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Businesses come in all sizes — from large multinational corporations to sole proprietors. Whatever your size, the pages in this section have the information you need to take care of your tax obligations to the Commonwealth.

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It's the new one-stop [business portal](#) for information, tools, and more - all intended to help you succeed in the Commonwealth.

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Certificate of Good Standing

Corporations and other organizations often need proof that they are in good standing with the Commonwealth, i.e., that all tax liabilities have been met in order to obtain financing, sell their business, renew licenses or enter into other business transactions.

The fastest and easiest way to obtain a Certificate is via our [online application](#). Both taxpayers and authorized practitioners can use this program to obtain a Certificate within a few days. Before beginning this process, make sure that key authenticating data is readily available, including the entity's id number, a list of tax types filed with DOR and the dates when the entity was first required to collect and submit these taxes.

Once the applicant has been authenticated, a search will be made of our databases to identify any returns that need to be filed or bills that remain unpaid. Since this process takes up to 48 hours, users will be given an application number and asked to come back to the program in a couple of days. At that time, fully compliant taxpayers will be able to print a Certificate or request that it be mailed to the address of record. If bills are identified, an opportunity will be given to pay the amount owed via EFW. A Certificate will then be issued. Taxpayers with nonfiled Trustee tax returns (Sales, Meals, Withholding, Room Occupancy), can file and pay within the application and obtain their Certificate. Taxpayers with nonfiled Income and Corporate returns will be given instructions on how to file on paper and obtain a Certificate.

Please note:

Taxpayers responsible for certain taxes such as Alcoholic Beverage Excise, Cigarette Excise, Sales Tax on Boats, International Fuels Tax Agreement, Smokeless Tobacco or Ferry Embarkation will need to file a paper application. This [form](#) can be printed from this site. **Paper applications can take 4 to 6 weeks.**

Paper applications are also required in order to obtain a Waiver of Corporate Tax lien.

Dissolutions: Corporations have not been required to obtain a Certificate of Good Standing prior to a voluntary dissolution since March 1992.

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Certificate of Good Standing Web Site

Individuals and businesses may use this site to apply for a Certificate of Good Standing and/or Letter of Compliance. Please note: If the system identifies periods for which you have not filed tax returns or that you have unpaid liabilities, you will be given instructions on how to file and pay via this web site, WebFile for Business, or through an alternate method. You may only request one certificate at a time but will be allowed to print the certificate as many times as needed. Businesses filing with more than one ID number must remit a paper application and cannot use the online process.

Corporations applying for a Tax Lien Waiver must remit a paper application. LLCs and LLPs that file Partnership returns and are not responsible for any other taxes must remit a paper application. Please make your selection below and continue. For applicants returning to obtain their application results or applicants returning to re-print a previously issued certificate, you will need to have the application number that was emailed to you in order to login.

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Note: If there is not a valid DOR Certificate of Good Standing submitted with an application, the application will be disapproved on that basis alone and returned to the LLA.