

APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO ACQUIRE CONTROL OF A DEBT SETTLEMENT SERVICES PROVIDER LICENSEE PURSUANT TO § 6.2-2033 OF THE CODE OF VIRGINIA

INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS

This application is required by § 6.2-2033 of the Code of Virginia. Generally, any person seeking to acquire, directly or indirectly, twenty-five percent or more of the voting shares of a corporation or a twenty-five percent or more ownership interest in any other person licensed to conduct business under Chapter 20.1 of Title 6.2 of the Code of Virginia must complete and file this application. Additional information, attachments, and/or documents must be filed on **8 1/2" x 11"** paper.

The following documents must be submitted with the application:

1. A check for \$500 payable to the Treasurer of Virginia. The application fee is not refundable.
2. An organizational chart for the applicant, if applicable, showing the title and detailing the duties of each position.
3. A list of the **applicant's directors, senior officers** (persons who have significant management responsibility within an organization or otherwise have the authority to influence or control the conduct of the organization's affairs, including but not limited to its compliance with applicable laws and regulations), **trustees, beneficiaries, members, and principals** (persons who own, directly or indirectly, 10% or more of the applicant) showing the name, title, address and percentage of ownership. An applicant who is an individual need not comply with this item.
4. A list of the **proposed new directors, senior officers, principals and members of the debt settlement services licensee to be acquired** showing name, title, address and percentage of ownership.
5. A properly executed, current (less than 90 days old) Personal Financial Report and Disclosure Statement form for **each director, senior officer, trustee, beneficiary, member, and principal of the applicant and for each proposed new director, senior officer, principal, and member of the debt settlement services licensee to be acquired** (on form CCB-1123). **Proposed outside directors** (persons who will not be paid employees of the debt settlement services licensee to be acquired or its parent) may use the Limited Personal Financial Report and Disclosure Statement form CCB-1143. *The report must be executed with original signature(s).* These forms are confidential.
6. An Employment and Business Affiliation Disclosure Form, CCB-1150, for each person required to file form CCB-1123 or form CCB-1143.
7. Financial statements of the **applicant** and of the **debt settlement services licensee to be acquired**. Furnish the most recent audited statements, if available, as well as current (less than 90 days old) internal statements. The applicant's financial statement should be filed on form CCB-1123 if the applicant is an individual.
8. A statement giving details of the nature and scope of the proposed acquisition.
9. A copy of the purchase agreement.
10. Submit three written business reference letters from persons who can attest to the character, reputation, experience, financial responsibility, and general fitness of the **applicant, its directors, senior officers, trustees, beneficiaries, members, and principals** and of the **proposed new directors, senior officers, principals and members of the licensee to be acquired**.
11. Authorization form(s) CCB-1149 for a reference from a bank or depository institution with which the applicant or its principals, members, partners, or trustees have had a deposit account for at least one year. (Form CCB-1149 and bank references are confidential.)

The Bureau will review the application and accompanying materials for completeness upon receipt. **Applications that are not substantially complete will be returned.** Thus, full and complete answers given at the outset of the application process serve to prevent unnecessary time delays.

You must immediately advise the Bureau of any occurrences that would alter your responses to the questions in this application. Failure to disclose any changes within ten days of becoming aware of them may result in delay or denial of your application.

As a general rule, documents filed with the Bureau of Financial Institutions become part of the public record. Except as permitted or required by law, the following shall be kept confidential: Personal Financial Report and Disclosure Statements, other documents which disclose personal account information, financial statements for sole proprietors, and information which could endanger the safety and soundness of a depository institution. Upon request, the Bureau will consider for confidential treatment any other documents or portions of the application that the applicant considers of a proprietary and personal nature. The request for confidential treatment must discuss the justification for the requested treatment, specifically demonstrating the harm (for example, loss of competitive position or invasion of privacy) that may result from public release of the information. Information for which confidential treatment is requested should be: (1) specifically identified in the public portion of the application (by reference to the confidential section); and (2) specifically separated and labeled "Confidential". The Bureau will advise the applicant if the request for confidentiality cannot be honored.

To view the entire Confidentiality Policy Statement of the Bureau of Financial Institutions or to download this application form or a related form, visit the Bureau's website at <https://www.scc.virginia.gov/pages/Bureau-of-Financial-Institutions>

Information about appeals: All applications are investigated by the Bureau of Financial Institutions. Certain application decisions are made by the Commissioner of Financial Institutions under delegated authority from the State Corporation Commission. In the event you wish to appeal either a determination made by the Bureau of Financial Institutions in the course of its investigation of your application or the Commissioner of Financial Institutions' decision on your application, you may request a formal review by the State Corporation Commission in accordance with its Rules of Practice and Procedure (<https://www.scc.virginia.gov/pages/Case-Information>)

Inquiries concerning licensing and the preparation and filing of an application should be directed to the Bureau of Financial Institutions, Post Office Box 640, Richmond, Virginia 23218-0640. Telephone: (804) 371-9690; FAX: (804) 371-9416.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned, being duly sworn, states that he/she has executed the foregoing application under § 6.2-2033 of the Code of Virginia; that he/she has authority to execute and file such application; and that to his/her knowledge, information and belief, such application contains no misstatement of a material fact nor omits a material fact called for.

Name (Type or Print)

Signature

Sworn to and subscribed before me this ____ day of _____, _____.

Notary Public

Registration Number of Notary: _____

My commission expires: _____

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**Bureau of Financial Institutions
State Corporation Commission
1300 East Main Street, Suite 800
Post Office Box 640
Richmond, Virginia 23218-0640**

1. The undersigned, _____
(Name and Address of Applicant)

_____,
hereby applies to the State Corporation Commission pursuant to § 6.2-2033 of the Code of Virginia for permission to acquire direct or indirect ownership, control or power to vote _____ shares (_____ %) of the voting stock of, or _____ % ownership interest in:

(Name of Debt Settlement Services Licensee)

(Street Address)

(City, State and Zip)

2. The applicant currently holds _____ shares (_____ %) of the voting stock of, or _____ % ownership interest in the company.
3. Has the applicant or any of its affiliates (or former affiliates), principals, directors, officers, members, trustees or partners applied for a license with this Bureau within the last ten (10) years? Yes _____ No _____
If yes, attach complete details of the outcome of the application including dates of approval, denial or withdrawal.
4. Has the applicant or any of its affiliates (or former affiliates), principals, directors, officers, members, trustees or partners ever been refused a license to engage in any business or had any such license suspended or revoked by any state or federal agency, or surrendered a license in lieu of threatened or pending license revocation, license suspension, or other regulatory or enforcement action?
Yes _____ No _____ If yes, attach complete details of the refusal, suspension or revocation.
5. Has the applicant or any of its affiliates (or former affiliates), principals, directors, officers, members, trustees, or partners ever entered into, or otherwise agreed to the entry of, a settlement or consent order, decree, or agreement with or by a state or federal regulatory agency, or has any state or federal regulatory agency ever (i) imposed a fine upon any such person or entity, (ii) required any such person or entity to make restitution or refunds to consumers in excess of \$20,000, (iii) ordered any such person or entity to cease and/or desist from engaging in a particular act or practice, or (iv) taken any other regulatory or enforcement action against any such person or entity (excluding license revocation or suspension)?
Yes _____ No _____ If yes, provide complete details.
6. Inquiries concerning this application should be directed to: (Name, Mailing Address, Telephone Number and E-mail Address)