RLS Licensing Application Information for Credit Reporting Agencies

A user guide to assist Credit Reporting Agencies with using FCAA's Registration and Licensing System.



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SPECIAL NOTE

Credit Reporting Agency licensing applications, annual licensing renewals/filings, and licence information updates must be submitted to the Registrar, <u>The Credit Reporting Act</u>, via the on-line Financial and Consumer Affairs Authority (FCAA) Registration and Licensing System (RLS).

Continue to next pages to read the On-line Application Instructions. You will find additional information on the following links as well:

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

Before You Begin

Welcome to FCAA's Registration and Licensing System (RLS). This system has been designed to facilitate the process of applying for a Credit Reporting Agency licence.

During the submission process you will be required to answer questions about your business activities and supply verification of your suitability for licensing. Information about credit reporting requirements can be reviewed online at: Credit Reporting Agencies. 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.

Pursuant to <u>The Credit Reporting Act</u> all agencies who gather personal, health and credit <u>information</u> and provide reports based on this information must be licensed as a credit reporting agency in order to do business in Saskatchewan. Exception, the licensing requirement does not apply if the reports provided deal only with industrial or commercial enterprises and the reports on these enterprises are only distributed to other industrial or commercial enterprises.

To initiate the licensing application process and thereafter maintain a licence as a credit reporting agency you will need:

- a. To file an application and obtain a licence using this RLS procedure
- b. To obtain and maintain a registered business name,
- c. To hold a valid email address,
- d. To provide relevant information when requested
- e. To provide updates of any change to information provided within 30 days of a change
- f. To pay an initial application fee and thereafter an annual licensing fee
- g. To indicate whether the information to be supplied in your credit report on a Saskatchewan resident is extracted from information appearing in files stored or collected in a repository located in Canada.

Definitions

For purposes of licensing - a "credit reporting agency" means an individual or business that collects and/or provides (by any means) credit or personal information reports on individual consumers: (i) for gain or profit; or (ii) on a regular, co-operative and non-profit basis;

"Credit information" means the following information about a consumer:

- (i) the consumer's name, age, marital status and number of dependents;
- (ii) the name and age of the spouse of the consumer; (ii) the consumer's current address and any former addresses; (iv) the occupation of the consumer, including:
 - (A) the educational and professional qualifications of the consumer; and
 - (B) the consumer's current and former places of employment;
 - (C) the consumer's income or estimated income, paying habits, assets and outstanding debt obligations, including cost of living obligations.

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<u>"Personal information"</u> means information about a consumer's character, reputation, health, physical or personal characteristics and mode of living, but does not include credit information.

Name Registration

All corporations and operating (business) names must be registered with the <u>Corporate Registry of the Information Services Corporation (ISC)</u>. Phone <u>1-866-275-4721</u> for information on this procedure. Note, if you are a sole proprietor, you will need to register an operating/business name with ISC.

Contact Information

Registrar, <u>The Credit Reporting Act</u>
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 Email: cpdlicensing@gov.sk.ca / Web address: http://www.fcaa.gov.sk.ca

General Remarks

Every applicant for a licence should become familiar with the Act and Regulations. A complete copy of <u>The Credit Reporting Act</u> and <u>Regulations</u> is available free of charge online at <u>pq.gov.sk.ca</u> or by purchasing a print copy from Publications Saskatchewan at Telephone: <u>1-800-226-7302</u> (Sask. residents only) <u>306-787-6894</u> Fax: <u>306-798-0835</u> Email: <u>publications@gov.sk.ca</u>

After you submit

Once you have completed your submission, it will be reviewed by FCAA. You may be contacted to provide additional information in order to complete the review process. Your timely response to these requests will ensure the review of your submission is not delayed. You will be advised of the progress of your submission electronically by email.

Unless otherwise directed, any correspondence you receive from FCAA will direct or require you to return to the online Registration and Licensing System (RLS) portal to ensure the security of your information.

Security Controls:

For security purposes, remember that we will never ask you for your user name or password.

Terms of Use

The Financial and Consumer Affairs Authority of Saskatchewan ("FCAA") is a regulatory body comprised of different divisions ("Regulatory Divisions") that administer a number of regulatory programs pursuant to various legislation and regulations ("Regulatory Laws"). By accessing this system, including providing or submitting any information ("Information"), I acknowledge, recognize and understand that any and all information I provide to FCAA and/or any of its Regulatory Divisions may be used, disclosed or shared by FCAA or any of its Regulatory Divisions as authorized by Regulatory Laws or other applicable laws, including the sharing of the information amongst the different Regulatory Divisions.

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Credit Reporting Agency Application

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

Login Page

Log in using your username and password if you have already registered, otherwise please register.

