# RLS Licensing Application Information for Collectors

A user guide to assist a Collector when using FCAA's Registration and Licensing System.



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# **SPECIAL NOTE**

Collector licensing applications, licensing renewals and licence information updates must be submitted to the Registrar, *The Collection Agents Act*, via the online Financial and Consumer Affairs Authority (FCAA) Registration and Licensing System (RLS).

Continue to next pages to read the On-line Application Instructions. These additional links will be valuable:

- Go to our website (<u>www.fcaa.gov.sk.ca</u>) and navigate to <u>Collection Agencies</u> webpage to find the link to the **General RLS User Guide**, or .
- Go directly to the RLS portal (https://fcaa.saskatchewan.ca).

# Before You Begin

To become a licensed collector, you must be invited by a licensed collection Agency. The collection agency sends you an invitation through RLS and pays the fees on your behalf.

Prior to responding to the invitation, you must have a RLS User ID and password. If you do not have an RLS User ID and password, you must go to the RLS portal and create one. Afterwards, you would then continue on with responding to the invitation.

The invitation (email) is sent to your email address and looks something like this:

Dear Jane Smith

FAST COLLECTION INC. has informed the Office of the Registrar, The Collection Agents Act at the Financial and Consumer Affairs Authority that you have been invited to join their organization as a collector. If you are prepared to accept this invitation please select the "Respond to Invitation" icon below.

You will then be re-directed to the Financial and Consumer Affairs Authority's (FCAA) online Registration and Licensing System (RLS). This system has been designed to simplify the process of applying for and managing collector licenses

You will be required to supply verification of your suitability for licensing. If you have any questions about the requirements, we encourage you to contact us at 306-787-5550 or toll-free at 1-877-880-5550 before you begin your submission.

To complete the RLS process to be licensed as a collector you will need:

- a. To log into the RLS portal
- b. To complete and file an application and obtain a license using the RLS procedure
- c. To hold and maintain a valid email address,
- d. To provide relevant information when requested
- e. To provide updates of any change to information provided during the application process.

As a reminder, unless otherwise exempted by law, collectors must first be licensed in Saskatchewan and be associated with a licensed collection agency.

You have been invited by FAST COLLECTION INC. to be a Collector for their Collection Agency.

Further to our conversation, please accept this invite.

Respond to Invitation →

Registrar's Contact information
Registrar, The Collection Agents Act
Financial and Consumer Affairs Authority
Consumer Protection Division
500 - 1919 Saskatchewan Drive
REGINA SK S4P 4H2

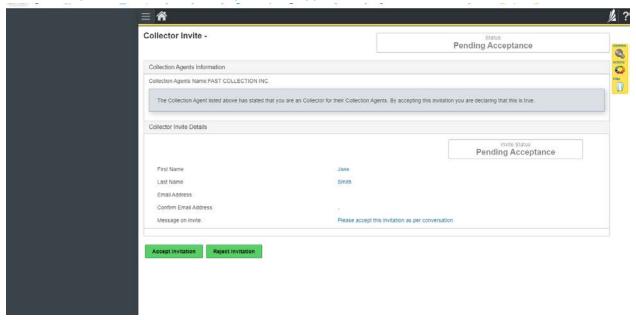
Telephone:306-787-5550 1-877-880-5550 (toll-free) Fax:306-787-9779

Click on the "Respond to the invitation"

- -If you already have a user Id and password that was sent to you from FCAA go ahead and log in. If you don't have a user Id and password you will need to Register.
- -Once you have logged into RLS you can proceed to accept or reject the invitation.

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Select "Accept invitation". It will take you to the application.



Note: When you select respond to invitation, should you be unable to get to the collector application, you must contact the collection company who paid your fees. The collection company can resend the invitation.

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# **Collector Application**

The narrative below describes the details required on the pages or steps of the online RLS application.

#### Step 1 – Primary Contact

At this step, provide primary contact information for the person who should receive communication and information from the FCAA regarding this request.

