

Topic: Certificates of Incorporation/Registration vs Certificates of Status

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Jurisdiction: Nova Scotia

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Manitoba		
Corporations Canada		
Alabama		
Alaska		
Arizona		
Arkansas		
California		
Colorado		
Connecticut		
Delaware		
District of Columbia		
Florida		
Georgia		

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Hawaii		
Idaho		
Illinois		
Indiana		
Iowa		
Kansas		
Kentucky		
Louisiana	<p>We do offer ?duplicate? certificates of an original certificate, for \$20.00. You can order them online. They are exact duplicates of the original cert?signed, state seal, etc.... If the certificate you need the copy of was issued prior to September 2009 (before we went online and certificates had validation numbers), the duplicate certificate will have a cover certificate on top, verifying it is a copy, but it is an exact copy. We also offer ?Information Certificates? and these list all the specifics that an entity's web page would show. So all current information like, registered office address, the registered agent, any officers, etc?</p>	<p>We never require a copy of an original filing certificate on any foreign filings. All filings we do for foreign entities would either require a 90-day current good standing/status certificate, or a 1-pg ?after the fact? evidence certificate on an amendment.</p>
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Maryland		
Massachusetts		
Michigan		

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Minnesota	They can select to purchase a photo copy or certified copy will yield a Certification of Record certificate along with copies of each filing associated with the certification. The Certification of Record certificate will list each filing date, filing type, filing number and the date the certified copies were issued. Copies can be obtained electronically when ordered online or by mail. The counter is currently closed.	Not required to provide Certificate of Incorporation/Registration/Status or Existence. We take registrants at the word that they are properly formed in their home jurisdiction.
Mississippi		
Missouri		
Montana		
Nebraska		
Nevada		
New Hampshire		
New Jersey		
New Mexico		
New York		
North Carolina	North Carolina provides the filed document online free of charge for download. If someone wants to order a certified copy they can do so online. These certified copies have a cover page which includes the certification, seal and signature by the Secretary with the filed document following.	North Carolina required a Certificate of Existence (Status/Good Standing) to accompany an Application for Certificate of Authority. We require the Certificate of Existence to be less than 6 months old. No copy of the initial filing is required.
North Dakota		
Ohio		

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Oklahoma		
Oregon		
Pennsylvania		
Rhode Island		
South Carolina		
South Dakota		
Tennessee		
Texas		
Utah		
Vermont		
Virginia		
Washington		
West Virginia		
Wisconsin		
Wyoming		

Additional comments:

Full text of email:

Hi everyone:

I hope you are all keeping well in these very strange times. I have a question for you around documentation that is available from your registry - and documentation you require of others for certain types of filings, specifically as it relates to the above. Just trying to sort out when a Certificate of Status may not be sufficient for a filing with a third party.

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Thanks in advance.

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