

Support Material for adding verification of Professional License

Background:

Dewey Business License Form

<https://www.townofdeweybeach.com/BusinessLicenses2023>

Delaware law requires persons and businesses in certain professions to obtain a valid license from the Division of Professional Regulation before practicing in the profession or operating the business in Delaware. The purpose of professional licensing is to establish that the person or business is qualified and meets all requirements to provide services in the profession. Certain events, such as Gaming or Combative Sports events, may also require a permit from the Division.

(Source: <https://dpr.delaware.gov/aboutagency/applyingforlicense/>)

Professional License vs. Business License

A professional license from the Division of Professional Regulation is not the same as a business license from the Delaware Division of Revenue. Most businesses need both to operate in Delaware. For information about Delaware business licenses, see **One Stop Business Registration and Licensing**.

When to Apply for a **Professional License**

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To find out whether you need a Delaware professional license and how to apply, click on the name of your profession below. The link will take you to the home page for your profession. Select the type of license you are interested in from the menu on the left-hand side. **If your profession or license type does not appear on the list, it may be one that does not require a professional license or it is handled by another agency.** In that case, click on [Related Websites](#) at the bottom of the screen for more information.

More Information About Your Delaware License

Professions

To go to its website, find and click your profession.

- [Accountancy](#)
- [Acupuncture](#)
- [Acupuncture Detoxification](#)
- [Administrative Medical](#)
- [Adult Entertainment Establishments](#)
- [Aesthetician](#)
- [Architects](#)
- [Art Therapy](#)
- [Athletic Trainers](#)
- [Audiology](#)
- [Barbering](#)
- [Boxing](#)
- [Chemical Dependency Professionals](#)
- [Chiropractic](#)
- [Combative Sports](#)
- [Controlled Substances](#)
- [Cosmetology](#)
- [Counselors of Mental Health](#)
- [Deadly Weapons Dealers](#)
- [Dental](#)
- [Dietitians](#)
- [Eastern Medicine Practitioner](#)
- [Electrician](#)
- [Funeral Services](#)
- [Gaming](#)

- Genetic Counselor
- Geology
- Hearing Aid Dispensers
- Home Inspectors
- Homeowner Permits
- HVACR
- Land Surveyors
- Landscape Architect
- Magistrate Screening
- Manufactured Home Installation
- Marriage and Family Therapy
- Massage and Bodywork
- Medical Practice
- Mental Health
- Midwife (non-Nursing)
- Mixed Martial Arts
- Nail Technician
- Nursing
- Nursing Home Administrators
- Nutritionist
- Occupational Therapy
- Optometry
- Paramedic
- Pharmacy
- Physical Therapy
- Physician
- Physician Assistant
- Physician (Training/ACGME)
- Pilots (River)
- Plumbers
- Podiatry
- Polysomnographer
- Psychology
- Real Estate
- Real Estate Appraisers
- Respiratory Care
- Salons & Shops
- Social Workers
- Speech Pathology
- Tamper-Resistant Prescriptions
- Veterinary Medicine

1. Discuss proposal for adding verification of professional licenses to any contractors applying for a business license in the town of Dewey Beach.



list as of 2024.docx

Questions to Bethany Beach:

Do you research each business license application & require each contractor doing work in Bethany for their compliance with the following:

1. *State of Delaware Division of Revenue business license.*
2. *State of Delaware Division of Professional Regulation license.*
3. *Proof of business insurance.*
4. *Other Delaware licenses as listed in the attachment above.*

Response:

“The Front Desk handles licensing and they do not require proof of insurance or that they have a State business license. They do not have to show proof of a Division of Professional Regulation either. However, I looked at the list of professional licenses and it would only apply to electricians and plumbers. They are inspected by outside agencies who may be checking for that.”

Questions to Rehoboth Beach:

Do you research each business license application & require each contractor doing work in Rehoboth for their compliance with the following:

1. *State of Delaware Division of Revenue business license.*
2. *State of Delaware Division of Professional Regulation license.*
3. *Proof of business insurance.*
4. *Other Delaware licenses as listed in the attachment above.*

Response:

Did not get a written response. The response was a verbal conversation with the Building Official. Rehoboth does verify all of the above and requires the above licenses. Rehoboth does all (in-house) construction plan reviews & inspections for the city. They have a larger department staff. Rehoboth wants to know what and who is working in their city in case there is any damage to City property.

Questions to Sussex County:

Do you research each business license application & require each contractor doing work in Sussex County for their compliance with the following:

1. *State of Delaware Division of Revenue business license.*
2. *State of Delaware Division of Professional Regulation license.*
3. *Proof of business insurance.*
4. *Other Delaware licenses as listed in the attachment above.*

Response:

Nothing is required.

Q. Is getting a Delaware business license the only requirement for those conducting business in Delaware?

A. No, depending on your business and where you live you may also be required to register with other local, state and federal entities.

In addition to registering with the Delaware Division of Revenue and obtaining a Delaware business license:

All businesses (except sole proprietors with no employees) must additionally register with the federal government and obtain an Employee Identification Number (EIN).

Businesses can comply with federal requirements by contacting the [Employer ID Numbers](#) section of the [IRS website](#).

Depending on where you are located in Delaware, your city and/or county may also require a city and/or county business license, in addition to a State of Delaware business license. Please contact your [local government offices](#) for more information about local requirements.

Businesses with employees must additionally register with the [Delaware Division of Unemployment Insurance](#) and the [Delaware Office of Workers Compensation](#)

Corporations, Partnerships, Limited Liability Companies, etc who conduct business in Delaware must additionally register with the [Delaware Division of Corporations](#).

Certain professions must additionally register and obtain a license with the Delaware Division of Professional Regulations. Please visit the [Division of Professional Regulations](#) for a list of applicable professions.