

**STATE OF ALABAMA
APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF EXISTENCE
OF REGISTERED ENTITIES**

PURPOSE: To request a Certificate of Existence for an entity indexed or registered by the Office of the Alabama Secretary of State. Only one entity’s certificate can be ordered on this form. Use a separate form for each separate Entity Identification (ID) Number.

This is not a Certificate of Compliance (Good Standing) request. That document is issued by the Alabama Department of Revenue and can be ordered on their website at https://www.alabamainteractive.org/ador_tax_compliance/welcome.action.

INSTRUCTIONS: **Mail 2 copies of this completed form along with a self-addressed, stamped envelope to:**

***Secretary of State, Business Services, P.O. Box 5616, Montgomery, Alabama 36103.**

*Include a check, money order, or credit card payment for the \$25.00 processing fee.

***Domestic LP formed before 2011 must have a Certificate of Information on file before a Certificate of Existence can be processed.**

*Your filing will not be processed if the credit/debit card does not authorize and will be subject to \$30 fee if the check is dishonored.

This form must be typed and will not be accepted via email.

1. Alabama Entity ID Number (Format: 000-000-000): _____ - _____ - _____ **TO OBTAIN ID NUMBER,** go to our website at www.sos.alabama.gov, click on Business Services (below picture), click on Business Entity and Name Search, click on Entity Name, enter the name of the entity in the appropriate box, and enter. Click on the number and verify that this is the correct entity. This step is strongly recommended.

2. The name of the entity as registered with the Secretary of State of Alabama:

3. The certificate of existence is to be forwarded to: (Name) _____

Mailing Address/Standard USPS (If the certificate is to be held for pick-up, type **HOLD FOR PICK-UP.**)
Certificates will not be returned via email since they are available online.

All documents are mailed standard USPS unless envelopes with special postage or overnight courier envelopes are included with the request. Any overnight courier envelopes must have a completed air bill with the billing information completed with no reference to the Secretary of State’s Office address and clearly marked “bill recipient.” Air bills showing SOS address will be discarded and regular USPS will be used.

(For SOS Use Only)

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Credit Card Payment Option:

Card Type: _____ (Visa, MC, Discover & AmEx)

Card Number: _____ Expiration Mo/Yr: _____ / _____

Card Holder Name: _____

Complete Billing Address: _____
Street or PO Box City State Zip

Signature of Card Holder: _____
MUST be Signature of Card Holder

Prepaid Account Option:

Name of Account: _____ Acct. Number: _____

Authorized Signature: _____
Signature of Authorized Individual on Account

FEES & DELIVERY INSTRUCTIONS

Standard Processing: The fee is \$25.00 for all entity types. All applications will be processed within 24 - 48 hours of receipt.

Immediate Processing: You may acquire a Certificate of Existence online at www.sos.alabama.gov. Click on Business Services (under picture), scroll down to Certificate of Existence. The online service must be paid by credit card and is \$28.00 with immediate processing (printed from your printer – the certificate bears the seal and an authentication number on the face of the document and prints with gold accents on a color printer).

Mailing Address:

You may mail your request to the Office of the Alabama Secretary of State, Business Services Division/ Business Entities at PO Box 5616, Montgomery, Alabama 36103-5616. You may use this form to use your Credit Card or prepaid account, or enclose a check or money order for payment of the fees. If you need a receipt that your request application was received you will need to use a courier service or certified/registered mail, requiring a signature.

The overnight courier address is Office of the Alabama Secretary of State, Business Services Division/ Business Entities, RSA Plaza Building, 770 Washington Avenue, Suite 580, Montgomery, Alabama, 36104. Please use this address only for courier, the PO Box address is a more secure method of delivery for regular mail.

Applications for Certificate of Existence are only accepted via mail, courier, or electronic online processing. **Telephone or email applications will not be processed.**