

Form a New Virginia Nonstock Corporation in the Clerk's Information System

Nonstock corporations are usually organized for not-for-profit purposes, such as a tax-exempt, charitable organization or a property owners' organization. They may have members but not owners. This how-to guide will walk you through forming a new Virginia Nonstock Corporation online in the new Clerk's Information System (CIS) https://cis.scc.virginia.gov/.

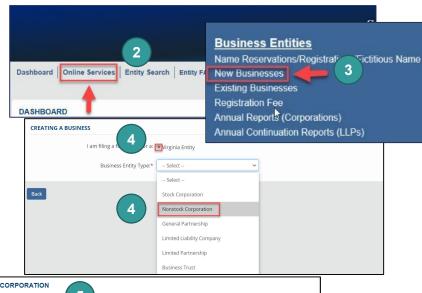
- 1 Log on to CIS at https://cis.scc.virginia.gov/.

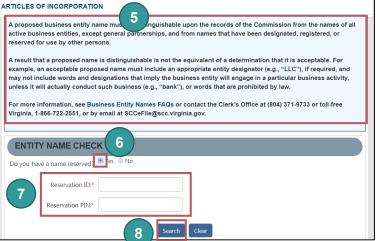
 Note: Google Chrome, Internet Explorer or

 Microsoft Edge are recommended.
- Click Online Services on the top left.
- 3 Under Business Entities, click **New Businesses.**
- Make sure the Virginia Entity button is selected. Select **Nonstock Corporation** from the drop-down.
- 5 Review the business entity name information.
- If you have reserved a name, click the radio button next to **Yes** to update the page.
 Otherwise, jump to step 10.
 Note: Reserving a name is not required.
- Tenter the Reservation ID and Reservation PIN.

Note: The ID and PIN can be found in the "Application for Reservation of Name Acceptance" letter located in the **Correspondence** drop-down on your dashboard.

- 8 Click Search.
- Review the Entity Name that appears. If correct, click Update Name and then click Next on the bottom right.





- 10 If you have not reserved a name, you must check that your proposed name is available and acceptable. Click the radio button next to **No**.
- Enter an **Entity Name** and click **Check Availability**.

 Note: Click the icon for name requirements.
- Once the system indicates the name is available and acceptable, click **Next**.
- If needed, you can review information about forming a nonstock corporation.
- Enter the Entity Email Address and/or Contact Number.
- Choose an **Industry Code** from the **Business Type** drop-down.

Note: Most select "0 - General".

Under **Duration**, select if the entity is intended to exist forever (perpetual) or enter the date it will end.

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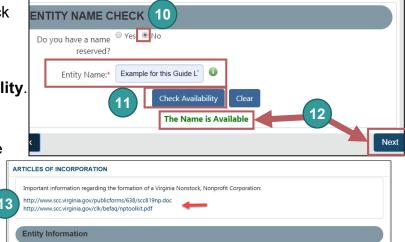
17 Complete the **Member – Director Information** section.

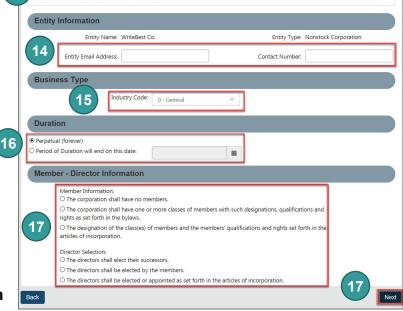
Click Next.

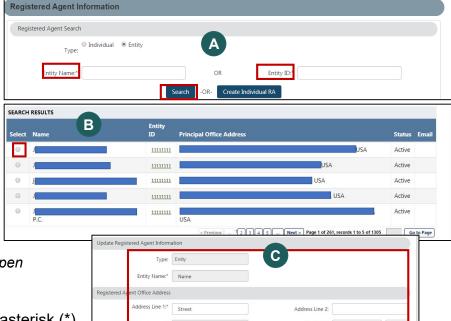
- Indicate if the Registered Agent (RA) will be an Individual or an Entity. If the RA will be an Entity, check the **Entity** radio button.
 - A Enter the Entity Name or Entity ID and click Search.
 - B Click the radio button to the left of the desired entity name.

Note: Clicking the green Entity ID will open entity information in a different tab.

- Make sure all fields marked with an asterisk (*) are filled in.
- Click Next.







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If the Registered Agent (RA) will be an Individual, check the **Individual** radio button. You can search for an existing RA or create a new individual RA.

