

CORPORATIONS ONLINE FILING SYSTEM (COFS)

User Manual

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Online Document Submission

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Online Orders

Certificate & Certified Copy Order Request Form: www.michigan.gov/corporderform

Searches

Business Entity Search: www.michigan.gov/corpentitysearch

Rejected Filings Search: www.michigan.gov/corprejectedsearch

Mark & Insignia Search: www.michigan.gov/corpmarksearch

Historic Card File Search: www.michigan.gov/corpcardsearch

Certificate Verification Search: www.michigan.gov/corpverifycertificate

Email Subscription Service

Email Subscription Service: https://cofs.lara.state.mi.us/corpweb/EmailService/CESLogin.aspx

CORPORATIONS ONLINE FILING SYSTEM (COFS)

Welcome to Michigan's new Corporations Online Filing System (COFS). COFS is designed to help the public access tools that are needed to plan, start, and maintain your business in Michigan. The new online filings and public search system will make much of this information available by visiting the Corporations Division Homepage.

COFS allows for extensive search capabilities, the online submission of forms and Annual Reports/Statements for all entity types, online ordering of certificates and certified copies, as well as email notification services. The new system is available through all major internet browsers and each function can be easily accessed directly from the Corporations Division Homepage at www.michigan.gov/corporations.

The following is a list of key features COFS has to offer:

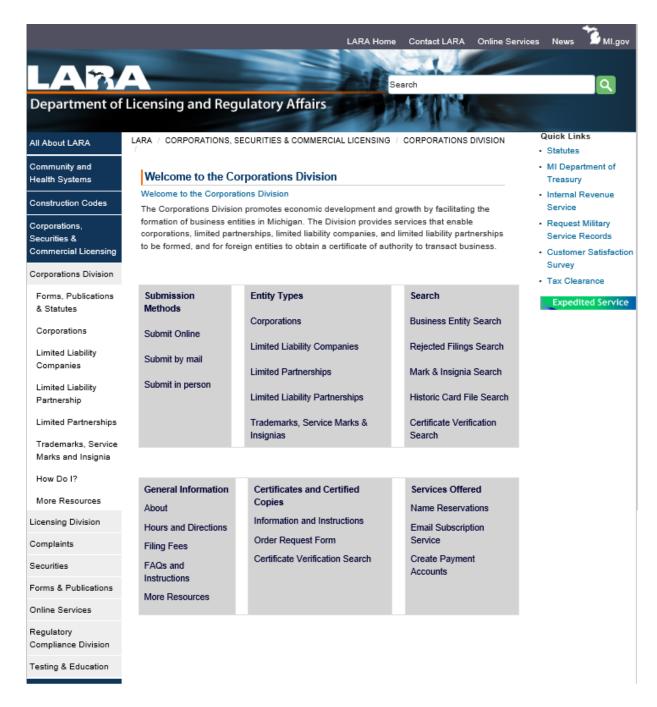
- Search: Customers have multiple search options
 - Business Entity Search
 - Rejected Filings Search
 - Mark & Insignia Search
 - Historic Card File Search
 - Certificate Verification Search
- Submit Online: Customers can submit documents online
 - Formation Documents
 - Subsequent Documents
 - Annual Reports/Statements
- Order Request: Customers can submit orders online
 - Certificates
 - Certified Copies
 - Publications
- Email Subscription Service: Customers can subscribe to an email notification service
 - Business Entity Record Updates
 - Official Notices
 - General Information

Searching in COFS

COFS offers enhanced search capabilities and allows users to narrow or extend their search based on different parameters within the various search methods for the selected entity and Mark & Insignias.

The search functions below can be accessed from the Corporations Division Homepage by clicking on the links located in the "Search" section.

- Business Entity Search
- Rejected Filings Search
- Mark & Insignia Search
- Historic Card File Search
- Certificate Verification Search



Business Entity Search

When the user clicks on the Business Entity Search link, the following search options are displayed. Users can choose to search by entity name, individual name, Identification Number, or Filing Number. The user can choose the number of items to view per-page by selecting either All Items, 25, 50, or 100 from the dropdown menu.



Search Options

Search entity by name: Search for an entity by name.

Users can select from four search types from the Search Type dropdown menu:

- Begins with: Name of the entity beginning with the same word or phrase.
- Exact match: Name of the entity exactly matching the word or phrase.
- **Keyword:** The entity name contains the word or phrase.
- **Soundex:** The entity name contains a similar sounding word or phrase.
- Search by individual name: Search for an entity that is associated with an individual by their name and will retrieve results from resident agent/registered agent, officer, director, shareholder, member, manager, and general partner name.

Note: These search results only return information received after COFS was implemented.

Users can select from four search types from the Search Type dropdown menu:

- Begins with: Individual names associated with an entity that begins with the same word or phrase.
- Exact match: Individual names associated with an entity that exactly matches the word or phrase.
- Keyword: Individual names associated with an entity that contains the word or phrase.
- **Soundex:** Individual names associated with an entity that contains a similar sounding word or phrase.
- Search by identification number: Search for an entity by providing a valid 9-digit entity identification number.
- Search by filing number: Search for a specific document filed for an entity by providing a filing number.

Search Rules

- If the name begins with "THE", the first four characters of the name will be omitted.
- If the name contains "&", the system will replace it with the word "AND".
- The system will NOT replace abbreviations. The search will be a straight alpha/numeric search.
- If the letter "a" or "A" is before a required word, and the required word or abbreviation is at the end of the name, it will be omitted by the system.
- If the following punctuation or special characters appear in the name, it will be omitted.

Punctuation characters Special characters Apostrophe (') Asterisk (*) Left Bracket ([) At Sign (@) Backslash (\) Right Bracket (1) Colon (:) Left Brace ({) Semicolon (;) Right Brace ()) Caret (^) Comma(,) Dash or Hyphen (— or – or -) Cents Sign (¢) Exclamation Point (!) Dollar Sign (\$) Equal to Sign (=) Left Parenthesis (() Right Parenthesis ()) Greater Than (<) Period (.) Less Than (<) Question Mark (?) Number Sign (#) Single Quote Mark (' or ') Percentage Sign (%) Double Quote Mark (" or ") Plus Sign (+) Slash (/) Tilde (~) Underline or Underscore (_)