Once logged-in

- 1. select "Apply for a Licence/Registration/Endorsement/or Film Classification", then
- 2. select the Consumer Protection "button", then
- 3. click on the drop down window labelled "Please select to reveal list...", then
- 4. within the dropdown window, select Credit Reporting Agency

Before You Begin page

The "Before You Begin" page outlines basic information about credit reporting licensing, legal definitions, name registration, contact information, security controls and terms of use.

After reading the information contained on this page, select the "I acknowledge" button.

Since you will not be able to return to this "Before You Begin" page once you select the "I acknowledge" button, it was reproduced at the start of this document for your reference.

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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.

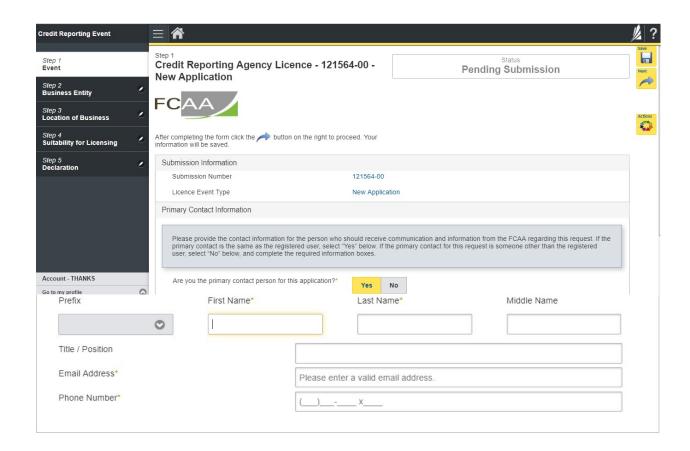
If the primary contact is to be the same as the registered user (that is the person who registered the username and password) then, select "Yes" below.

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 - Business Entity

Select the type of business entity (i.e. Corporation, Partnership, Sole Proprietor).

If a corporation, provide the following:

- Corporation name (Entity name) as listed with the Information Services Corporation
- Information Services Corporation (ISC) Registration Number (called the entity number)
- An uploaded ISC Corporate Registry Profile Report
- The names of all corporate officers/director's responsible for the Saskatchewan operation

If a partnership, provide this information:

- Partnership name (Entity name)
- ISC Registration Number (Entity number)
- Upload the ISC Corporate Registry Profile Report
- Provide the names of each member of the partnership (if applicable, this includes the ISC number for partner of the partnership that are corporations). The information you provide about the members of your partnership should correspond to the information registered with ISC.

If a sole proprietor, provide this information:

- Information Services Corporation (ISC) registered business name (Entity name) and Registration Number (Entity number)
- Upload the ISC Corporate Registry Profile Report
- Provide the legal (i.e. birth) name of the sole proprietor

Once the type of business entity has been selected:

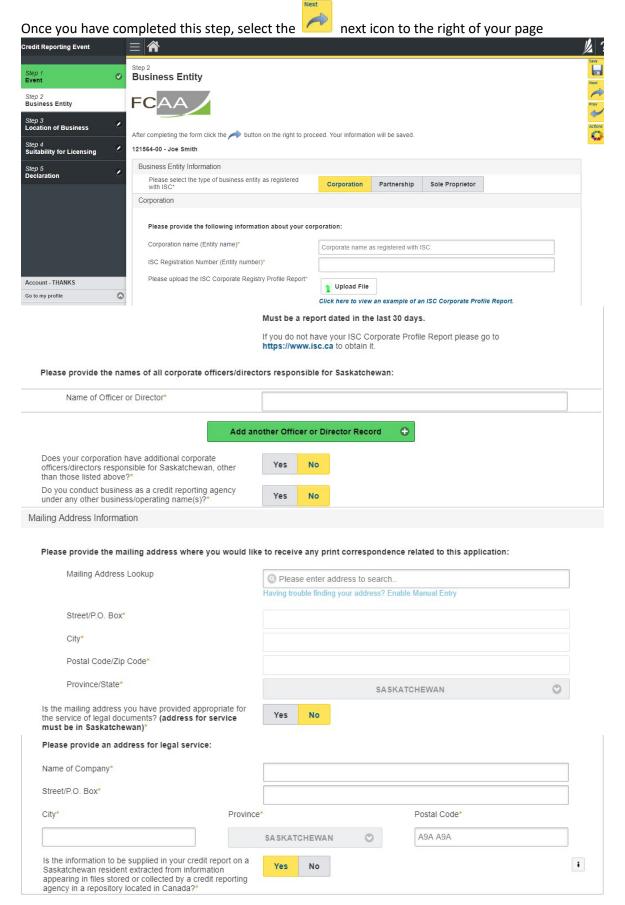
Indicate whether you conduct business as a credit reporting agency under any other business/operating name(s), select "Yes" and provide the required information or select "No".

