

Topic: Long Certificate of Good Standing  
 Question by: Paula Artzer  
 Jurisdiction: Kansas  
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Jurisdiction	Question(s)		
	Does your office offer a Long Certificate of Good Standing?	If yes, what do you charge?	Do you provide them by law or as a courtesy?
<b>Manitoba</b>	Our equivalent of a 'Long Certificate of Good Standing' is called a 'Certificate of Search'.	\$30 per certificate	
<b>Corporations Canada</b>	Corporations Canada incorporates businesses and not-for-profit organisations that choose to incorporate federally rather than provincially or territorially. We issue a Certificate of Compliance which certifies that the corporation exists under the federal statute, and that it has filed the required annual returns and fees. We do not issue a certificate providing more information than this.	N/A	N/A
<b>Alabama</b>			
<b>Alaska</b>			
<b>Arizona</b>			
<b>Arkansas</b>			
<b>California</b>			
<b>Colorado</b>			
<b>Connecticut</b>			
<b>Delaware</b>			
<b>District of Columbia</b>	Yes.	\$33. We do not get that many requests about long form but the fee should be higher as it takes more time to make one.	We have to provide this service by law.

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<b>Florida</b>	Florida does a Certificate of Status, nothing is attached, it speaks to whether or not a specific business entity is “active” or “inactive” and why. A Certified Copy is a copy of all documents filed for a business entity. Interpretation is up to the person who goes through each document filed. Upon rare occasions we will get a request for a single document (ex. a merger filed in 1998 or the 2003 annual report) to be certified. Usually these are for court cases to prove a particular point. We try to discourage these requests but do them anyway. Years ago we did “long form certificates” but because of the time, expense, and no specific statutory requirement to do so, we stopped.		
<b>Georgia</b>			
<b>Hawaii</b>	Yes.	Hawaii charges \$25 for a long form certificate of good standing.	
<b>Idaho</b>			
<b>Illinois</b>			
<b>Indiana</b>	Yes.	The charge is \$30.00.	Our statute reads: – “other facts of record in the office of the secretary of state that may be requested by the applicant”. We still offer the service.
<b>Iowa</b>			
<b>Kansas</b>	Yes.	\$30 per fact.	
<b>Kentucky</b>			
<b>Louisiana</b>	Louisiana does not offer a long form certificate of good standing. A certificate of fact may be requested to certify particular document(s) or information is on file with our office.	The fee to obtain a certificate [described to the left] is \$20.00.	
<b>Maine</b>			
<b>Maryland</b>			

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<b>Massachusetts</b>			
<b>Michigan</b>	Michigan will provide, upon request, a Certificate of Fact List All, which can include a Good Standing. This certificate lists all of the documents filed with the Bureau, and if requested, a Good Standing certification.	The fee for a Certificate of Fact List All without a Good Standing is \$50.00, and with the Good Standing is \$62.50.	
<b>Minnesota</b>			
<b>Mississippi</b>			
<b>Missouri</b>	We do not at this time issue a long certificate.	Missouri provides a certificate of fact (\$25) that details the filing events of the entity as well as the status. We also issue a certificate of good standing (\$10) that certifies status and that the entity has complied with filing requirements at that time.	Cert of fact not statutorily required. Cert of good standing is statutorily required.
<b>Montana</b>	Montana does not offer long form certificates of good standing. A certificate of fact may be requested to certify information on file with our office.	The fee for the certificate [of fact] is \$15.00.	
<b>Nebraska</b>			
<b>Nevada</b>	Yes.	The fee for signing a certificate of corporate existence which does not list the previous records relating to the corporation, or a certificate of change in a corporate name, is \$50. The fee for signing a certificate of corporate existence which lists the previous records relating to the corporation is \$50.	In Nevada we provide them by law.

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<b>New Hampshire</b>	NH does long form as well.	The fee is \$10.00 and includes a list of the documents filed exclusive of annual reports.	
<b>New Jersey</b>			
<b>New Mexico</b>			
<b>New York</b>			
<b>North Carolina</b>			
<b>North Dakota</b>	North Dakota no longer provides long-form good standing certificates.	N/A	ND law does not require us to provide them, we did not want to be in the position of interpreting every record filed, and we did not have authority to charge any more than we did for the “regular” good standing certificate. So, to minimize our effort and minimize our liability in the interpretation of records, we quit providing them.
<b>Ohio</b>	Ohio provides a long form certificate of good standing.	The fee is \$25.00.	These are done by courtesy.
<b>Oklahoma</b>			
<b>Oregon</b>	Oregon is like Louisiana in this regard [does not offer a long form certificate of good standing; a certificate of fact may be requested to certify particular document(s) or information is on file with our office]. We can and do certify to any fact, and we will put all the facts on one certificate, but we don’t advertise that we provide long-form certificates.		
<b>Pennsylvania</b>			
<b>Rhode Island</b>			
<b>South Carolina</b>			
<b>South Dakota</b>			
<b>Tennessee</b>			

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<b>Texas</b>	Yes – a long form certificate of fact (status); The long form certifies to the existence of the entity and then lists all documents on file with this office by the entity.	\$25	
<b>Utah</b>	Utah provides a long form certificate of fact (status). The long form certifies to the existence of the entity and then lists all documents on file with this office by the entity.	\$20	
<b>Vermont</b>			
<b>Virginia</b>	Virginia law provides for the issuance of a certificate of fact, which includes a long certificate of good standing.	The cost is \$6.	Virginia law provides for the issuance of a certificate of fact, which includes a long certificate of good standing.
<b>Washington</b>	Washington provides a certificate of good standing in short or long form; the long form contains a complete historical account. We provide the short form unless a long form is requested.	The short form is \$20 and the long is \$30.	
<b>West Virginia</b>			
<b>Wisconsin</b>	Wisconsin provides a long form certificate of fact (status). The long form certifies to the existence of the entity and then lists all documents on file with this office by the entity.	We only charge \$10.00 for the long form certificate.	
<b>Wyoming</b>			

**Additional comments:**

**Full text of email:**

Good Afternoon all!

There have been a couple of emails recently regarding certificates. What we in Kansas would like to ask is if your offices do a Long Certificate of Good Standing, what do you charge and do you provide them by law or as a courtesy? We are thinking about stopping

our process of providing the long certificates and only providing a regular certificate of good standing, but are interested in what the rest of the group is doing. Our long certificates can be quite lengthy and report every filing we have on record with a fee of \$30 per fact. Thanking you in advance!

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