



Certification & Authentication

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Washington Certificates Issued

- Certificate of Existence/Status \$20
 - Confirms filing was made in our office and is current
- Certificate of Incorporation/Authority \$20
 - Issued with domestic filing or when a foreign entity has qualified in Washington
- Certificate of No Record \$20
 - Confirming there is no current record on file



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Washington Certificates Issued (cont.)

- Certificate of Conversion \$20
 - Provided on request for new domestic entities
- Certificate of Name Change \$20
 - Provided on request, post amendment
- Certificate of Status Long Form *\$30
 - Lists all charter documents on file, copies of all documents can be ordered



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Certificates Commonly Received

- Certificate of Status (or similar import)
 - Foreign (non Washington) registrations
 - Must be no older than 60 days
 - International similar imports do not require Apostille
 - Must be in English
 - Translated documents must have attestation from person translating



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Washington Certificate Examples

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

The State of Washington

Secretary of State

I, **KIM WYMAN**, Secretary of State of the State of Washington and custodian of its seal, hereby issue this

CERTIFICATE OF EXISTENCE/AUTHORIZATION

OF

ACTIVE BALANCE THERAPEUTIC MASSAGE, PLLC

I **FURTHER CERTIFY** that the records on file in this office show that the above named Professional Limited Liability Company was formed under the laws of the State of WA and was issued a Certificate Of Formation in Washington on 4/14/2015.

I **FURTHER CERTIFY** that as of the date of this certificate, ACTIVE BALANCE THERAPEUTIC MASSAGE, PLLC remains active and has complied with the filing requirements of this office.

Date: May 12, 2015

UBI: 603-470-285

Given under my hand and the Seal of the State of Washington at Olympia, the State Capital



Kim Wyman, Secretary of State



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

The State of Washington

Secretary of State


I, **Kim Wyman**, Secretary of State of the State of Washington and custodian of its seal, hereby issue this

certificate that according to the records on file in this office,
MICROSOFT CORPORATION


a Washington corporation, was incorporated on September 22, 1993 and is duly authorized to transact business in the State of Washington; with a license expiration date of September 30, 2014; and I further certify that the following charter documents are on file in this office:

<u>Filing:</u>	<u>Date Filed:</u>
ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION - MSFT WASHINGTON CORPORATION	September 22, 1993
ARTICLES OF MERGER - Merging MICROSOFT CORPORATION (A Delaware corp. qualified in Washington) into MSFT WASHINGTON CORPORATION; Changing name to MICROSOFT CORPORATION	November 1, 1993
ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT - Restating Articles	March 30, 1994
ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT - Amending and Restating Articles	May 12, 1994
ARTICLES OF MERGER	September 16, 1994

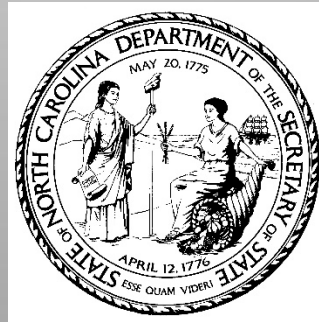
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NC Accepting Certifications

- Jurisdictional Guidelines
 - Administrative Code 18 NCAC 04 .0402
 - “Eye Test”
- International Jurisdictions
 - Similar Import to a certificate of existence
 - English
- Originals, Electronic, Photocopies?
 - Originals unless the jurisdiction has electronic certification.
These can be photocopied.
- Date Requirements?
 - Within 6 months

NC Certifying Documents

What information is certified?

- Short Form and Long Form Certificates of Existence
 - Current status
 - Most recently filed annual report has or has not been delivered
 - Any suspensions by the Department of Revenue
 - Long form includes a listing of all documents filed with the date filed.

NC Certifying Documents – cont.

- Custom Certificates
 - Register of Deeds Office filings
 - Name Changes
 - Conversions
 - Mergers
 - Corporate Documents to be Authenticated
 - International Jurisdiction usage
 - “Gold Seal” with wet signature
- Electronic Certificates
 - Verification code

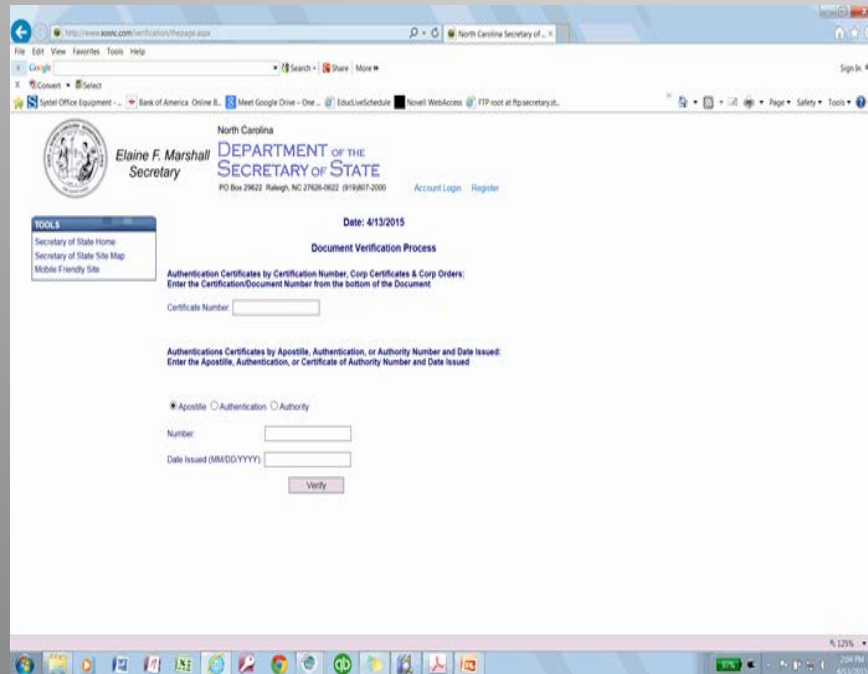
NC Certification Number and Verification