Provide mailing address Information where you would like to receive any print correspondence related to this application.

Indicate if the mailing address you have provided appropriate for the service of legal documents, select "Yes" and provide the address or select "No".

Indicate if the information to be supplied in any credit report on a Saskatchewan resident is extracted from information in files stored or collect by credit reporting agency in a repository located in Canada, select "Yes", or "No" if no, provide an explanation.

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Step 3 - Location of Business

Offices utilized for conducting business in Saskatchewan:

- Contact Name
- Branch Office Address
- Phone number, fax number and Email address

Once you have completed this step, select the "next" icon to the right of your page. Credit Reporting Event 0 After completing the form click the pout button on the right to proceed. Your information will be saved. Step 2 Business Entity Step 3 Location of Business Location of Business Step 4 Suitability for Licensing Offices utilized for conducting business in Saskatchewan: Step 5 Declaration Contact Name:* Branch Office Address: Please enter address to search... Having trouble finding your address? Enable Manual Entry Street* City* Province* Account - THANKS Phone:* Email:* Use the 'Add another Branch Office Location' button below to add another Branch Office Location. Add another Branch Office Location

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Step 4 - Suitability for Licensing

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

Indicate if during the past ten years has the sole proprietor, partners or corporation had a business licence refused, suspended or cancelled under the laws of any province territory, state or count, if "Yes" please provide details.

Indicate if any of the sole proprietor, partners or corporate directors (with responsibility for Saskatchewan) have been convicted of a criminal offence within the previous 10 years. If "yes" provide details.

Provide Criminal Record Checks (CRC) for the following individuals, a list of people will appear. You will need to provide the following.

- First Name and Last Name
- Indicate whether you have a criminal record check to upload. If yes, upload the document. If no, you must provide a reason why.

Note that unless otherwise requested, a CRC is required for new applications only or if a one of the individuals listed has been convicted of a criminal activity since licensing. For clarity, the CRC is required for the directors/officers who have responsibility for the Saskatchewan operation.

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 <u>FCAA411</u>, by selecting "credit reporting agencies" under the "licensing type" tab and clicking the search tab (note only CRC's from licensed on-line providers are accepted).

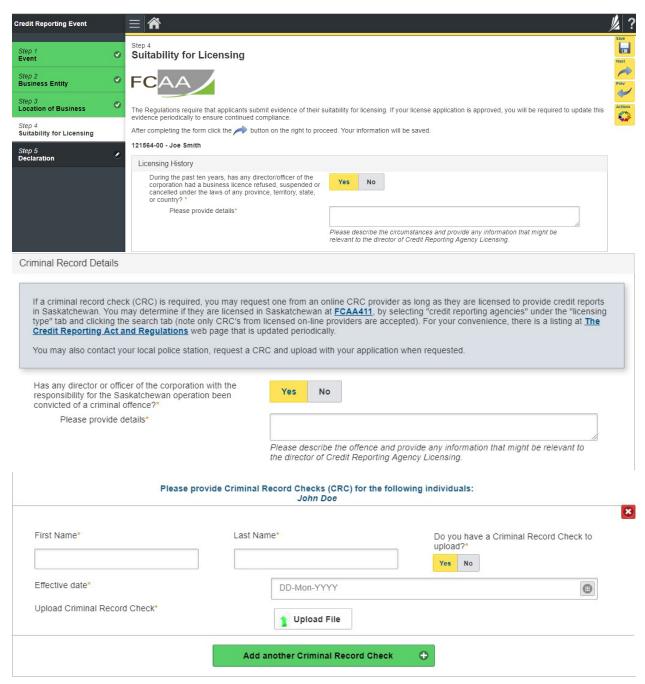
There is a listing at the bottom of the <u>Credit Reporting web page</u> that is updated periodically, or contact your local police station, request a CRC and upload with your application when requested.

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Once you have completed this step, select "next"



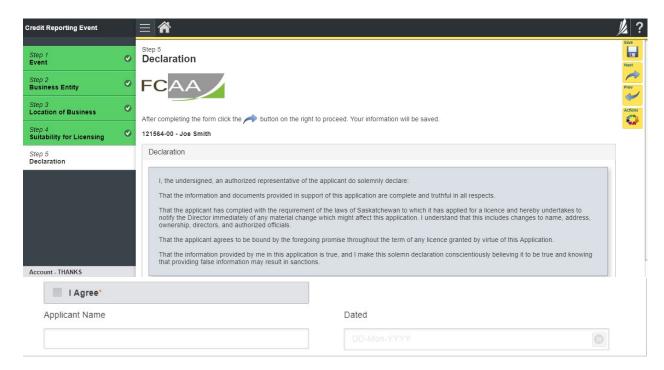
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Step 5 - Declaration