• If the end of the name contains any of the following entity-specific required words, they will be omitted by the system.

```
CO. or CO
COMPANY
                                          LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
CORP. or CORP
                                          LIMITED PARTNERSHIP
CORPORATION
                                          LOW-PROFIT LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
INC. or INC
                                          LTD. or LTD
                                          P.C. or PC
INCORPORATED
                                          P.L.C. or PLC
L.3.C. or L3C
L.C. or LC
                                          P.L.L.C. or PLLC
L.L.C. or LLC
                                          PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION
LIMITED
                                          PROFESSIONAL LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
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Search Results

Entity name search results include:

- Entity Name
- ID Number A 9-digit identification number assigned by the Corporations Division
- Old ID Number Displayed only if the entity was formed prior to the date COFS was implemented
- Address The registered office mailing address for the entity



Business Entity results

Number of records: 396 Number of	f pages: 16		Print results
Entity Name	ID Number	Old ID Number	<u>Address</u>
C.ARING A.BOUT O.THERS	800916916	70286P	1108 HELEN ST INKSTER, MI 48141 USA
CARING & COMPASSION HOME CARE SVCS. LLC	801493924	E30290	22751 N KANE DETROIT, MI 48223 USA
CARING & COMPASSIONATE HEALTH CARE AGENCY L.L.C.	801567315	D48047	2860 JOLLY RD OKEMOS, MI 48864 USA
CARING & COMPASSIONATE HEALTHCARE AGNCY LLC	801567315	D48047	2860 JOLLY RD OKEMOS, MI 48864 USA
CARING AND HEALING HANDS LLC	801665817	D78131	24333 ORCHARD LAKE RD STE C FARMINGTON HILLS, MI 48336 USA
CARING AND LEARNING TOGETHER LLC	802096909	F1980Q	2990 BRIARCLIFF ST EAST LANSING, MI 48823 USA
CARING AND PROFESSIONAL FAMILY SERVICES INC.	800764456	05345F	5146 DAVISON RD BURTON, MI 48509 USA
CARING AND RELIABLE EXPERTS LLC	802055444	F0628Y	4715 AUDUBON RD DETROIT, MI 48224 USA
	123456789	1011121314151	<u>.6</u>

New Search

Action:

- Entity Name Link: Displays the Business Entity Summary page
- Print Results Button: Will print the results
- Pagination Link: Displays the previous or next page when a select page is clicked
- New Search Button: Returns user to the Business Entity Search Screen

Individual Name search results include:

- Name
- Position
- Individual's Address
- Entity Name
- ID Number ID number of the entity
- Old ID Number Old ID number of the entity from legacy system



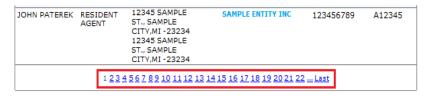
Action:

• Entity Name: Displays the Business Entity Summary page

• Print Results Button: Will print the results

Pagination Link: Displays the previous or next page when a select page is clicked

• New Search Button: Returns user to the Business Entity Search Screen



New Search

- > Search by Identification Number: Successful search takes users to the Business Entity Summary page.
- Search by Filing Number: Successful search takes users to the Business Entity Summary page.

Rejected Filings Search

Rejected Filings Search allows users to search for a rejected filing by providing a date range or entity name. Users can select the number of items to be displayed per-page on the search result screen.

Users can access the Rejected Filings Search from the Corporations Division Homepage and clicking on the Rejected Filing Search link available under the "Search" section.



Results include:

Entity Name: Displayed if available

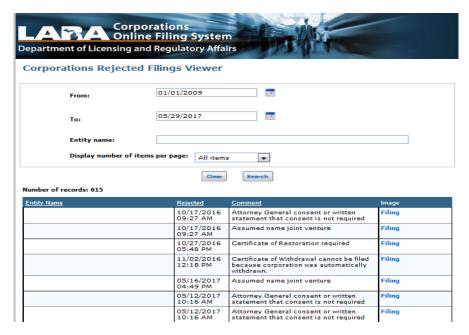
Rejected: Date of rejection

Comment: Rejection comments as entered by document examiners

• Image: Link to open the image of the submitted document

View Rejected Filing

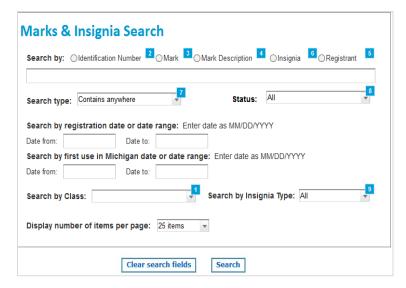
To view the rejected filing, click the filing link under the Image column. Corrections may be made at this time and the document may be resubmitted for review.



Mark & Insignia Search

COFS allows the ability to search for Insignias in addition to Trademarks and Service Marks using the same search criteria.

Users can access the Mark & Insignia Search from the Corporations Division Homepage and clicking on the Mark & Insignia Search link available under the "Search" section.



Search Rules

- If Identification Number is selected, all other fields are disabled.
- If Mark or Mark Description is selected, all fields except Search by Insignia Type are enabled.
- If Insignia is selected, Search by first use in Michigan and Search by Class is disabled.
- If Registrant is selected, all fields are enabled.

Footnotes

Footnote	Name	Note			
1	Mark Class	Dropdown menu is populated with values from COFS database			
2	ID Number	This is the En	tity ID Number		
3	Mark Words	Option allows	users to search	n on Mark Word cr	iteria in the COFS database
4	Mark Description	Option allows	users to search	on Mark design d	lescription criteria in the COFS database
5	Registrant	This is the Applicant or Owner as recorded in COFS database			
6	Insignia	This is the Insignia Design field in COFS database			
7	Search Type	Dropdown defaults to "Contains Anywhere." Other option is "Begins With."			
8	Status	Dropdown de	faults to "All" an	d includes "Cance	elled", "Registered", and "Termination"
9	Insignia Type	Defaults to "A	II" and includes	:	
		Badge	Button	Charm	Decoration
		Emblem	Insignia	Name	Rosette

Results Screen

