IDAHO MONEY TRANSMITTER LICENSE

Who is required to have this license?

Any person, unless exempt, that sells or issues payment instruments or who engages in the business of receiving money for transmission or engaging in the business of money transmission, by any and all means including but not limited to payment instrument, wire, facsimile, electronic transfer or Virtual Currency Exchanger⁠¹.

More plainly, the Department licenses

- Money and wire remitters (including both business and consumer transactions)
- Money Order issuers and sellers
- Traveler Check issuers and sellers
- Open Loop and Semi-Closed Loop “Stored Value” issuers and sellers
- Open Loop and Semi-Closed Loop “Prepaid Access” issuers and sellers
- Delayed Delivery Currency or Stored Value Delayed Delivery Providers

Current Idaho law does not address provider compensation in any way. Hence, providers need to license whether or not they will be compensated for the transaction.

Who does not need this license?

- Agencies of the United States, agencies of Idaho and its political subdivisions
- The United States post office
- The State or any political subdivision of the state
- Banks, credit unions, savings and loan associations, savings banks or mutual banks organized under the laws of any state or the United States, provided that they do not issue or sell payment instruments through authorized delegates who are not banks, credit unions, savings and loan associations, savings banks or mutual banks, and
- Authorized representatives of a licensee, acting within the scope of authority conferred by a written contract conforming to the requirements of Section 26-2918 of the Idaho Money Transmitters Act.

What are the pre-requisites for license applications?

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<td>License Application Payment</td>
<td>$100.00 application fee plus NMLS transaction fees.</td>
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<td>Completed Application</td>
<td>A fully completed NMLS licensing application.</td>
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<td>Net Worth Requirements</td>
<td>Applicants must provide audited financial statements demonstrating a minimum net worth of $50,000 with a sliding</td>
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¹ Special Notice Regarding Virtual Currencies – if you act as a virtual/digital currency exchanger and accept legal tender (e.g., government backed/issued “fiat” currencies) for later delivery to a third party in association with the purchase of a virtual currency, then you must be licensed as a money transmitter with the Department of Finance.

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Surety Bond: Applicants must deliver a surety bond to the Idaho Department of Finance in a minimum amount of $10,000 with a sliding scale of bonding based on Idaho locations to a maximum bonding amount of $500,000. An Idaho-specific surety bond template can be found on the state’s website at http://finance.idaho.gov.

Agent/Location Data: Applicants must identify all Idaho locations where their business may be conducted. This should include the identification of company owned outlets as well as any agents/authorized representatives. The Idaho Money Transmitters Act mandates the use of an authorized representative contract (I.C. § 29-2918) and identifies specific items that must be addressed in the contract.

Check-List: All information called for in the Idaho Checklist.

Who to Contact: Contact Securities Department licensing staff by phone at (208) 332-8004 or send your questions via e-mail to norman.real@finance.idaho.gov for additional assistance.

YOU ARE NOT AUTHORIZED TO ENGAGE IN MONEY TRANSMISSION ACTIVITIES IN THE STATE OF IDAHO UNTIL YOU HAVE RECEIVED A LICENSE APPROVAL THROUGH THE NMLS