

Qualified Business License Requirement

If you are a contractor licensed under Chapter 489, Florida Statutes, and you are operating as a business organization, including a partnership, corporation or other legal entity, you must apply for a qualified business license (also known as a certificate of authority) with the Construction Industry Licensing Board. This requirement is contained in Section 489.119(2), Florida Statutes. The requirement does not include contractors operating as sole proprietorships. Failure to obtain this license means you are violating Florida law. You could be subject to possible disciplinary action including a fine of \$500 to \$1,000 along with possible suspension or revocation of your license for a repeat violation. Information, including applications to apply for a qualified business license, can also be found on the Internet at www.MyFlorida.com under Business and Professional Regulation. The qualified business license costs \$59.