

14B NCAC 16 .0205 COMPANY BUSINESS LICENSE

- (a) Any firm, association, or corporation required to be licensed pursuant to G.S. 74C-2(a) shall upload on the Board's website an application for a company business license on a form provided by the Board. Only a sole proprietorship that is owned and operated by an individual licensee shall be exempt from this Rule. This application for license shall require the firm, association, or corporation name; the address of its principal office within the State; any past conviction for criminal offenses of any company director, or officer; information concerning the past revocation, suspension, or denial of a business or professional license to any director or officer; a list of all directors and officers of the firm, association, or corporation; a list of all persons, firms, associations, corporations or other entities owning 10 percent or more of the outstanding shares of any class of stock; and the name and address of the qualifying agent.
- (b) In addition to the items required in Paragraph (a) of this Rule, an out-of-state corporation shall file with its application for a license, a copy of its certificate of authority to transact business in this State issued by the North Carolina Secretary of State in accordance with G.S. 55-15-01. The corporation shall also file a consent to service of process and pleadings that shall be authenticated by its corporate seal and accompanied by a duly certified copy of the resolution of the board of directors authorizing the proper officer or officers to execute the consent.
- (c) After filing a completed application with the Board, the Board shall conduct a background investigation to determine if the qualifying agent is in a management position. A management position means a position which manages established divisions or subdivisions of the firm, association or corporation and directs the work of one or more supervisors, has the authority to hire, reward, discipline or discharge employees, and may also provide suggestions for changes in policy to senior executives with policy-making authority. The Board shall also determine if the directors or officers have the requisite good moral character as defined in G.S. 74C-8(d)(2). For purposes of this Rule, "conviction" means and includes the entry of a plea of guilty or no contest, a prayer for judgment continued or adjudication withheld, or a verdict rendered in open court by a judge or jury.
- (d) Upon satisfactory completion of the background investigation, a company business license shall be issued. This license shall be conspicuously displayed at the principal place of business within North Carolina.
- (e) The company business license shall be issued only to the business entity and shall not be construed to extend to the licensing of its officers and employees.
- (f) The issuance of the company business license is issued to the firm, association, or corporation in addition to the license issued to the qualifying agent. The qualifying agent for the firm, association, or corporation which has been issued the company business license shall be responsible for assuring compliance with G.S. 74C.
- (g) Dissolution or administrative suspension of corporate status shall result in suspension of the company business license by operation of law and may result in disciplinary action for unlicensed if it is determined that the suspension was due to intentional disregard of the law or inaction.

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