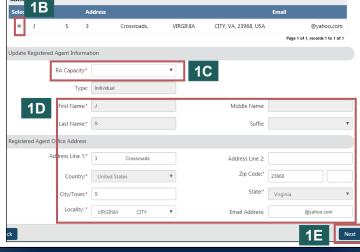
To search for an existing RA:

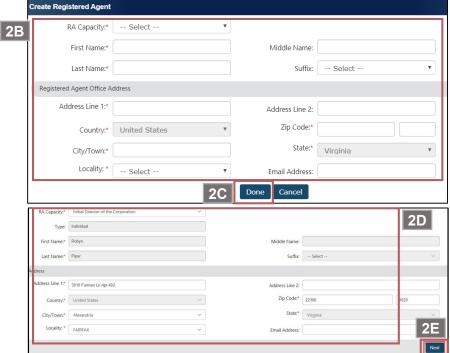
- 1A Enter their Last Name and click Search.
- 1B Under **Search Results**, click the radio button next to the desired RA's name.
- 1C Select the **RA Capacity** from the drop-down menu.
- 1D Review and confirm all fields marked with an asterisk (*) are filled in.
- 1E Click Next.

To create a new Individual RA:

- 2A Click Create Individual RA.
- In the pop-up window, complete fields marked with an asterisk (*).
- 2C Click Done.
- 2D Review the Registered Agent Information and the Registered Agent Office Address.
- 2E Click Next.
- As an optional step, enter the **Principal Office Address** information. Complete all fields marked with an asterisk (*).
- 21 Click Next.







- If the RA serves as the Initial Director of the Corporation, check the **Director** radio button.
- Enter the **Principal Information**. Complete all fields marked with an asterisk (*).
- Check the Same as Principal Office Address radio button or complete all Principal Office Address fields marked with an asterisk (*).
- Click Add Principal.
- 26 Click **OK** in the pop-up box.
- The principal information will populate. Click Next.
- **OPTIONAL:** Upload Articles of 28 Incorporation. Check the The uploaded document will act as the filing image radio button.

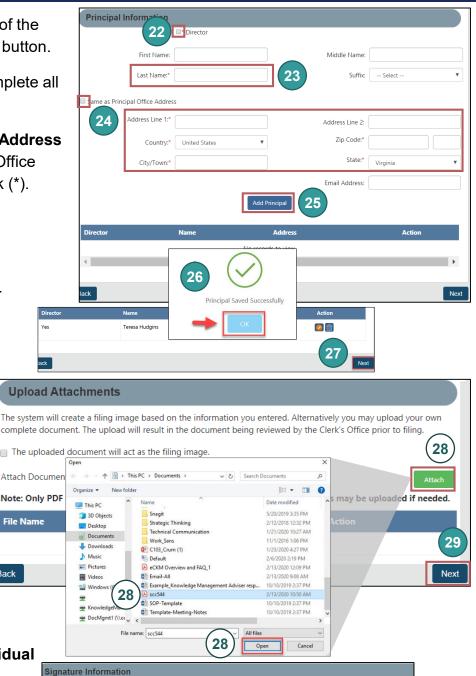
Click **Attach** and select the file you want to upload.

Note: If you upload a document, your submission will not be approved in realtime, but instead will be reviewed by the Clerk's Office.

- Click Next.
- Indicate if you are signing as an Individual or On Behalf of Business Entity by checking the appropriate radio button.

Complete all fields marked with an asterisk (*) in the **Signature Information** section.

Click Add.





The undersigned affirms that the information contained in this electronic submission is accurate and complete and that

the undersigned is legally authorized to sign the document. The undersigned acknowledges that it is unlawful to sign a

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- 31 Click **OK** in the pop-up box.
- The signature information will populate. Click **Next**.
- Review each section of the **Articles of**Incorporation and make any edits, as necessary.
- 34 Click Add To Shopping Cart on the bottom right.
- 35 Click Checkout.
- 36 Click Go To Payment.
- 37 In the Confirmation pop up window, click I Agree.

Note: You will be taken to a site administered by LexisNexis to complete your payment.

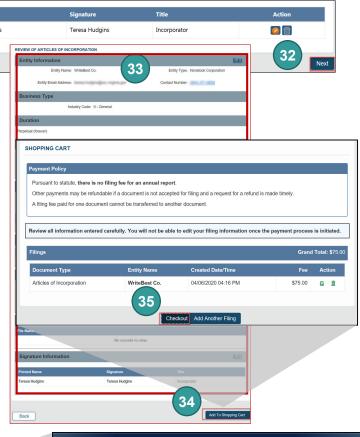


- Enter your **Billing Address** and **Payment**Information, completing all fields marked with
 an asterisk (*). You must complete the **Captcha**field.
- 39 Click Continue.
- Check the **Acknowledgement** radio button and click **Pay Now**.

Note: Do not close the browser window.

41) You will be directed to a confirmation screen.





filing/submitting and confirm the information is accurate and complete. After a filing is completed, inaccurate information can only be corrected by making an additional filing, which

If you do not receive a confirmation page, please use the Feedback button on the home page to

will require the payment of additional fees in most cases

