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Congratulations! You’ve taken the first step to become a Nevada licensed contractor! We want your application to be processed as quickly and efficiently as possible, which is why we’ve put this brochure together to call out important sections you’ll want to take your time on, make you aware of potential costs involved with licensure, and help you avoid common pitfalls that can delay the processing of your application.

First Things First...

- Visit the Nevada Secretary of State’s office or website [www.nvsilverflume.gov/startBusiness](http://www.nvsilverflume.gov/startBusiness) to register your business. You’ll receive a Nevada Business ID, which you will need to include in Section 1 of the application.

- Attend our **FREE Business Assistance Program** (offered every 3rd (Reno) and 4th (Henderson) Friday of the month from 9-11 a.m.) to learn key requirements for licensure and other helpful tips.

- Start thinking of **4 people who could provide references for you using the forms provided in your application.** Be sure to read the instructions in Section 7.

- A **$300 non-refundable fee** is required when you submit your application.

- **Contact Board personnel with any questions you have about the application.** Our employees are happy to assist you. The Board is not affiliated with and does not endorse any outside school or contractor assistance services.

**READ EVERYTHING!**
Don’t assume anything when skimming through the application. Take time to read the instructions and requirements thoroughly, and **ALWAYS ANSWER HONESTLY!**

**Inside the Application...**

- **Exam Requirements:** Either you or a member of your personnel listed on the application will need to take and pass both a management and trade exam(s) in order to be eligible for licensure.

- **Financial Responsibility:** Unless you are requesting a monetary limit of less than $10,000, you will be required to have a Certified Public Accountant prepare your Financial Statement, which must be submitted with your application. If applying for a monetary limit less than $10,000, you may use the Board’s form to generate a self-prepared statement (see back panel of brochure for helpful resources).

- **Background Checks:** Fingerprint must be submitted for all individuals listed on the license in order for the Board to conduct a background investigation for any criminal activities. **PLEASE NOTE:** It is important to complete this section honestly and completely.

**Avoid These Application Processing Delays!**

Reasons processing times may be delayed:

- Failure to provide all required documentation, including proof of experience, passing of exams, accurately completed financial statements, etc.;

- Application is incomplete, not all required information and/or signatures are provided;

- Financial statements do not meet the necessary requirements;

- Failure to answer the background disclosure statement honestly may be grounds for denial of the application; and/or

- Discrepancies in information are found.

**Anticipated Costs**

- One-time non-refundable application fee of $300.

- Upon approval of your application, a $600 biennial license fee will be required.

- Exam fees (contact PSI for current rates).

- Bonding & insurance costs.

- Residential Recovery Fund assessment (for residential contractors only).

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*License Requirements*

NSCB performs background checks on ALL applicants.