



## Description



### INDIANA-DFI DEBT MANAGEMENT LICENSE

#### Who is required to have this license?

Any debt management company that is doing business as a budget counseling, credit counseling, debt management, or debt pooling service or holds the person out, by words of similar import, as providing services to debtors in the management of their debts, and having a written agreement with the debtor to disburse money or anything of value.

#### Who does not need this license?

- An attorney at law authorized to practice in Indiana or persons under the supervision and control of an attorney at law authorized to practice in Indiana to the extent the attorney's debt management services are incidental to the attorney's practice of law.
- A depository financial institution.
- A third-party bill paying service with which the customer contracts solely for the customer's convenience of paying routine bills, in an arrangement in which the customer retains full control over all funds deposited.

#### What are the pre-requisites for license applications?

The following is only a partial list of the pre-requisites. Please refer to the checklist for a complete list of pre-requisites.

- Net worth - \$100,000, Liquid Assets-\$50,000, verified via a CPA audit level financial statement that is not more than 12 months old
- Bond amount - Initial surety bond for a new applicant must be in an amount equal to:  
- \$50,000; or  
The greater of \$50,000 or the average highest daily balance of funds held in trust for Indiana residents for each month during the licensee's most recently concluded fiscal year, not to exceed \$100,000. This option is not required until first renewal.
- Criminal background check - Each owner (sole proprietorship), partner (partnership), or officer (corporation) as well as the manager for an Indiana location and any employees or agents authorized to initiate transactions involving the trust account, must provide the DFI a nationwide criminal background check.
- Experience - Anyone who will be managing an Indiana location must demonstrate two years of finance related experience.
- Trust Account - A trust account must be maintained for the specific benefit of the debt management company's Indiana contract debtors and be used only to hold the money of one or more Indiana contract debtors for disbursement to the creditors of the Indiana contract debtors.

**WHO TO CONTACT** – Contact [Indiana DFI, Division of Consumer Credit](#), licensing staff by phone at [317-453-2539](tel:317-453-2539) or send your questions via e-mail to [dfilicensing@dfi.in.gov](mailto:dfilicensing@dfi.in.gov) for additional assistance.

THE APPLICANT/LICENSEE IS FULLY RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE LICENSE FOR WHICH THEY ARE APPLYING. THE JURISDICTION SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS CONTAINED HEREIN ARE FOR GUIDANCE ONLY TO FACILITATE APPLICATION THROUGH THE NMLS. SHOULD YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONSULT LEGAL COUNSEL.