Once the search criteria is entered and the Search button is clicked, items matching the search criteria will display. If the search was by Identification Number, the system navigates the user directly to the Business Entity Summary page. The "Identification Number" link will display the applicable Business Entity Summary screen for Mark & Insignias.



Historic Card File Search

Users will now have the ability to search for images in the Historic Card File Search database. This database contains business entity records that were dissolved prior to January 1, 1978.

The Historic Card File Search can be accessed from the Corporations Division Homepage and clicking on the Historic Card File Search link available under the "Search" section.

Users can search by entity name using one of the four search options provided:

- Begins with: Entity name beginning with the same word or phrase.
- Exact match: Individual names associated with an entity that exactly matches the word or phrase.
- Full text: Individual names of an entity that exactly matches the full text.
- Soundex: Individual names associated with an entity containing a similar sounding word or phrase.



Action:

- Search Button: Allows users to initiate the search on the Historic Card File database.
- Clear Button: Clears the current search criteria

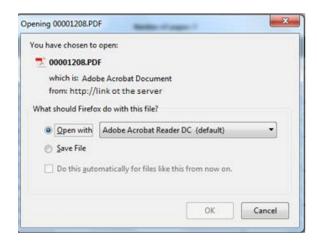
Result Screen

On a successful search, the following is displayed:



Action:

View Link: Opens the image in PDF file format and allows the user to save the image.



CERTIFICATE VERIFICATION SEARCH

Users now have the ability to verify the certificate validation number for electronically generated certificates. Any certificate that contains a validation number in the bottom left corner under the State of Michigan seal can be validated. Any certificate that contains a gold embossed seal cannot be validated.

Users can access this function from the Corporations Division Homepage and clicking on the Certificate Verification Search link under the "Search" section.



Email Subscription Service

COFS provides a subscription-based email notification service, which allows customers to receive different types of communication from the Corporations Division. Users can access the Email Subscription Service link on the Corporations Division Homepage under "Services Offered".

There are three types of notifications users can subscribe to:

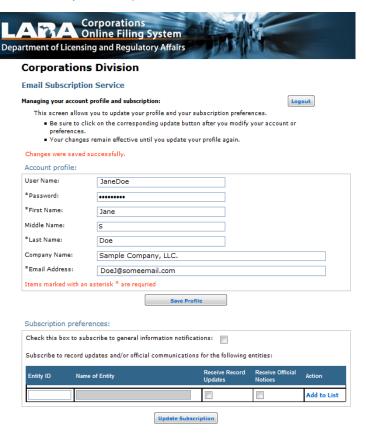
- General Information Subscribers can receive general information announcements from the Corporations
 Division regarding legislative updates, new or revised Corporations Division publications, changes to the
 Corporations Division website, office closure announcements, and other relevant alerts.
- Business Entity Record Updates Subscribers can receive notice of entity record updates. Any time a
 document is filed for a business entity that you included on your Subscription Preferences page, you will
 receive an email notification.
- Official Notices If you are a person authorized by the entity to receive official notices, you may subscribe to receive them by email. An entity may authorize more than one person to receive such communications. Communication examples included are: notice when a form has been filed affecting your record, notice when your Annual Report/Statement is due, and a notice of dissolution or revocation.

To use the email subscription service, first create an account with the Corporations Division.

- After submitting a new account request, you will receive an email with an account activation link.
- Confirm the new account request by clicking on the activation link.
- After the account is activated, you will be redirected to the Subscription Preferences page.

Subscription Preferences Page

Users can update their profiles and modify their subscriptions on the Subscription Preferences page. They also can receive entity record updates and official notices for additional entities by adding them on this page.



Subscribe to Emails from the Corporations Division

Users can subscribe, update subscriptions, modify their password and/or email address from the Email Subscription Service - Sign in screen.



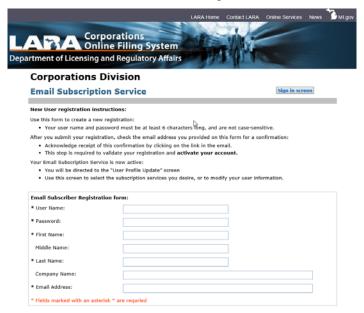
New User Registration Form

Create a new user registration by completing the following information:

- Username
- Password
- First Name
- Middle Name

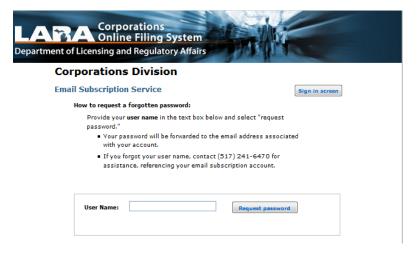
- Last Name
- Company Name
- Email Address

Your username and password must be at least 6 characters long and are not case-sensitive.



Email Subscription Service: Recover Password

This page allows subscribers to enter their email address or username to recover their password via email.



Business Entity Summary Page

The Business Entity Summary page provides a view of all the current data related to an entity. Details specifically related to the entity and access to information such as assumed names associated with the entity and filings for the entity, etc. This page can be accessed from the search results page.

Special Notes

- The old ID number (6-digits) only will be displayed if an old ID number exists. During conversion, each existing
 entity will be assigned a new ID number (9-digits). Entities established after conversion will not have an old
 ID number.
- The screen displays the year in which the officers and directors were last named on an Annual Report.

Note: This information only will be displayed for Annual Reports/Statements filed after COFS is implemented.

