

Topic: Certificates of Good Standing
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Jurisdiction	Question(s)
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Manitoba	
Corporations Canada	
Alabama	The Good Standing Certificates in Alabama are done by the Alabama Department of Revenue and they are available online - not sure about the process or the cost. We do Certificates of Existence online - they are instant and print with the seal and gold trim if you have a color printer - \$28.00. They can do as many copies as they want.
Alaska	
Arizona	For Arizona, certs of good standing can be obtained immediately online for \$45. We automatically tack on the expedite fee (regular fee is \$10). The certificate that is generated has a copy of the agency seal and an electronic copy of the signature of the Executive Director of the agency. The certificate contains an identification number, and the customer can use that to reprint the certificate as many times as they want for as long as they want, but the certificate always generates with the original date they pay for it.
Arkansas	
California	
Colorado	In Colorado, a certificate of good standing is immediately available online at no charge. The customer can print as many as they need. We no longer process these orders in house. The Secretary's signature and State seal are imprinted as part of each certificate.
Connecticut	
Delaware	

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District of Columbia	<p>In the District of Columbia we allow online ordering of good standing and the cost is \$40 for nonprofits and \$50 for all for-profit entities. We have auto signature and seal on the certificate and it has tracking number as well.</p> <p>If customer wants to print more than one copy of the certificate then they can do that.</p>
Florida	<p>Florida also provides electronic certificates of status. These certificates can be generated instantly for a fee of \$8.75 for corporations and limited partnerships, and \$5 for limited liability companies.</p> <p>Florida is like Ohio. The purchaser may print as many copies (Certificates) as they wish.</p>
Georgia	
Hawaii	<p>In Hawaii, the electronic good standing certificate fee is \$7.50 and they can print more than one copy.</p>
Idaho	
Illinois	
Indiana	<p>Indiana is the same as Ohio (as far as printing goes). The cost is \$21.42 without an account \$20 with an account.</p>
Iowa	
Kansas	
Kentucky	
Louisiana	<p>Certificates of good standing are available online for \$25. The certificate has a signature and seal. The customer may reprint the certificate as many times as they want to for a period of 120 days.</p> <p>After that time they must reorder the certificate and get a new validation number.</p>
Maine	
Maryland	

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Massachusetts	<p>Massachusetts provides electronic certificates of good standing for domestic profit, non-profit and foreign corporations. The fee for ordering an electronic good standing is \$12.00 plus an expedited fee of \$3.00. There is nothing currently in place preventing the recipient from printing more than one copy of the certificate.</p> <p>In addition to those good standing we also provide the following electronic certificates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Domestic Profit Corporations - Good Standing, Legal Existence, Dissolution - Foreign Corporations - Good Standing, Registration, Revocation, Withdrawal - Non Profit Corporations - Good Standing, Legal Existence, Dissolution - Domestic Limited Partnership - Legal Existence - Foreign Limited Partnership - Registration - Voluntary Associations & Trusts - Legal Existence, Fees Paid - Domestic LLC - Legal Existence - Foreign LLC - Registration - Domestic LLP - Legal Existence - Foreign LLP - Registration <p>There is nothing currently in place preventing the recipient from printing more than one copy of the certificate.</p>
Michigan	
Minnesota	
Mississippi	
Missouri	<p>Missouri's online application allows customer to order good standing certificates. The customer will print the certificate of good standing which contains the state seal and the Secretary of State's signature.</p> <p>The good standing certificate will stay in the customers cart for 30 days in which, the customer can print the good standing as many times as they wish. The fee for the good standing is a flat \$10.00 charge.</p>
Montana	<p>In Montana, customers can obtain a certificate of good standing instantly online for \$5.00 and the Secretary of State's signature is on the certificate. Nothing prevents them from printing multiple copies of a downloaded good standing certificate, but we don't encourage it.</p>
Nebraska	

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Nevada	<p>In Nevada, electronic certificates of good standing are available for 30 days after order in the customer's job history file. These are electronically signed and sealed (printed signature and seal.) Customer can order as many as they like, but may only order one and print out or make copies. The certificate contains a number that may be used to verify the certificate online on our website.</p> <p>Cost per statute is \$50 per certificate.</p>
New Hampshire	
New Jersey	
New Mexico	
New York	
North Carolina	<p>North Carolina has electronic certificates that can be downloaded, saved and printed as many times as needed. The electronic fee is \$10 while paper certificates are \$15.</p>
North Dakota	
Ohio	<p>In Ohio, customers can obtain a certificate of good standing instantly online for \$5.00. Nothing prevents them from printing multiple copies of a downloaded good standing certificate, but we don't encourage it. Unless two entities who received certificates compared notes and saw that the validation number was the same, there'd be no way for anyone to know that a single certificate was sent out to multiple people.</p>
Oklahoma	<p>A certificate of good standing is \$20 whether ordered online or directly through our office. Nothing prevents them from printing multiple copies of a downloaded good standing certificate, but we don't encourage it. Unless two entities who received certificates compared notes and saw that the validation number was the same, there'd be no way for anyone to know that a single certificate was sent out to multiple people.</p>
Oregon	
Pennsylvania	<p>A certificate of good standing is \$40 whether ordered online or directly through our office. Nothing prevents them from printing multiple copies of a downloaded good standing certificate, but we don't encourage it. Unless two entities who received certificates compared notes and saw that the validation number was the same, there'd be no way for anyone to know that a single certificate was sent out to multiple people.</p>
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South Carolina	
South Dakota	
Tennessee	
Texas	<p>A certificate of good standing is \$15 whether ordered online or directly through our office. Nothing prevents them from printing multiple copies of a downloaded good standing certificate, but we don't encourage it. Unless two entities who received certificates compared notes and saw that the validation number was the same, there'd be no way for anyone to know that a single certificate was sent out to multiple people.</p>
Utah	<p>A certificate of good standing is \$12 whether ordered online or directly through our office. Nothing prevents them from printing multiple copies of a downloaded good standing certificate, but we don't encourage it. Unless two entities who received certificates compared notes and saw that the validation number was the same, there'd be no way for anyone to know that a single certificate was sent out to multiple people.</p>
Vermont	
Virginia	
Washington	<p>In Washington State the customer can place the order online for \$20 regular processing (additional \$50 2-day expedite available), but the certificate with state seal is delivered by regular mail. In the hopefully near future we intend to offer online delivery.</p>
West Virginia	
Wisconsin	
Wyoming	

Additional comments:

Joann:

In Nova Scotia, we do not yet have Certificates of Status available online. Certain intermediaries do however, have access to our registry system (law firms) and are able to directly complete certain transactions including obtaining Certificates of Status. The majority, however, would be done through our office and provided in paper copies. The current charge is \$34.30 per certificate.

We anticipate being able to have these certificates available online in the future, and when they are, we would not preclude a user from printing multiple copies.

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Good Morning Everyone,

It's been a long time and we miss you all.

I have a question regarding certificates of good standing.

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Thanks for your help and Happy Holidays.

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