



Description



RHODE ISLAND SALE OF CHECKS LICENSE

Who is required to have this License?

- Any Company or Individual providing the sale of checks for a fee or other consideration pursuant to the provisions of RI Gen. Laws §§19-14 and 19-14.3 et seq.

Who is not required to have this License?

- Regulated institution, bank or credit union organized under the laws of the United States, or subject to written notice with a designated Rhode Island agent for service of process in the form prescribed by the director or the director's designee, of any other state within the United States if the laws of the other state in which such bank or credit union is organized authorizes under conditions not substantially more restrictive than those imposed by the laws of this state, as determined by the director or the director's designee, a financial institution or credit union to engage in the business of selling checks or electronic money transfers in the other state; no bank or credit union duly organized under the laws of any other state within the United States may receive deposits, pay checks or lend money from any location within this state unless such bank or credit union has received approval from the director or the director's designee for the establishment of an interstate branch office pursuant to chapter 7 of title 19 of the general laws;
- Natural person employee who is employed by a licensee when acting on the licensee's behalf; or
- Agents any licensee shall designate or appoint. No sale of check or electronic money transfer licensee shall be required to obtain a branch office license pursuant to § 19-14-12 or shall be subject to the provisions of § 19-14-24 or shall be required to obtain a license pursuant to chapter 14.4 of this title for check cashing services incidental to the sale of checks and electronic money transfers and the person charges not more than fifty cents (\$.50) per check cashed.

License Applications Pre-requisites:

- **Main Office:** If Applicant's headquarters differs from that of the proposed main office, then Applicant must license the headquarters as the main office on NMLS and list the other office as a branch office. This is required to provide consistency among the jurisdictions on NMLS.
- **Bond amount:** Licensee is required to obtain and maintain a bond in the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) base amount increasing coverage by five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for each agent location conducting Rhode Island activity up to one hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) when aggregated with agent locations (Agent locations **DO NOT** need to obtain a license).
- **Criminal background check:** All Control Persons must complete a Federal Background Check (see application for documents to be submitted to the Division) and authorize a Credit Report through NMLS. Control Persons include, all Officers, all Directors, Individual Direct Owners of Applicant who have an Equity Interest of 10% or more in Applicant and the Qualifying Individual.
- **Experience:** The Qualifying Individual must have a minimum of five (5) years experience in the Money Services Business industry.
- **Testing:** None required

- **Education:** None required
- **Net Worth:** Licensee must maintain a minimum net worth of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) pursuant to RI Gen. Laws § 19-14-5.

WHO TO CONTACT – Contact the Division licensing staff by phone at (401) 462-9503 or send your questions via e-mail to dbr.bankinquiry@dbr.ri.gov for 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.