



# IL Debt Settlement Consumer Protection Branch License Transition Checklist (Branch)

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Transition to NMLS

Companies holding the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (IDFPR), Debt Settlement Consumer Protection License are required to submit a license transition request through NMLS by filing a Branch Form (MU3) and an Individual Form (MU2) for each of their branch managers by March 31, 2019. The Debt Settlement licensee will be available in NMLS to submit the transition request starting February 1, 2019. The transition to NMLS for this license is *required*.

Before the Branch Form (MU3) can be submitted, companies must complete and submit the Company Form (MU1) through for the Debt Settlement licensee's main location.

**Note:** If you already have a record in NMLS and have submitted these forms in the past, you do not need to re-enter your company information into NMLS. You will only need to identify the business activities your company conducts and the states in which the various activities are conducted. Then, you will select the appropriate license in IL, and complete a few state-specific fields.

It is important that current licensees have the appropriate transition number available when completing and submitting their Branch Form (MU3), so they are not charged a new application fee. Your seven (7) digits, Debt Settlement number will be required to transition to NMLS (i.e. DM.0000123).

Any licensee that needs to amend or surrender a license (or execute any other action previously completed in paper form must complete these actions within NMLS from February 1, 2019 onward. Paper forms will not be accepted after February 1, 2019. IDFPR encourages current licensees to update their information with the Department before February 1, 2019, so there will be no pending changes to submit at the time of transition.

### Activities Authorized Under This License

This license authorizes the following activities...

- Debt Settlement/Debt Adjustment

## Document Uploads Guidance

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

- [Transitioning an Existing Branch License](#)
- [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](tel:3128145145) 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...
Note	<b>IL License/Registration Transition Fee: \$0</b> <b>NMLS Initial Processing Fee: \$0</b>	N/A

**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 transition request for the license/registration through NMLS.</p> <p>See the <a href="#">Transitioning an Existing Branch License Quick Guide</a> for instructions on how to submit the transition request.</p> <p><b>When selecting your license in the Branch Form (MU3), you will be asked to enter your existing license number. Be sure to enter your current IDFPR issued Debt Settlement license number (i.e. DS.0000123).</b></p> <p><b>All current licensees/registrants must transition their license onto NMLS on or before March 31, 2019.</b></p>	NMLS
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p><b>Other Trade Names:</b> If this branch is operating under a name that is different from the licensee’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). IDFPR does not limit the number of other trade names.</p> <p>If operating under an “Other Trade Name”, upload Copy of Application to Adopt, Change, or Cancel, and Assumed Name or 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 Trade Name – Assumed Name]</i>.</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>	NMLS
<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>	NMLS

Note	<b>Credit Report:</b> Branch Managers are NOT required to authorize a credit report through NMLS.	N/A
Note	<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.	N/A

#### REQUIREMENTS/DOCUMENTS UPLOADED IN NMLS

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<input type="checkbox"/>	<p><b>Surety Bond.</b> Submit branch bond in the amount of \$100,000 furnished by a surety company authorized to conduct business in the state of 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 for the form.</a></p> <p>This document should be named <i>Debt Settlement Branch Surety Bond</i>.</p>	<p><b>Upload in NMLS:</b> under the Document Type <u>Surety Bond</u> in the <u>Document Uploads</u> section of the Branch Form (MU3).</p>

#### 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.		