



# IL Debt Settlement Consumer Protection Branch License New Application Checklist (Branch)

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Who is required to have this license?

Any person or entity licensed as a Debt Settlement service with the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (IDFPR) and proposes to operate from an additional location(s) in the state of Illinois, or service residents of Illinois from any additional location(s) outside the state of Illinois.

This license should only be applied for by a company that also holds or is applying for Debt Settlement Consumer Protection Act license. The Debt Settlement Consumer Protection Act (225 ILCS 429/25) requires separate applications shall be made for *each location* conducting business with Illinois residents.

### Activities Authorized Under This License

This license authorizes the following activities...

- Debt Settlement/Debt Adjustment

### Pre-Requisites for License Applications

- None

IDFPR does not issue paper licenses for this license type.

### Document Uploads

Documents that must be uploaded to the *Document Uploads* section of the Branch Form (MU3) in NMLS are indicated in the checklist below. When uploading documents:

- Follow the guidance in [Document Upload Descriptions and Examples](#).
- Only upload documents relevant to the company application.
- Only upload documents where there is a selectable document category. If inappropriate documents are uploaded that should not be, you will be contacted by your regulator and asked to remove them from NMLS.

- Do not upload the same company documents multiple times. Generally, unless the document is state-specific, if the document has already been uploaded for another state, a new upload is not required unless changes have been made.
- If a document previously uploaded has been revised, delete the old document and replace it with the new document (history of the old document will remain in NMLS).
- For state-specific documents (e.g., Surety Bonds), be sure to indicate the applicable state.

### Helpful Resources

- [Branch Form \(MU3\) Filing Quick Guide](#)
- [Document Upload Descriptions and Examples](#)
- [Payment Options Quick Guide](#)
- [License Status Definitions Quick Guide](#)

### Agency Contact Information

Contact Division of Financial Institutions, Consumer Credit Section licensing staff by phone at (312) 814-5145 or send your questions via email to [FPR.ConsumerCredit@illinois.gov](mailto:FPR.ConsumerCredit@illinois.gov) for additional assistance.

*For U.S. Postal Service & Overnight Delivery:*

*IDFPR, Division of Financial Institutions  
Consumer Credit Section  
320 W Washington  
Suite 550  
Springfield, IL 62786*

THE APPLICANT/LICENSEE IS FULLY RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE LICENSE FOR WHICH THEY ARE APPLYING. THE AGENCY SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS CONTAINED HEREIN ARE FOR GUIDANCE ONLY TO FACILITATE APPLICATION THROUGH NMLS. SHOULD YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONSULT LEGAL COUNSEL.

**LICENSE FEES** - Fees collected through NMLS are not REFUNDABLE or TRANSFERABLE.

Complete	IL Debt Settlement Consumer Protection Branch License	Submitted via...
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p><b>IL License/Registration Fee:</b> \$1,000.00</p> <p><b>IL Application Fee:</b> \$350.00</p> <p><b>NMLS Initial Processing Fee:</b> \$0</p>	<b>NMLS (Filing submission)</b>

**REQUIREMENTS COMPLETED IN NMLS**

Complete	IL Debt Settlement Consumer Protection Branch License	Submitted via...
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p><b>Submission of Branch Form (MU3):</b> Complete and submit the Branch Form (MU3) in NMLS. This form serves as the application for the license through NMLS.</p>	<b>NMLS</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p><b>Other Trade Names:</b> If this branch is operating under a name that is different from the applicant’s legal name, that name (“Trade Name”, “Assumed Name” or “DBA”) must be listed under the <i>Other Trade Names</i> section of both the Branch Form (MU3) and the Company Form (MU1). <a href="#">IDFPR</a> does not limit the number of other trade names.</p> <p>If operating under an “Other Trade Name”, upload either Copy of Application to Adopt, Change, or Cancel, and Assumed Business Name / Certificate of Good Standing from the Illinois Secretary of State regarding ability to do business under that trade name.</p> <p>This document should be named <i>IL-Debt Settlement Branch Trade Name – Assumed Name</i>.</p>	<p><b>NMLS</b></p> <p><b>Upload in NMLS:</b> under the Document Type <u>Trade Name/Assumed Name Registration Certificates</u> in the <i>Document Uploads</i> section of the Company Form (MU1).</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p><b>Branch Manager:</b> A Branch Manager must be designated for each licensed location. A Branch Manager is defined as an individual whose principal office is physically located in, who is in charge of, and who is responsible for the business operations of a branch office.</p>	<b>NMLS</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p><b>Branch Manager (MU2) Attestation:</b> Complete the Individual Form (MU2) in NMLS. This form must be attested to by the applicable branch manager before it is able to be submitted along with the Branch Form (MU3).</p>	<b>NMLS</b>
Note	<p><b>Credit Report:</b> Branch Managers are NOT required to authorize a credit report through NMLS.</p>	<b>N/A</b>
Note	<p><b>MU2 Individual FBI Criminal Background Check Not Required Through NMLS:</b> Branch Managers are NOT required to authorize a FBI criminal background check (CBC) through NMLS.</p>	<b>N/A</b>

**REQUIREMENTS/DOCUMENTS UPLOADED IN NMLS**

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<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Surety Bond.</b> Submit branch bond in the amount of \$100,000 furnished by a surety company authorized to conduct business in Illinois. The name of the principal insured on the bond must match exactly the full legal name of applicant, including any Other Trade Names. <a href="#">Click here to access the form.</a>  This document should be named <i>Debt Settlement Branch Surety Bond</i> .	<b>Upload in NMLS:</b> under the Document Type <u>Surety Bond</u> in the <i>Document Uploads</i> section of the Branch Form (MU3).

**INDIVIDUAL (MU2) DOCUMENTS UPLOADED IN NMLS**

No individual (MU2) documents are required to be uploaded into NMLS for this license/registration at this time.

**REQUIREMENTS SUBMITTED OUTSIDE OF NMLS**

Complete	IL Debt Settlement Consumer Protection Branch License	Submitted via...
No items are required to be submitted outside of NMLS for this license/registration at this time.		