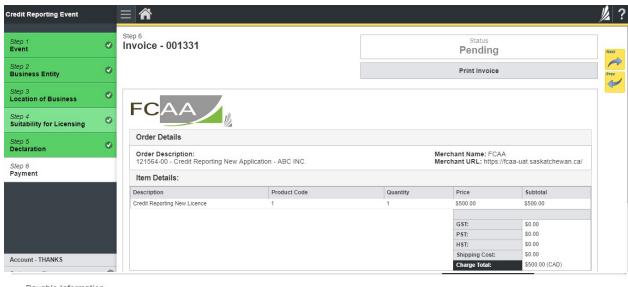
Read the declaration and if in agreement click "I Agree". Select "next" icon to the right of your page and the "Step 6 – Payment" will appear.



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Step 6 - Payment

Review and then select "Proceed to Payment"



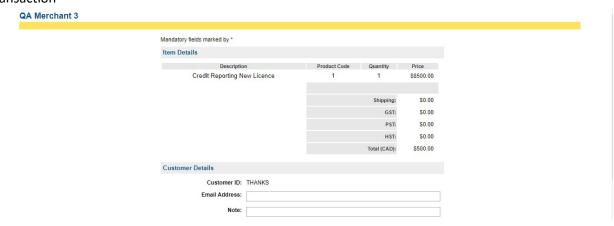
Proceed to Payment

Payable Information

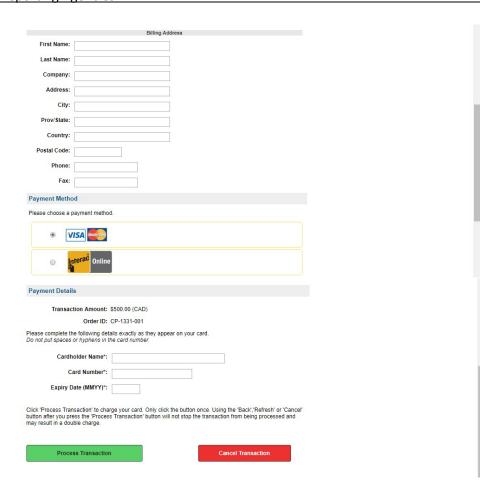
numbers will be collected by FCAA RLS.



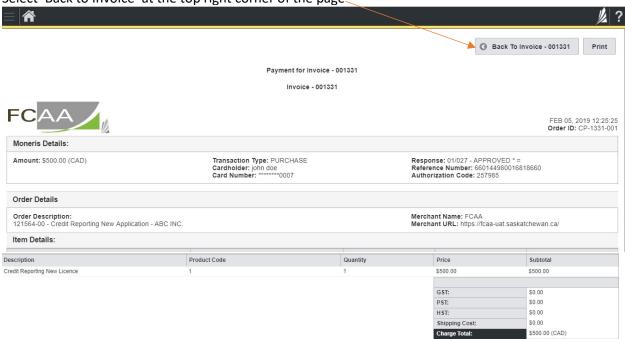
Fill out the Customer Details section, Payment Method and Payment Details. Select "Process transaction"



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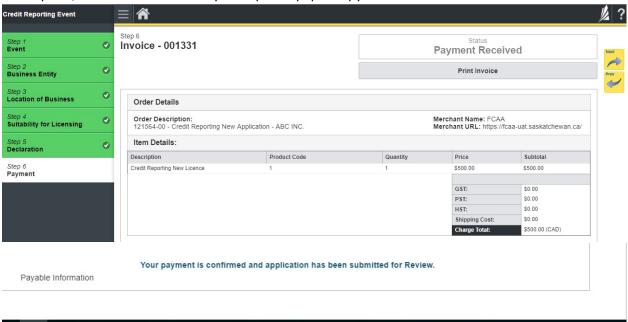


Select 'Back to Invoice' at the top right corner of the page.



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At this point, select 'Print invoice' if you require a paper copy.



Your application has now been submitted to FCAA and the "Status" of your application will change to "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 further emails as follows:

- 1. More Information Requested
- 2. Licence Approval
- 3. Licence 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

1. Login to the RLS site go to the "My Active Licences/Registration" portal, select your licence and then "View Licence" to view your approved licence. Note any conditions that apply to the licence.

Licence 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.

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ANNUAL FILINGS/RENEWALS

You are required to file a renewal annually. You will receive a reminder about 30 days prior to this required filing. You will need to login to your account, and go the" My Licences/Registration that Require Action". Select "Start Renewal/annual Filing"

- Update any changed information
- Declare the accuracy of the submission
- Pay the required licensing fee

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 licences or registrations that require annual filing including any required fee payment.

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