> <li>• Partnership Agreement (including all amendments).</li> </ul> <p><b>Limited Partnership:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Certificate of Limited Partnership; and</li> <li>• Partnership Agreement (including all amendments).</li> </ul> <p><b>Limited Liability Limited Partnership:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Certificate of Limited Liability Limited Partnership; and</li> <li>• Partnership Agreement (including all amendments).</li> </ul> <p><b>Limited Liability Company (“LLC”):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Articles of Organization (including all amendments);</li> <li>• Operating Agreement (including all amendments);</li> <li>• IRS Form 2553 or IRS Form 8832 if S-corp treatment elected; and</li> <li>• LLC resolution if authority not in operating agreement.</li> </ul> <p><b>Corporation:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Articles of Incorporation (including all amendments);</li> <li>• By-laws (including all amendments), if applicable;</li> <li>• Shareholder Agreement (including all amendments), if applicable;</li> <li>• IRS Form 2553 if S-corp treatment elected; and</li> <li>• Corporate resolution if authority to complete application not in By-Laws or Shareholder Agreement, as amended, as applicable.</li> </ul> <p><b>Trust (Statutory)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Certificate of Trust; and</li> <li>• Governing instrument (all amendments).</li> </ul>	<p><b>Upload in NMLS:</b> under <u>Formation Document</u>” in the <i>Document Uploads</i> section of the Company Form (MU1).</p> <p>This document should be named <i>Formation Documentation [Date of Creation (MM-DD-YYYY)]</i>.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p><b>Management Chart:</b> Submit a Management chart displaying the applicant’s directors, officers, and managers (individual name and title). Must also identify compliance reporting and internal audit structure.</p> <p>This document should be named <i>[Company Legal Name] Management Chart</i>.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> 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.</p>	<p><b>Upload in NMLS:</b> under <u>Management Chart</u> in the <i>Document Uploads</i> section of the Company Form (MU1).</p>

<input type="checkbox"/>	<p><b>Organizational Chart/Description:</b> Submit a chart showing (or a description which includes) the percentage of ownership of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Direct Owners (total direct ownership percentage must equate to 100%)</li> <li>• Indirect Owners</li> <li>• Subsidiaries and Affiliates of the applicant/licensee</li> </ul> <p>This document should be named <i>[Company Legal Name] Organizational Chart – Description</i>.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> 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.</p>	<p><b>Upload in NMLS:</b> under <u>Organizational Chart/Description</u> in the <i>Document Uploads</i> section of the Company Form (MU1).</p>
<b>INDIVIDUAL (MU2) DOCUMENTS UPLOADED IN NMLS</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p><b>Credit Report Explanations:</b> 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: collections items, charge offs, accounts currently past due, accounts with serious delinquencies in the last 3 years, repossessions, loan modifications, etc.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> Items regarding bankruptcy, foreclosure actions, outstanding judgments or liens, or delinquent child support payments should be addressed in the <i>Disclosure Explanations</i> section of your Individual Form (MU2).</p> <p>This document should be named <i>Credit Report Explanations – Sub Name – Document Creation Date</i>.</p>	<p><b>Upload in NMLS:</b> under the Document Type <u>Credit Report Explanations</u> in the <i>Document Uploads</i> section of the Individual Form (MU2).</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p><b>Verification of Experience:</b> Provide a license specific resume with detailed job descriptions and/or duties performed evidencing experience in the industry the company is applying for a license. Detailed job descriptions and duties with all employers need to be incorporated into a resume to demonstrate experience related to the specific state license being applied for.</p> <p>This document should be named <i>[Document Type] – License Name</i>.</p>	<p><b>Upload in NMLS:</b> under the Document Type <u>Verification of Experience</u> in the <i>Document Uploads</i> section of the Individual Form (MU2).</p>