General Licensure Requirements for Money Transmitter and Currency Exchanger Applicants

Provided below is a summary of some of the more common licensure requirements associated with applying for a money transmitter license in the state of Washington. This is not intended to be a comprehensive list but is meant to give applicants an idea of some of the common issues that may arise while applying for licensure.

- Applicant must provide the **criminal history** of:
  - applicant, executive officers, proposed responsible individual, board directors, AML compliance officers, or other person in control relating to:
    - felony convictions within past ten years
    - convictions for crimes involving financial transactions within the past ten years
    - criminal, civil, or administrative charges issued against the above in any jurisdiction for violations relating to financial transactions within the past ten years
  - authorized delegate relating to:
    - felony conviction within past ten years
    - convictions for crimes involving financial transactions within the past ten years
    - any adverse actions taken in the United States against any business licenses held by the above related to providing financial services within the past five years

- Applicant must provide information relating to any **adverse actions** taken in the United States against a business license held by the applicant related to providing financial services within the past five years.

- Applicant must provide information if the applicant has allowed a business under its control to **deteriorate** to a condition of insolvency.

- Applicant must provide the **credit history**, including bankruptcy or receivership proceedings, of the applicant and proposed responsible individual.

- Applicant must provide the **employment history** for:
  - proposed responsible individual for 10 years
  - executive officers, board directors, or person in control of applicant for corporation, LLC, partnership, or other entity for 10 years

- Applicant must be **domiciled in the United States**.

- Proposed responsible individual must be a citizen of United States or have obtained legal immigration status to work in the United States and be a W2 employee of the applicant.

- Applicant must have a **net worth** of ten thousand dollars per one million dollars of total company-wide money transmission and payment instrument dollar volume over the previous twelve months ($10,000 minimum; $3 million maximum)
  - $100,000 required if hosting wallets for virtual currency storage

- Applicant must maintain a **surety bond** ($10,000 minimum; $550,000 maximum): the cost of obtaining a bond varies.

- Applicant must provide **audited financials**.

- Applicant must maintain a **business bank account** for conducting money transmission. Under certain conditions DFI will issue a money transmitter license without proof of a business bank account. For more information please contact us at cslicensing@dfi.wa.gov or (360) 902-8703.