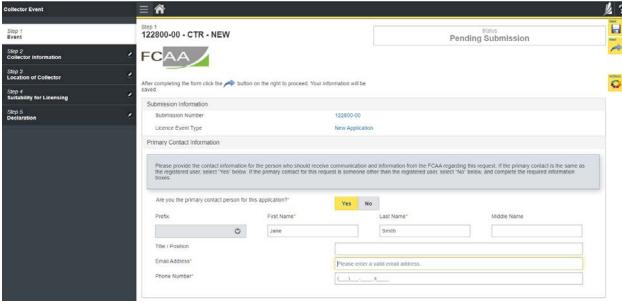
If the primary contact is to be the same as the registered user (that is the person who registered the username and password) then, select "Yes" below.

If the primary contact for this request is someone other than the registered user, select "No" below and completed the required information fields/boxes. This is recommended if the primary contact is an employee or designate of the organization. Such an employee/designate of the organization should be authorized to act on behalf of the organization and the organization is bound and held responsible for the information and declaration made by such an individual.

The following information is required:

- Name of primary contact
- Title/Position with the organization
- Email Address of the primary contact
- Phone Number of the primary contact

Once you have completed this step, select "next" icon to the right of your page.



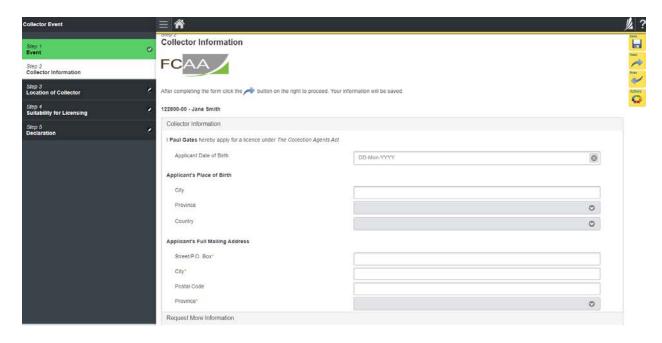
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#### Step 2 - Collector Information

Please provide the following information:

- Applicant's Date of birth
- Applicant's place of birth, City, Province, Country
- Applicant's full mailing address, street/P.O. Box, City, Postal Code, Province

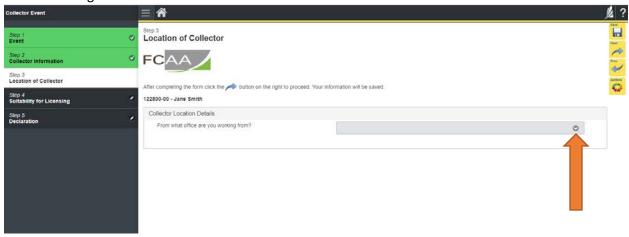
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#### **Step 3 - Location of Collector**

Select the arrow at the end of the box, a drop down menu should appear. Select the office location you will be working.



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#### Step 4 - Suitability for Licensing

The Regulations require that applicants submit evidence of their suitability for licensing. If your license application is approved, you may be required to update this evidence periodically to ensure continued compliance.

Indicate if the applicant had a business licence refused, suspended or cancelled under the laws of any province territory, state or count, if "Yes" please provide details. Otherwise say "No".

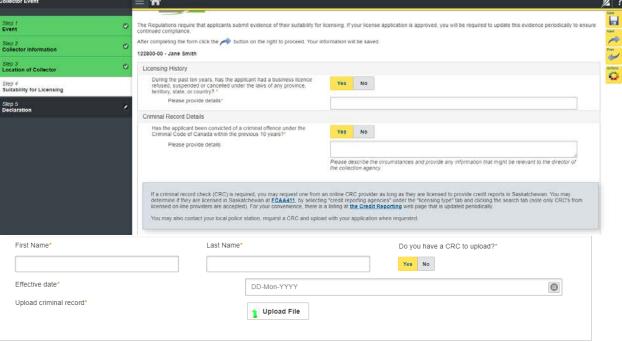
Indicate if the applicant has been convicted of a criminal offence. If "yes" provide details and upload a CRC.

If you do not have a criminal record select "No" and provide a reason why.

