

CHAPTER 24
CHECK CASHING

Authority

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Chapter Historical Note

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SUBCHAPTER 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

3:24-1.1 Purpose

The purpose of this chapter is to implement and to augment the requirements of N.J.S.A. 17:15A-30 et seq., "The Check Cashers Regulatory Act of 1993."

3:24-1.2 Scope

These rules are applicable to all licensed check cashers and applicants for licensure.

3:24-1.3 Definitions

Words and terms, when used in this chapter, shall have the meanings as defined at N.J.S.A. 17:15A-31 unless defined below or the context clearly indicates otherwise.

"Act" means N.J.S.A. 17:15A-30 et seq., "The Check Cashers Regulatory Act of 1993."

"Appropriate documentation" means a corporate resolution filed with the Secretary of State, Federal taxpayer identification number, filed New Jersey Certificate of Authority, filed trade-name certificate or other readily verifiable official document.

"Cash" (cashing a check) includes both the exchange of money for the presentment of a check, and the acceptance of a replacement check for one which has been returned for insufficient funds.

"Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Banking and Insurance.

"Consideration" means, but is not limited to, a requirement by the check casher that a person make a purchase or otherwise patronize a business operated by the check casher in order to cash a check at the check cashing establishment, or a returned check charge imposed by a bank.

"Department" means the Department of Banking and Insurance.

"Disabled person" means, for the purpose of these rules, a person whose disability either temporarily or permanently prevents him from going into a check cashing establishment for the purpose of cashing a check.

"Essential records" includes all records listed in N.J.S.A. 17:15A-441 and m; N.J.A.C. 3:24-5.3(a); and all corporate resolutions.

"Insolvent" means that the check cashing licensee cannot or does not pay his or her debts as they become due in the normal course of business, or his or her financial statement indicates that the licensee has a negative net worth.

"Person" includes corporations, companies, associations, societies, firms, partnerships and joint stock companies as well as individuals, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

Amended by R.2000 d.177, effective May 1, 2000.
See: 32 N.J.R. 344(a), 32 N.J.R. 1513(b).

Inserted "Commissioner" and "Department".

3:24-1.4 License fees; reporting fee

(a) The Department shall charge the following biennial fees to apply for or renew a license pursuant to this chapter:

1. A licensing fee of \$1,200 for a principal office;
2. A licensing fee of \$1,200 for a full branch office; and
3. A licensing fee of \$1,200 for a mobile office.

3:24-1.5 Application fees

(a) The following application fees shall be charged:

1. Application for a principal office, \$300.00;
2. Application for a full branch office, \$250.00;
3. Application for a limited branch office, \$250.00;
4. Application for a mobile office, \$250.00, plus \$100.00 for each additional geographic location at which the mobile office will stop;
5. Application for change of control pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17:15A-42, \$250.00; and
6. Application for approval to change the address of an existing office, \$75.00.

Amended by R.2000 d.177, effective May 1, 2000.
See: 32 N.J.R. 344(a), 32 N.J.R. 1513(b).

In (a), increased the fee from \$250.00 to \$300.00 in 1, and increased the fee from \$100.00 to \$250.00 in 5.

3:24-1.6 Application process; requirements

(a) No applicant for a license shall commence operations until a license has been issued.

(b) In addition to the information required to be furnished to the Department by N.J.S.A. 17:15A-33 through 39, the applicant shall supply the following as part of its application for each director, substantial stockholder, officer, owner, partner, manager and employee of the business to be licensed:

1. A Certificate of Certified Consent for criminal investigative purposes;
2. Photographs of the persons listed in (b) above;

3. Fingerprint cards supplied with the application (Form FD-258 and SBI-19);

4. Application fee(s) as required by N.J.A.C. 3:24-1.5;

5. Any other information or supporting documentation relating to the operation of the proposed check cashing business which the Commissioner may require; and

6. A check in the amount of \$26.00 payable to the "Treasurer, State of New Jersey" and a second check in the amount required by the New Jersey State Police payable to the "Division of State Police-SBI" for each person for the costs of background investigations, including fingerprinting.

(c) Corporate applicants for a check cashing license shall submit a copy of the Certificate of Incorporation showing the filed or recording stamp of the New Jersey Department of Treasury, Division of Revenue, and shall identify the registered agent for service of process. Foreign corporations shall submit a New Jersey Certificate of Authority in addition to corporate certificate.

(d) Individual or partnership applicants using a trade name shall submit a copy of the trade name as filed with the county clerk showing date of recording.

(e) Corporations using fictitious names shall file a copy of registration of such name, as recorded, as part of their applications, in addition to the documents listed in (c) above.

(f) A new employee, hired after a license has issued, may begin work pending receipt by the Department of fingerprint results provided all other information is complete and satisfactory.

(g) Applicants seeking approval of a branch, mobile office, change of address or for change of control must have their license in good standing to receive said additional approval.

(h) Applicants seeking approval of change of address shall submit:

1. A physical description of the premises;
2. Two interior and two exterior photos of the premises;
3. A copy of the executed lease; and
4. Necessary permits, variances or other documentation sufficient to demonstrate that the facility is in compliance with all applicable State, county and municipal laws, ordinances and traffic regulations.