



## Description



### Sale of Checks and Money Transmitters

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** When submitting a company application through the NMLS, it is very important that companies first choose the correct license type. See the definition of this license type below.

- **Sale of Checks and Money Transmitters Activity:** Companies that conduct sale of checks or money transmission activities in Louisiana must submit a company application through the NMLS. Agent or location registrations are not required to be filed through the NMLS at this time. These are handled outside the NMLS and filed directly with this office.

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

A license is required for any person who engages in the business of money transmission or selling of checks as a service or for a fee or other consideration. "Person" means any individual, partnership, association joint stock association, trust or corporation but does not include the United States government or the government of this state. "Sale of Checks" means to sell, to issue, or to deliver a check, draft, money order or other instrument for the transmission or payment of money. "Money transmission" means to engage in the business of selling or issuing payment instruments, selling or issuing stored value, or receiving money or monetary value for transmission including, but not limited to, wire, facsimile, or electronic transmission, to a location within or outside of the United States.

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

- The applicant must have a net worth of \$100,000 (computed according to generally accepted accounting principles).
- A surety bond of at least \$25,000, up to a maximum of \$500,000, or pledged securities or certificates of deposits in a like amount. The commissioner shall determine the required bond based on specific information provided by the applicant.
- If new applicant, a business plan must be submitted which includes, at a minimum, anticipated volume of checks to be sold and/or money to be transmitted for the calendar year, as well as the anticipated number of transmission or selling locations.
- The applicant must exhibit financial responsibility, business experience, character, and general fitness in order to warrant the commissioner to believe that the applicant's business will be conducted honestly, carefully, and efficiently.

**NOTE: Individuals wishing to become agents or subagents of a licensee (sell money orders at their business on behalf of a licensee) must contact the licensee in order to be appointed as such. NO LICENSE is required of any agent or subagent of a licensee. You can request a list of licensed entities from this office to become an agent or subagent.**

**WHO TO CONTACT** – For jurisdiction specific questions concerning licensure, contact Review Examiner Doug Buras at (225) 922-2595 or via email at [dburas@ofi.la.gov](mailto:dburas@ofi.la.gov).

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.

**YOU ARE NOT AUTHORIZED TO ENGAGE IN SALE OF CHECKS OR MONEY TRANSMISSION ACTIVITY IN THE STATE OF LOUISIANA UNTIL YOU HAVE RECEIVED APPROVAL FROM THE LOUISIANA OFFICE OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS.**