- Some of the sections only are displayed based on their applicability to the entity. For example, a merger/conversion section will only be displayed when the entity has been part of a merger/conversion.
 - Within the section, the "Merged into" and "Merged with" data will be displayed depending upon if the entity was a survivor or a non-survivor in that merger.
 - The following sections are displayed <u>based on their applicability</u>
 - Merger Section
 - Conversion Section
 - Name Change Section
 - Assumed Name
- Assumed Name: Clicking this button navigates the user to the Assumed Name page.
- View Filing: Navigates the user to the View Filings page
- New Search: Navigates the user back to Search page
- Request Certificate: Navigates the user to the Order page

Domestic Profit Corporations

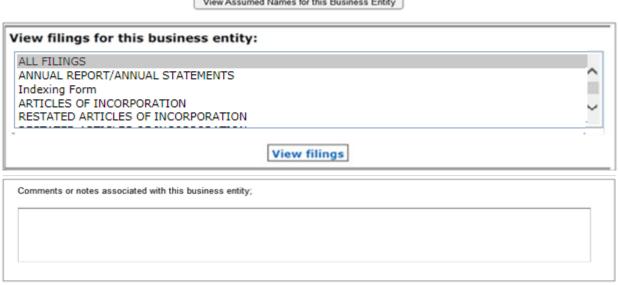
The following shows the Domestic Profit Entity with all the possible sections displayed.

Corporations Online Filing System Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs
ID Number: 00000007 Request Certificate New Search
Summary for: Spacely Space Sprockets, Inc.
The name of the Domestic Profit Corporation: Spacely Space Sprockets, Inc.
Merged into: Non-surviving entity on MM/DD/YYYY
Merged with: Surviving entity on MM/DD/YYYY
Converted into: Name after conversion on MM/DD/YYYY
Converted from: Name before conversion on MM/DD/YYYY
The name was changed from: Former Name on MM/DD/YYYY
Entity type: Domestic Profit Corporation Identification Number: Old ID Number:
Date of Incorporation in Michigan: MM/DD/YYYY
Date of Inactive Type: MM/DD/YYYY Term: Perpetual
Most Recent Annual Report: YYYY Most Recent Annual Report with Officers & Directors: YYYYY
The name and address of the Resident Agent:
Resident Agent Name: Agent Name
Street Address: 1234 Any Street
Apt/Suite/Other:
City: Anycity State: MI Zip Code: 481041234
Registered Office Mailing Address:
P.O. Box or Street Address: 1234 Any Street
Apt/Suite/Other:
City: State: MI Zip Code: 481041234

Class of Stock	Authorized Shares
Common	10000
Preferred	2500
Total Authorized Shares	12500

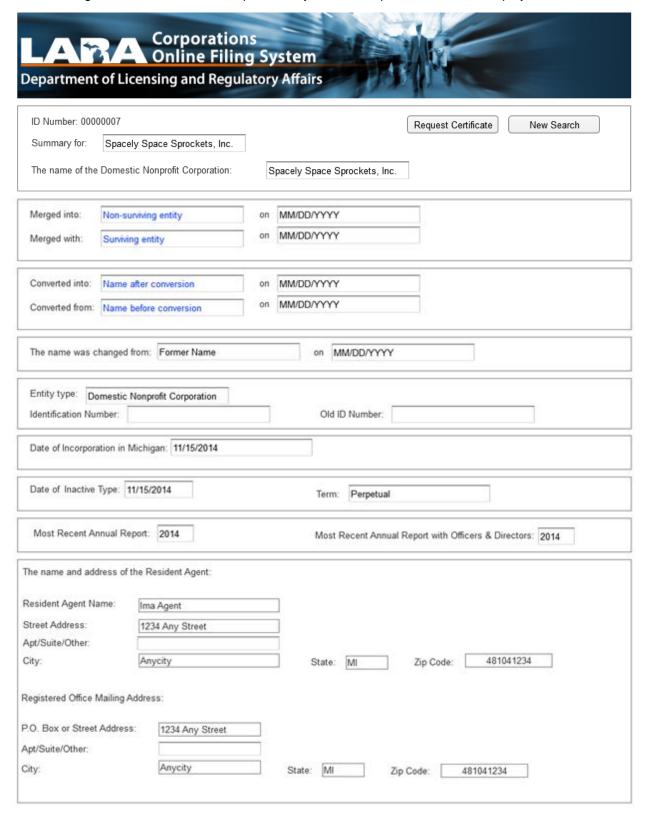
☐ Written Consent

View Assumed Names for this Business Entity



Domestic Nonprofit Corporations

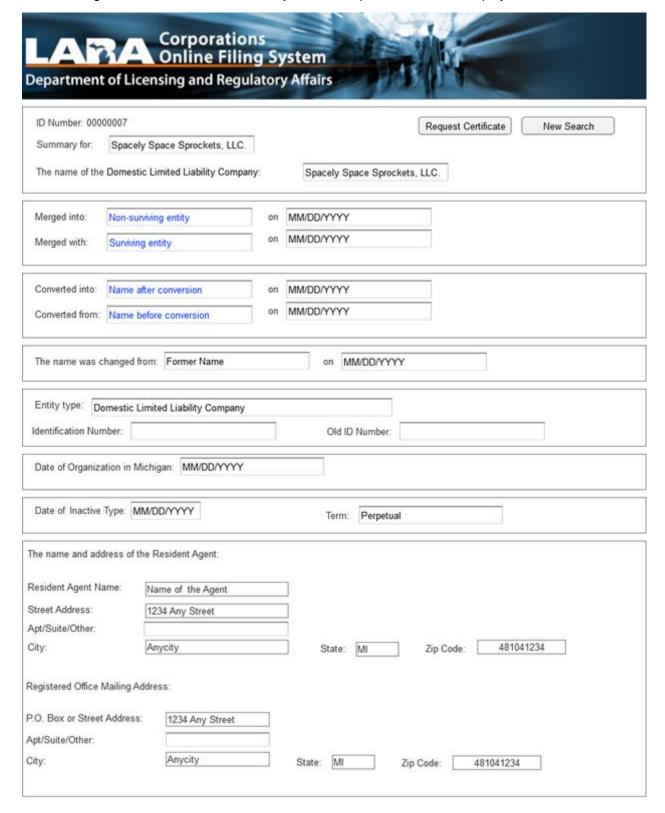
The following shows the Domestic Nonprofit Entity with all the possible sections displayed.



ine Officer	and	Directors	of the Corporatio	1	
Title	Name		Address		
PRESIDENT FIRST NAME		E	123 MAIN OKEMOS, N	1I 48864 USA	
TREASURER SECOND NAME		AME	123 MAIN OKEMOS, M	1I 48864 USA	
SECRETARY THIRD NAME		123 MAIN OKEMOS, N	1I 48864 USA		
DIRECTOR	IRECTOR FOURTH NAME		123 MAIN OKEMOS, N	1I 48864 USA	
ct Formed Under:	162	162-1982 Nonprofit Corporation Act			
Acts Subject To:	Act 2	2			
	Act 3	3			
	Act 4	1.0			
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	Commo		10000		
	Preferre	ed	2500		
lotal Au	thorize	ed Shares	12500		
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Domestic Limited Liability Company (LLC)

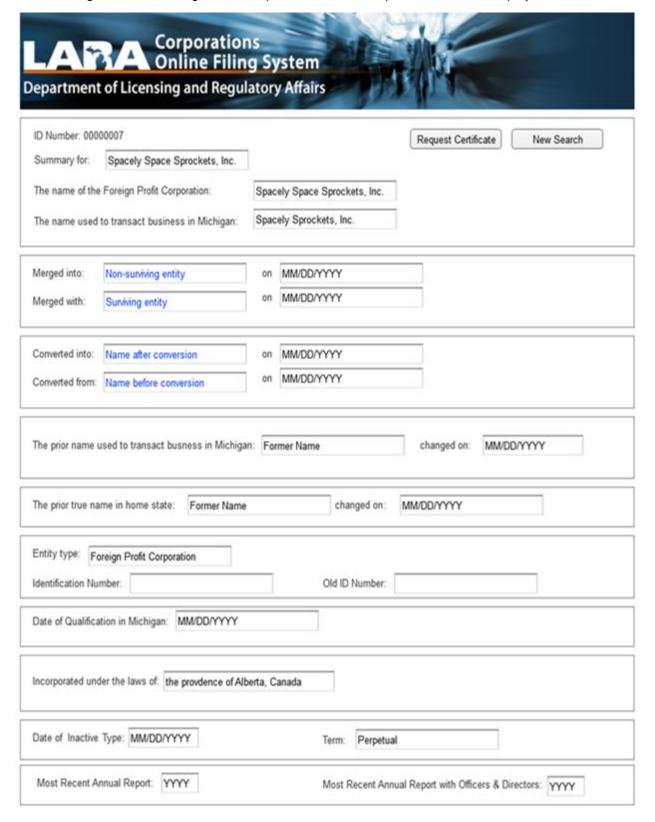
The following shows the Domestic LLC Entity with all the possible sections displayed.



Act Formed Under:	023-1993 Michigan Limited Liability Company Act	
Acts Subject To:	Act 2	
	Act 3	
	Act 4	
Managed By: Me	embers or Managers	
	View Assumed Names for this Business Entity	
View filings	for this business entity:	_
ALL FILINGS		
ANNUAL REPO	ORT/ANNUAL STATEMENTS m	
CERTIFICATE	OF CORRECTION OF CHANGE OF REGISTERED OFFICE AND/OR CHANGE OF RESIDENT AGENT	
CERTIFICATE	OF CHANGE OF REGISTERED OFFICE AND/OR CHANGE OF RESIDENT AGENT	*
	View filings	
Comments or notes	s associated with this business entity;	

Foreign Profit Corporations

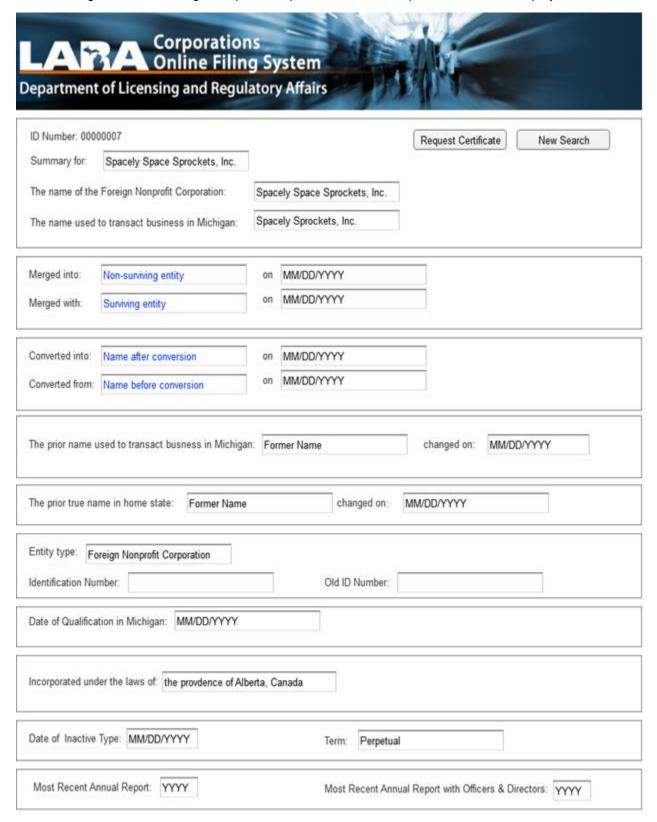
The following shows the Foreign Profit Corporation with all the possible sections displayed.



The name and address				
	s of the Resident	Agent:		
Resident Agent Name	Name of t	he Agent		
Street Address:				
Apt/Suite/Other:	(32277.03)			
City:	Anycity	State	e: MI Zip Code: 481	041234
Registered Office Maili	ng Address:			
P.O. Box or Street Add	lress: 1234	Any Street		
Apt/Suite/Other:				
City:	Anyo	State: M	II Zip Code: 48104123	4
The Officers	and Direc	tors of the Corporation	n:	
Title		Name	Address	
PRESIDENT	FIRS	T NAME	123 MAIN OKEMOS, MI 4	18864 USA
TREASURER	SECO	OND NAME	123 MAIN OKEMOS, MI 4	18864 USA
SECRETARY	THIR	D NAME	123 MAIN OKEMOS, MI 48864 USA	
DIRECTOR	FOUR	RTH NAME	123 MAIN OKEMOS, MI 48864 USA	
Acts Subject To:	Act 2			
1	Act 3			
ŀ	Act 4			
Total Authori	zed Shares	Shares Attributable to Michigan	Most Recent Apportionment %	Year Ending
2000	00	10000	50%	2015
550000	- 1000		5750340	
		View Assumed Names for thi	s Business Entity	
View filings f	or this bu	siness entity:		
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		View fil	ings	
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Foreign Nonprofit Corporations

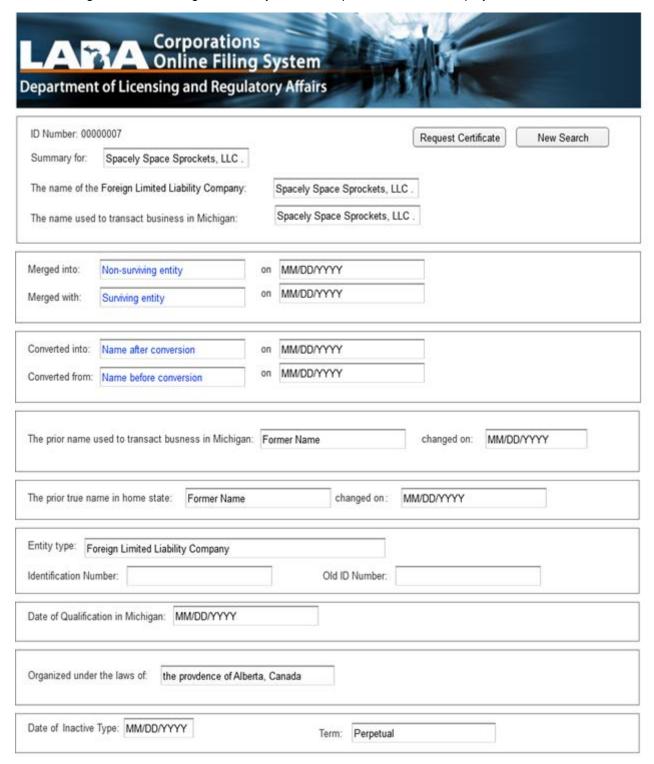
The following shows the Foreign Nonprofit Corporation with all the possible sections displayed.



The name and address	s of the Re	esident Agent:		
Resident Agent Name	e: Ima	Ima Agent		
Street Address:		34 Any Street		
Apt/Suite/Other:	123	747 tily Otloot		
City:	Any	ycity	State:	MI Zip Code: 481041234
D 10% M .	r - A 11			
Registered Office Mai	ling Addres	iSI		
P.O. Box or Street Ad	dress:	1234 Any Street		
Apt/Suite/Other:				
City:		Anycity	State: MI	Zip Code: 481041234
The Officers	and D	irectors of the	Corporation:	
Title		Name		Address
PRESIDENT	F	IRST NAME		123 MAIN OKEMOS, MI 48864 USA
TREASURER	S	ECOND NAME		123 MAIN OKEMOS, MI 48864 USA
SECRETARY	Т	HIRD NAME		123 MAIN OKEMOS, MI 48864 USA
