This document includes instructions for a branch (authorized delegates are not considered a branch in NMLS) new application request. If you need to complete a new application for a company location or individual; refer to the appropriate new application checklists.

**The Debt Settlement Services (DN) license is for a domestic or foreign not-for-profit corporation or association registered under 15 Pa.C.S. Pt. II Subpt. C (relating to nonprofit corporations) with the Secretary of the Commonwealth which has annual gross revenues from debt settlement services fees and charges of less than $3,000,000 annually. Applicants that do not meet these requirements should refer to the Debt Settlement Services Licensing information.**

**Note:** The Company (MU1) form (corporate location) must be submitted prior to the submission of a Branch (MU3) Form.

**Total License Costs:** $0.

A $15 fee for a credit report will be added if one has not been authorized through NMLS in the past 30 days for the branch manager). Fees collected through the NMLS ARE NOT REFUNDABLE.

**Use the checklist below to complete the requirements for the Pennsylvania Department of Banking and Securities.**

The checklist provides instructions and requirements for information to be entered in NMLS, the documents that must be uploaded into NMLS, as well as the documents that must be sent outside NMLS.

For help with the NMLS application, see the [Branch (MU3) Form Filing Quick Guide](#).

Agency specific requirements marked **Filed in NMLS** must be completed and/or uploaded in NMLS; this information will not be viewable to the agency until the application has been submitted through NMLS.

Agency specific requirements marked **attached** on the checklist below must be received with this checklist within 5 business days of the electronic submission of your application through the NMLS at the following:

**For U.S. Postal Service:**

The Pennsylvania  
Department of Banking and Securities  
Non-Depository Licensing Office  
17 N 2nd Street Ste 1300  
Harrisburg, PA  17101-2290

**For Overnight Delivery:**

The Pennsylvania  
Department of Banking and Securities  
Non-Depository Licensing Office  
17 N 2nd Street Ste 1300  
Harrisburg, PA  17101-2290
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<td>Other Trade Names: Any other trade names used by this branch must be identified on both the Branch (MU3) Form and the Company (MU1) Form.</td>
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<td>Branch Manager: 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.</td>
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<td>Credit Report: Branch managers are required to authorize a credit report through NMLS. The branch manager will be required to complete an Identity Verification Process (IDV) along with an individual attestation before a license request can be filed through NMLS.</td>
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<td>Disclosure Questions: Provide an explanation for any “Yes” response. Upload a copy of any applicable orders or supporting documents in the Disclosure Explanations section of the Branch (MU3) Form.</td>
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<td>Pennsylvania Criminal Background History Check: Branch managers must complete a Pennsylvania State Police (PSP) criminal background check by using the Pennsylvania Access to Criminal History (PATCH) website: <a href="https://epatch.state.pa.us">https://epatch.state.pa.us</a>. Click to download PA State Police Criminal Background History form.</td>
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| N/A          |         | N/A            | Criminal Background Check: Branch Managers must complete a FBI Fingerprint check: Available to Pennsylvania residents and those working in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:  
  - To Schedule your ten-minute fingerprint appointment, simply click on the link associated with your license type below:  
    Debt Settlement Company  |
For all other applicants residing or working in states other than Pennsylvania a fingerprint card must be submitted by mail to IndentoGO

Non-Resident Cardscan Universal Enrollment Platform Processing Overview

Cardscan processing is available for those applicants residing outside of Pennsylvania and/or Pennsylvania residents physically unable to visit an IndentoGO location. To complete the process, applicants must complete the following steps.

1. Obtain fingerprints on FBI (FD-258) fingerprint card and complete personal information fields on fingerprint card.
2. Click on the link associated with your license type on the previous page.
3. Click on the 'Submit A Fingerprint Card by Mail' link and complete the pre-enrollment information necessary to submit a fingerprint card enrollment by mail. All processing fees will be collected during the pre-enrollment process. A pre-enrollment confirmation page will be provided once registration is complete.
4. Print and sign the completed pre-enrollment confirmation page, which includes the barcode printed on the top right of the page. Mail the signed pre-enrollment confirmation page and the completed fingerprint card to IndentoGO using the mailing address provided during the pre-enrollment process.

DO NOT MAIL THE COMPLETED FBI CARD TO THE DEPARTMENT OF BANKING AND SECURITIES

Third Party Investigatory Background Checks: Each control person (including the qualifying individual) who does not or has not resided in the US for at least 5 years must provide an investigative background report. The report must be prepared by an acceptable search firm and submitted directly to the Department in addition to other background information required in the application. At a minimum, the report must contain the following:

- A comprehensive credit report/history
- Civil court and bankruptcy court records for the past 5 years, including a search of the court data in the country(ies), states, towns where the individual resided and worked and in contiguous areas
- Criminal records for the past 5 years, including felonies, misdemeanors and violations including a search of court data in the countries, states, towns where the individual resided and worked and in contiguous areas.
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<td>Results of the background checks are not mailed to applicants. If there is a problem with the results of your background check you will be notified.</td>
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<td>Applicant Notification and Record Challenge: Your fingerprints will be used to check the criminal history records of the FBI. You have the opportunity to complete or challenge the accuracy of the information contained in the FBI identification record. The procedure for obtaining a change, correction, or updating the FBI identification record are set for the in Title 28, CFR, 16.34.</td>
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<td>Tax Certification: Provide a certified memorandum for each branch manager indicating all tax obligations to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania have been paid or that a deferred payment plan with the Pennsylvania Department of Revenue has been made.</td>
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<td>Click to download tax waiver and certification form.</td>
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The regulator will review the filing and all required documents and communicate with you through NMLS. To review your status or see detailed communication from the regulator, click on the Composite View tab and then click on View License/Registration in NMLS. See the License Status Review & Definitions quick guide for instructions.

WHO TO CONTACT – Contact the PA Department of Banking and Securities, Non-Depository licensing staff by phone at (717) 787-3717 or send your questions via e-mail to rasklicensing@pa.gov for additional assistance.