If a criminal record check (CRC) is required, you may request one from an online CRC provider as long as they are licensed to provide credit reports in Saskatchewan. You may determine if they are licensed in Saskatchewan at <a href="FCAA411">FCAA411</a>, by selecting the "credit Reporting agencies" under the "licensing type" tab and click the search tab (note only CRC's from licensed on-line providers are accepted). For your convenience, there is a list at the Credit Reporting web page that is updated periodically.

You may also contact your local police station, request a CRC and upload with your application when requested.

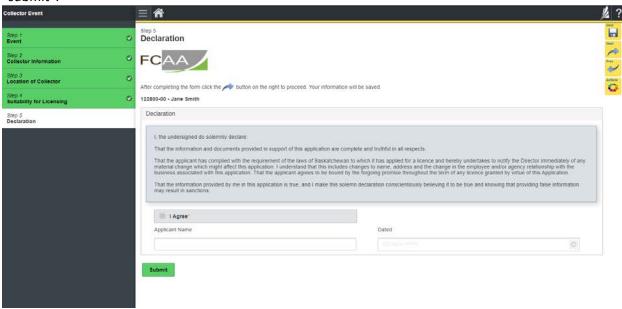
Once you have completed this step, select "next" icon to the right of your page.



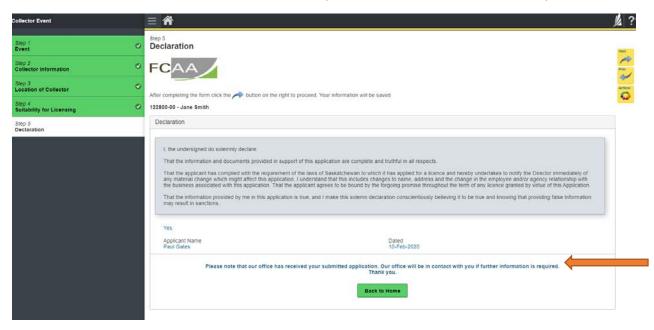
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#### Step 4 - Declaration

Read the declaration and if in agreement click "I Agree". Then select the green button that says "submit".

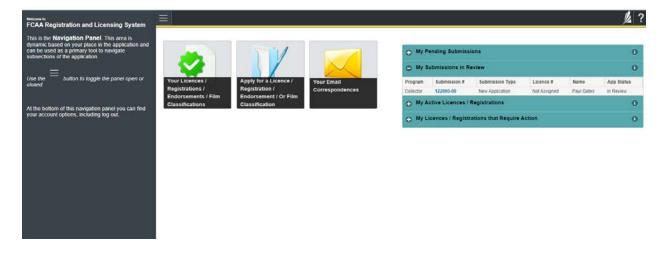


Your application has now been submitted to FCAA and your application will change to "In Review." You will also receive a notification from FCAA to confirm your submission has been received by FCAA.



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If you go "Back to Home," you should be able to see your application under the portal, "My submission in Review".



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## **APPLICATION STATUS**

Once submitted, you will receive a notification email and the status of the application changes from "pending submission" to "in review". Thereafter, you will receive one or more further emails as follows:

- 1. More Information Requested
- 2. License Approval
- 3. License Rejection

#### More Information Requested Email – If you receive such an email

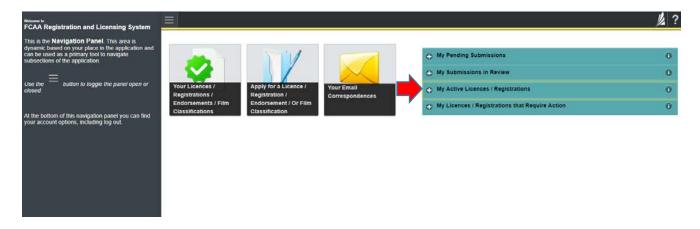
- 1. Login to the RLS site
- 2. Select the 'My Pending Submissions' portal
- 3. Select the relevant licence, and respond to the information request (the event steps requiring an update are shown in yellow on the left hand side of the screen if necessary, you will need to toggle the 3 horizontal bars to view the event pages).
- 4. Re-submit on the declaration page.