DIRECTOR	F	OURTH NAME		123 MAIN OKEMOS, MI 48864 USA
Acts Subject To:	Act 2			
	Act 3			
	Act 4			
Total Au	thorized S	Shares		
	20000			
		View As	sumed Names for this	Business Entity
View filings	for thi	s business ent	ity:	
ALL FILINGS				
ANNUAL REPO		IUAL STATEMENTS		<u>^</u>
Indexing Form CERTIFICATE		RECTION		
CERTIFICATE	OF CHAI	NGE OF REGISTER	ED OFFICE AND/O	R CHANGE OF RESIDENT AGENT
			View filin	as
			View iiiii	32
Comments or note	s associate	ed with this business en	tity;	

Foreign Limited Liability Company (LLC)

The following shows the Foreign LLC Entity with all the possible sections displayed.



The name and addre	ss of the Resident Agent:			
Resident Agent Nan	e: Name of the Agent			
Street Address:	1234 Any Street			
Apt/Suite/Other:				
City:	Anycity State: MI Zip Code: 481041234			
Registered Office Ma	nilling Address:			
P.O. Box or Street A	ddress: 1234 Any Street			
Apt/Suite/Other:				
City:	Anycity State: MI Zip Code: 481041234			
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Acts Subject To:	Act 2			
	Act 3			
	Act 4			
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	Tierr mings			
Comments or not	es associated with this business entity;			

View Filings Page

This page allows access to available filings for a business entity.

- View PDF: Allows access to the image of the actual approved filings.
- Order Certified Copies: Checking a box in this column allows the user to select one or multiple filings and request certified copy(s) from this screen.



2014

2013

01/09/2014

01/04/2013

11/28/2012

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View Assumed Names Page

This page displays the assumed names associated with the entity and relevant date information of the assumed names. If an assumed name is part of a joint venture, a *View* hyperlink will appear and provide details about the other entities sharing the same assumed name.

• Print Button: Allows the user to print the current page

- New Search Button: Navigates the user back to the search page
- View Link: Displays details on the assumed name that is part of a joint venture

ANNUAL STATEMENT

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CERTIFICATE OF RENEWAL OF ASSUMED NAME

Back to Business Entity Summary Button: Navigates the user back to the Business Entity Summary page



FILE ONLINE

COFS allows certain forms to be completed and submitted online. Once received, they are reviewed by the Corporations Division. The File Online Homepage allows customers to submit documents to form a new entity and submit documents for an existing entity.

Users can access the File Online Homepage from the Corporations Division Homepage and clicking on the Submit Online link available under the "Submission Methods" section.

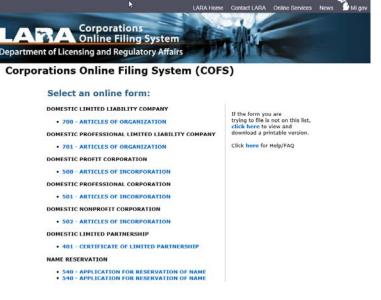
Online Filing to Form a New Entity

If you are forming a new entity, you do not log into the online filing system.

Click the "Click Here" link and select the appropriate form.



You will be given a list of forms that are available for online submission.



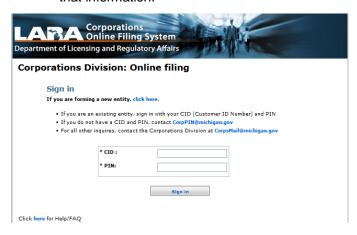
- You must complete the form by entering all the required information. If you fail to enter the required information, the system will alert you and request you enter the missing information.
- You will be prompted to sign the document and insert your title. Additional signatures may be added by clicking the "Add new entry to this list" button.
- Once all the required information is entered, click the "Review" button and you will have an opportunity to review the information you entered.
- If you are satisfied with the information entered, click the "Submit Filing" button.

- Online submissions only can be paid by credit card. If you do not have a credit card or do not wish to use a
 credit card, you may submit the form by mail or in person with a check or money order. For further
 information regarding fees, please review the <u>Fee Schedule</u>.
- Once your credit card has been processed, an acknowledgement screen detailing information regarding the transaction will appear. This screen is your receipt and you may wish to print this for reference.
- Once the credit card transaction is approved, the document will be sent to the Corporations Division for review. If the credit card transaction is not approved, you will have the opportunity to log back into the system at any time, retrieve the information previously submitted, and resubmit.
- If the document cannot be filed, you will receive an email with the reason for rejection. Rejected filings may
 be reviewed by logging back into the system where necessary adjustments can be made and the document
 can be resubmitted.

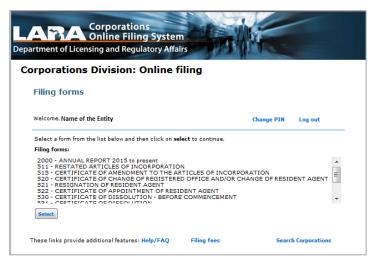
Online Filing for an Existing Entity

A subsequent filing is the submission of forms/documents for an existing entity. To file a document for an existing entity, a user must login using the CID and PIN combination.

CID/PIN: Existing and newly created entities are assigned a unique CID and PIN combination. If you forget
the CID or PIN, please contact the Corporations Division at LARA-CSCL-CorpPIN@michigan.gov to obtain
that information.



• Once logged into the system, you will be given a list of forms that are available for online submission.



Select the form you wish to complete and the form will be displayed.

Please note, not all forms are available for online submission and forms not listed must be submitted by mail or in person. Forms are available at: http://www.michigan.gov/lara/0,4601,7-154-61343 35413 36736---,00.html.