Certification Number



Verification

- Certificate Number 96958171 was ordered on 4/15/2015 and is a document of type Existence for [UrCon, LLC](#)



Scott Foskette
Business Operations Supervisor
Montana Secretary of State's Office



Types of Certificates Offered to existing business entities registered in Montana (two types offered)

- **Certificate of Existence:** These certificates certify that the Corporation or LLC is registered and at the time the certificate was issued was in good standing with the Montana Secretary of State's Office.
- **Cost:** \$5.00 and available immediately to order and print through our website.



CERTIFICATE OF EXISTENCE

I, **LINDA McCULLOCH**, Secretary of State of the State of Montana, do hereby certify that

MONTANA LAW OFFICE

duly filed its Articles of Incorporation in this office on **JANUARY 9, 1999**, and on that date was created a body politic and corporate.

I further certify that all fees reflected in the records of the Secretary of State have been paid by said corporation and that the most recent annual report has been filed with this office.

I further certify that no articles of dissolution have been placed on record in this office by said corporation and my records indicate the corporation is in good standing under the laws of the State of Montana and authorized to transact in business and conduct its affairs in this state.

The Secretary of State cannot certify that tax and penalties owed to this state on record with the Department of Revenue are current. Please contact the Department of Revenue at (406) 444-6900 to obtain information on tax status.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of Montana, at Helena, the Capital, this **April 22, 2015**.



LINDA McCULLOCH
Secretary of State

Certified File Number: **D123455**

Types of Certificates Offered

- **Certificate of Fact:** This certificate can be issued for all business types and not only states that the business is registered in good standing, but can also certify other specific information such as name changes, amendments, officers and directors of Corporations, management of an LLC, owners of Assumed Business Names, etc.
- **Cost:** \$15.00 and must be issued directly from our office.



CERTIFICATE OF FACT

I, **LINDA McCULLOCH**, Secretary of State of the State of Montana, do hereby certify that on **JANUARY 8, 2001**, **MONTANA CONSTRUCTION** was incorporated under the laws of the State of Montana and received its Certificate of Incorporation for a term of perpetual duration.



I further certify that the last corporate annual report filed by the corporation was the **2015** report filed in this office on **JANUARY 1, 2015**.



I further certify that the registered agent for the corporation as listed on the 2015 annual report is **ABC REGISTERED AGENTS**.



I further certify that the officers and directors of the corporation as listed on the **2015** annual report are: **BOB SMITH, PRESIDENT, JANE SMITH, VICE PRESIDENT**.

I further certify that the corporation has filed all required reports with this office and that no notice or decree of dissolution has been filed with this office and it is in good standing.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of Montana, at Helena, the Capital, this **April 22, 2015**.



LINDA McCULLOCH
Secretary of State

Certified File Number: **D123456**

Certificate Required to Register Specific Entities

- **Certificate of Existence/Certificate of Good Standing from the state of jurisdiction.** This certificate was previously required for foreign entities registering in Montana UNTIL Senate Bill 35 passed on February 18, 2015.
- This certificate is no longer a requirement to register a foreign entity in the state of Montana, rather we have added the following language to our documents which has been deemed acceptable by our legal dept.

9. I, **HEREBY SWEAR AND AFFIRM**, under penalty of law, that the facts contained in this document are true and that this entity has complied with the organizational laws in the jurisdiction in which it is organized and that it exists in that jurisdiction.

Applicant Signature: _____ DATE: _____

Daytime Contact Phone: _____ Email: _____

Senate Bill 35

PASSED FEBRUARY 18, 2015

This bill was put forth by The Montana Secretary of State's Office.

SUMMARY OF BILL:

AN ACT ELIMINATING THE CERTIFICATE OF EXISTENCE REQUIREMENTS FOR OUT-OF-STATE BUSINESSES; REQUIRING CERTAIN STATEMENTS FROM OUT-OF-STATE BUSINESSES IN LIEU OF A CERTIFICATE OF EXISTENCE; AMENDING SECTIONS 35-1-217, 35-1-311, 35-1-1028, 35-2-119, 35-2-307, 35-2-822, 35-8-108, 35-8-1003, AND 35-12-1302, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE

Summary of SB 35

- SB 35 removes the requirement for an out of state entity to provide a Certificate of Existence or Good Standing from their state of jurisdiction.
- Requiring the certificate is a primary cause for rejection of foreign applications thereby causing delays and expenditure of time and money in handling of documents, delaying the startup of the company's legitimate business activities in Montana. Purchase of the certificate is an added expense to the business and may consume a significant amount of time in some jurisdictions.
- The forms for qualifying in Montana would be updated to include language (as seen on previous slide) that the corporate representative attests that the entity is active and in good standing in their home state of jurisdiction.

Summary of SB 35 cont.

- Several states have stopped requiring these certificates to expedite the filing process. The results have been good with improved filing time for out of state businesses and reduced rejections and costs to the business entities.

Overall reaction to SB 35

- We've found the public to be extremely receptive to this new legislation. They're thrilled not to have to go through the extra step of obtaining a Certificate from their state of jurisdiction.
- They've found as we have that it saves a tremendous amount of time and cost and even relieves public frustration in trying to attain a Certificate of Good Standing from their state of jurisdiction.