#### Licence Approval Email - if you receive such an email

5. Login to the RLS site go to the "My Active Licenses/Registration" portal, select your license and then "View License" to view your approved licence. Note any conditions that apply to the licence.

**License Rejection Email** - If you receive such an email, your application has not been approved. You will thereafter be provided with further correspondence with reasons and be given an opportunity to be heard/appeal.

Once your license has been issued, you will receive notification in your email. Log back into RLS and find your licence under the portal to your right that says, 'My Active Licenses/Registration. Click on the + to open the portal and select your licence.



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# ANNUAL FILINGS/RENEWALS

The Collection Agency will receive notification of your renewal 30 days prior to your renewal. When the Collection Agency sends you an invitation and pays the required fees you will receive an email to log into your account and start the renewal process.

- Update any changed information
- Declare the accuracy of the submission

### APPLICATION PORTALS

My Pending Submissions – this portal contains your unfinished applications

My Submissions in Review – this portal contains your applications under review with the FCAA

My Active Licences/Registration – from this portal you can view your active licences

My Licences/Registration that Require Action – this portal contains your licenses or registrations that require annual filing including any required fee payment.

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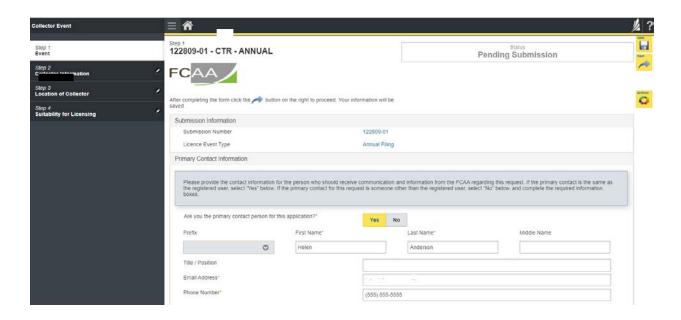
# Renewing your Collector's Application

The collection agency who you represent must start the renewal process in Registration and Licensing System (RLS). Once they have gone through the process, you will receive an email from <a href="FCAARLS@gov.sk.ca">FCAARLS@gov.sk.ca</a> letting you know the company you represent has made payment on your behalf and you will need to log into RLS and complete the renewal application. The following information describes the process:

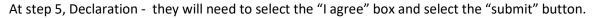
The collector will log into their RLS account and go into the portal "My Pending Submissions" and select the submission number for the Annual Filing.

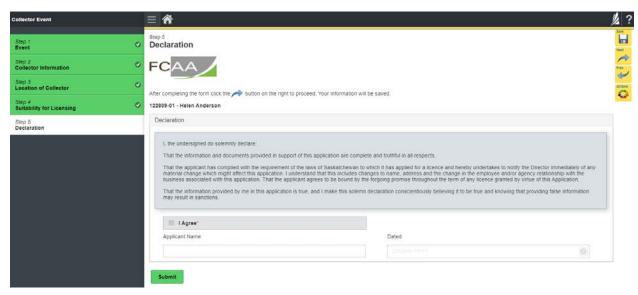


This will take the collector to their application to review all the steps with their information and make changes if necessary. On each step, review and make changes or not, save then select next.

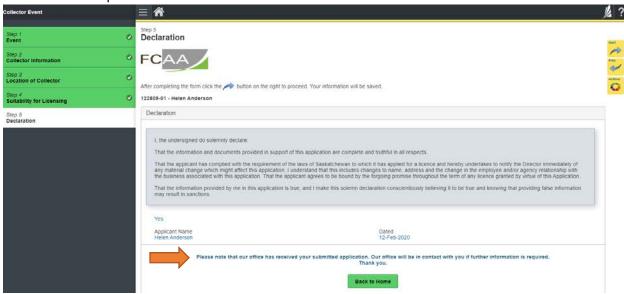


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The renewal application has been submitted to FCAA and will be in contact with the applicant if further information is required.



The collector will receive an email message that confirms their submission has been received and will be reviewed by our office. Shortly, you will receive one or more of the following notices:

- 1. Requests for additional information.
- 2. Approval.
- 3. Denial of Application Notice.

Once licensed, the public will be able to view this license on FCAA411

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