- Fill out the completed form
 - Each form has specific instructions and rules related to the data requirements
 - If any data entry field fails to validate, an appropriate message displays
 - Make payment as per payment rules and fees applicable

Entity Homepage

This page is displayed upon successful authentication of CID and PIN combination on the Entity Login page.

Every entity (existing and newly created) is assigned a unique CID and PIN combination. If users want to submit additional forms, Annual Reports/Statements, or documentation, they must do so by logging into the system using their assigned CID and PIN combination.

Users can sign into the system from the Entity Login page

- CID and PIN combination is unique for each entity type
- CID and PIN is created with the approval of the formation/qualification forms for the entity

Users can perform the following actions:

- File a subsequent filing using Filing Form section
- Change PIN
- Help/FAQ
- View Filing Fee
 - Opens the details for the filing fees
 - Perform search for a business entity using Corporation Search
 - Log Out: Logs out the user

Change PIN

Users have the ability to change their existing PIN online.

- User must enter current PIN
- Enter the new Pin (must be four characters long and consist of numbers only)
- CANCEL REQUEST BUTTON: Cancels the "Change PIN" action and returns user back to Entity Homepage



• SUBMIT BUTTON: Values entered to change the PIN are validated and if successful, the new PIN is saved.

Filing Forms List

This list is populated based on the entity type for which the user has signed in. Users can select the desired form and click on the Select button to open the form.

Available forms are as follows:

Form Number	Form Name
401	Certificate of Limited Partnership
500	Articles of Incorporation, Profit
501	Articles of Incorporation, Professional Service
502	Articles of Incorporation, Nonprofit
511	Restated Articles of Incorporation, Nonprofit
515	Certificate of Amendment
520	Certificate of Change of Registered Office and/or Resident Agent
521	Resignation of Resident Agent
522	Certificate of Appointment of Resident Agent
530	Certificate of Dissolution – Before Commencement
531	Certificate of Dissolution
540	Application for Reservation of Name
541	Certificate of Assumed Name
542	Certificate of Renewal of Assumed Name
543	Certificate of Termination of Assumed Name
546	Certificate of Termination of Registration of Corporate Name
601	Renewal Application For Registered Trademark/Service Mark
603	Assignment of Trademark/Service Mark
700	Articles of Organization
701	Articles of Organization, Professional
710	Restated Articles of Organization
715	Certificate of Amendment
731	Certificate of Dissolution
761	Application For Certificate of Withdrawal
770	Certificate of Restoration
771	Certificate of Restoration
801	Application to Renew Registration of a Limited Liability Partnership
Annual Report	Domestic Nonprofit Corporation Annual Report
Annual Report	Foreign Nonprofit Corporation Annual Report
Annual Report	Domestic Profit Corporation Annual Report
Annual Report	Foreign Profit Corporation Annual Report
Annual Report	Domestic Professional Corporation Annual Report
Annual Report	Foreign Professional Corporation Annual Report

PAYMENT FOR ONLINE SUBMISSION AND ORDERS

Online Payments

User must pay all fees due at the time of submission. Once the payment has been completed, users are not allowed to alter the submission or order to affect the payment; this includes expedited service options.

Expedited Service Options

Expedited service continues to be available for an additional fee. The nonrefundable expedited service fee is based on the level of expedited service selected and is in addition to the standard fees applicable to the specific document. Expedited service fees are different for formation documents and subsequent filing documents.

FORMATION and QUALIFICATION submissions to create an entity

Select the level of service, pick only one:

Expedited service fees are nonrefundable and in addition to the standard document fees.

- Standard Review Only fee applicable to the document.
- 24 Hour Review \$50.00
 For formation documents and applications for certificate of authority.
- Same Day Review \$100.00
 Review completed on day of receipt. Document must be received by 1:00 p.m. EST/EDT.
- 2 Hour Review \$500.00
 Review completed within two hours on day of receipt. Document must be received by 3:00 p.m. EST/EDT.
- 1 Hour Review \$1,000.00
 Review completed within one hour on day of receipt. Document must be received by 4:00 p.m. EST/EDT.

SUBSEQUENT FILING submissions for an existing entity

Select the level of service, pick only one:

Standard Review – Only fee applicable to the document.

Optional Expedited Service

Expedited service fees are nonrefundable and in addition to the standard document fees.

- 24 Hour Review \$100.00
- Same Day Review \$200.00 Review completed on day of receipt. Document must be received by 1:00 p.m. EST/EDT.
- 2 Hour Review \$500.00 Review completed within two hours on day of receipt. Document must be received by 3:00 p.m. EST/EDT.
- 1 Hour Review \$1,000.00

 Review completed within one hour on day of receipt. Document must be received by 4:00 p.m. EST/ED

Filing Fees

- Each filing fee submitted is automatically calculated by the system
- Fees for multiple order items and individual order items are calculated for the amount due to complete order
 Note: Link only is available to signed in users

Payment Selection Page - Orders



Payment Selection Page - Document Submission

Once the user clicks Submit for forms or orders, if there are fees associated with the form, the Payment Selection screen displays.

On this screen, users can:

- See the Fee Summary section: Displays the applicable fee for the filing submission
 - Each form will display the base filing fee, other filing fee (if applicable), and penalty fee owed (if applicable).
- Enter Credit Card Details: Allows the user to enter credit card information.
- Account on File: Allows the user to access their account that is tied to their credit card information.
- Back to Main Page: Clicking this button returns the user back to the main form filing page.

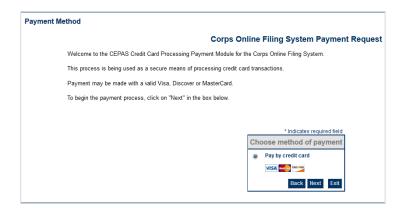


Pay Using - Credit Card

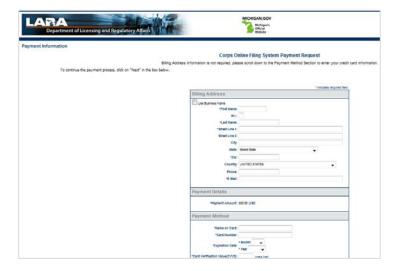
Users can use the State of Michigan's secure credit card processing application to pay for the document and order submission fees.

Click Enter Credit Card Details on the Payment Selection page





• Click **Next** to open the CORPS Online Filing System Payment Request page displayed below.



- Follow the processing prompts on the next series of screens
- Upon successful payment, the submission filing is considered complete and the Submission Confirmation page will display.

Pay Using - Account on File

COFS provides the option to establish an electronic debit account, which allows frequent filers the ability to pay fees without repeatedly entering the payment data. Once the payment data is provided and validated, it will be stored in a secured environment for later payment retrieval.

• Click Account on File on the Payment Selection page.



- New User? Register Here: Allows the user to register for "Account on File"
 - Users can use an existing Account on File by entering a valid email address and password combination and clicking Submit.



Upon submitting, the following screen is displayed



- Select Pay with existing account and click Next to proceed to payment screen.
- Follow the processing prompts on the next series of screens.
- Upon successful payment, the submission filing is considered complete and the Submission Confirmation page will display.

Submission Confirmation Page

The following confirmation page is displayed upon successful payment processing when using the steps described above. If the payment fails for any reason, the system will display an error message.



Order Confirmation Page

The following confirmation page is displayed upon successful payment processing for orders. If the payment is unsuccessful, the system will display an error message.



- Back to Main Page Button: Returns the user back to the main form filing page
- Print Screen Button: Allows the user to print the screen

ORDERS IN COFS

There are two ways in which users can place an order for certificates and copies.

- Through the Search Corporate Database method
- Directly from a link on the Corporations website

Note on Shipping Address: If the delivery method selected is email, the shipping address does not display.



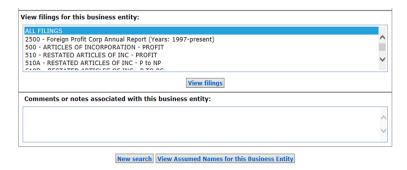
Search Corporate Database Method

Step 1: Select the *Business Entity Search* from the Corporations Division Homepage and enter the search criteria, then select the Search button.



Step 2: On the Business Entity Summary screen, scroll down to the filings section, select All Filings or a specific filing and click the View Filings button.



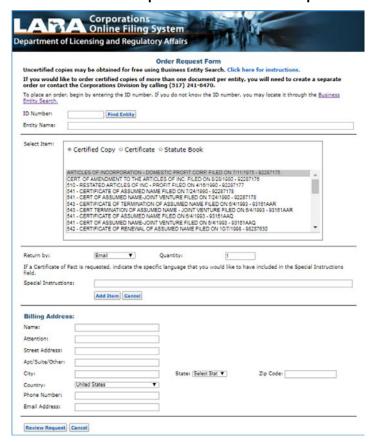


Step 3: Users can select the individual filing using the "Order Certified Copy" selection boxes and click on the Order Filing button. Users can order a certified copy of only one document per entity in an online order.



Step 4: The Order Entry screen for public access displays with the Identification Number and Entity Name prepopulated. The Select Item section will have certified copies selected and the dropdown list will contain the forms filed for the entity.

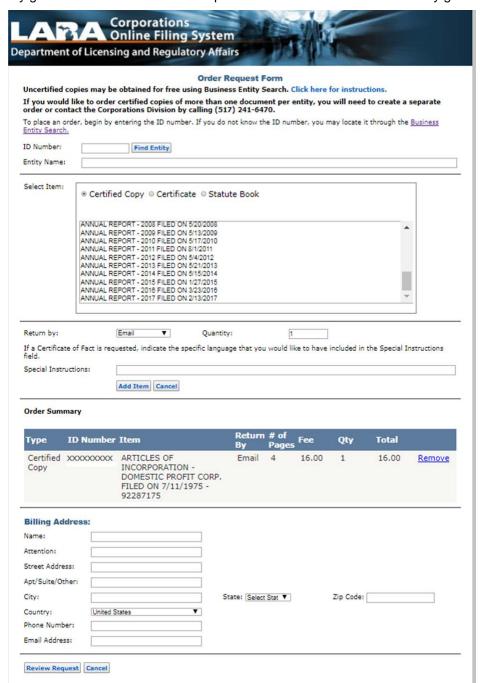
Note: All copy orders generated online for the public will be certified copies.



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Step 5: Users can add only one item from the dropdown list, select the delivery method, enter quantity, check expedited checkbox (optional), and enter any special instructions (optional).

Step 6: Upon completion, click the **Add Item** button. The fees are calculated for each item selected and added to the Order Summary grid. Each item selected is a separate line item in the Order Summary grid.



Step 7: Users can remove items in the Order Summary grid by clicking the **Remove** link. The system will display a confirmation message and clicking **OK** will remove the item from the list.

Additional Validations

The system will display an error message if at least one of the filings selected has 0 pages and will not add the item to the order. **Error message:** This filing has 0 pages in our system and cannot be requested as a certified copy. Contact the Corporations Division for further information regarding the filing number selected.

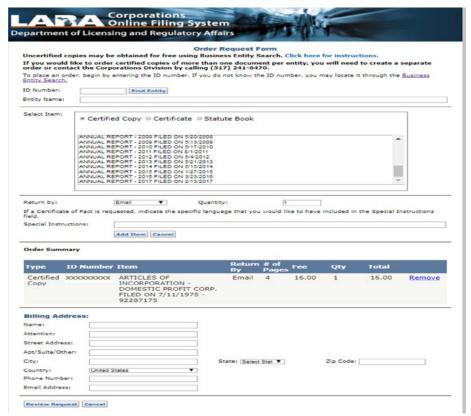
Step 8: After all items are added, complete the remaining fields on the form and click the **Review Request.** Upon successful validation, the order form is rendered in read only mode with the option to make corrections or submit the request.

- Clicking the Make Corrections button reopens the Order Form and allows the user to edit the information.
- Clicking the Submit button navigates the user to the payment screen.

Step 9: Once the payment process has been completed, the order cannot be modified by the user and the order will display in the appropriate queue. A confirmation page is displayed.

Order via the Link on the Corporations Division Homepage

- Step 1: Select the Order Request Form on the Corporations Division Homepage.
- **Step 2:** The Order Entry screen for public access displays links to instructions on how to complete the order and how to search the Corporations database to obtain the identification number for the entity.



- Step 3: The user enters the Entity ID Number and clicks the Find Entity button, which populates the entity name.
- **Step 4:** The user selects desired option in Select Items section.

Note: All copy orders generated online for the public will be certified copies and the dropdown list populates with all filings for the entity selected.

- If Certificate is selected, the dropdown list populates the applicable list of certificates for the selected entity
- If Book is selected, users have the option to select BCA or LLC publications

Step 5: The user can select one or more items from the dropdown list (with the ability to select all), select the **delivery method**, enter **the quantity**, check **expedited checkbox** (optional), and enter **special instructions** (optional).

Step 6: When the information is complete, the user clicks **Add Item** button. The fees are calculated for each item selected and the item(s) are added to the Order Summary grid.

Note: Each item selected is a separate line item in the Order Summary grid.

Step 7: Users also can remove items in the Order Summary grid by selecting the **Remove** link. The system will display a confirmation message. Clicking **OK** on the confirmation message will remove the item from the list.

Additional Validations

The system will display an error message if at least one of the filings selected has 0 pages and will not add the item to the order. **Error message:** This filing has 0 pages in our system and cannot be requested as a certified copy. Contact the Corporations Division for further information regarding the filing number selected.

Step 8: After all items are added, complete the remaining fields on the form and click **Review Request**. Upon successful validation, the order form is rendered in read only mode with the option to make corrections or submit the request.

- Clicking the **Make Corrections** button reopens the Order Form and allows the user to edit the information.
- Clicking the **Submit** button navigates to the payment screen.

Step 9: Once the payment process has been completed, the order cannot be modified by the user and the order will display in the appropriate queue. A conformation page is displayed.

General Rules for Ordering Items:

- Users can order certified copies of one document per entity in each order.
- A separate order will need to be created for additional certified copies for the same entity or the user can contact the Corporations Division by calling (517) 241-6470.
- Once the payment process has completed, the order cannot be modified by the user.
- If a Certificate of Good Standing is selected, the system validates the entity is in good standing. If not, an error message is displayed and the item is not added to the list.
- If a Certificate of Legal Existence is selected, the system validates the entity has not been dissolved. If the entity is dissolved or revoked, an error message is displayed and the item is not added to the list.
- If a Certificate of Fact is selected, special instructions are required.

HELP/FAQ PAGE

The Help/FAQ page provides users with helpful information and answers to some of the most frequently asked questions. This page is updated regularly with the most current information available.

The Help/FAQ page can be found on the Corporations Division Homepage, entity log-in screen, and Entity Homepage.



Help/FAQ

Information for completing an online submission

NOTE: Entities that are not in good standing, automatically dissolved, or automatically withdrawn may have restrictions on the types of documents that can be filed. The **Business Entity Search** may be used to locate the status of an entity, or contact the Corporations Division by calling (517) 241-8470. Further information regarding the documents that an entity may submit is available in the chart provided **here**.

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System Requirements:

The following is required to submit a document online:

- · A browser supporting 128-bit encryption
- JavaScripting must be turned on
- · You must allow per-session cookies
- . A Visa, MasterCard, or Discover credit card to pay fees.

What are per-session cookies and why do I need to accept them?

- . Per-session cookies are NOT stored on your hard drive, and they do not contain any personal information whatsoever.
- · Per-session cookies are nothing more than a random, unique number generated when you first access the site.
- Example of per-session cookies: ASPSESSIONIDGGQGGQCO=KGAHFDGDANBGKLJCFBGEDAGC
- . Per-session cookies disappear as soon as you close your browser, or they will time-out after 20 minutes.

Online Submission Process:

Note: Using the web browser's back button will clear all data that has been entered.

- If you are forming a new entity, you do not log-in to the online filing system. Instead, select the Click Here button and select the appropriate form.
- . If you are submitting a document for an existing entity, then the first step is to log-in to the system with the entity's pre-assigned Customer ID