



### Bail Bond Agent Licensure

The chart below provides information on licensure requirements of persons who are authorized to issue bail bonds, either as an individual or under the auspices of a bail bond company.

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State	Statute	Title of Licensed Entity	Regulating Entity	Requirements					Prohibited Criminal Activity	Prohibited Persons/Professions
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Alabama	§ 15-13-22 § 15-13-159 § 15-13-160 § 15-13-101	Professional Bondsman	The Alabama Department of Insurance		X				Felony; crimes of moral turpitude.	Enumerated judicial officials; attorney; person authorized to accept an appearance bond.
Alaska	§ 21.27.150 § 21.27.020 § 21.27.060	Bail Bond Limited Producer	The Director of the Alaska Division of Insurance	X 18+	X	X			Act that is a cause for denial or revocation of a bondsman license.	
Arizona	§ 20-340.01	Bail Bond Agent	Director of Insurance of the State of Arizona		X	X		X	Theft; felony; carrying, illegal use or possession of a deadly weapon or dangerous instrument.	Law enforcement; court officials; attorneys; officials authorized to admit to bail; state and county officers.
Arkansas	§ 17-19-201	Professional Bail Bondsman	The Professional Bail Bond Company and Professional Bail Bondsman Licensing Board.		X	X	X	X	Felony; crime of moral turpitude.	Attorney; court officials; sheriff; law enforcement officials.
	§ 17-19-110	Bail Bond Agent	None specified.		X			X		Attorney; court officials; sheriff; law enforcement officials.
California	Ins. Code § 1802	Bail Agent	California Department of Insurance Commissioner		X	X	X			Enumerated misdemeanor or felony; crimes which involve a misappropriation of money or property.
	Ins. Code § 1802.5	Bail Permittee	California Department of Insurance Commissioner		X	X	X			Enumerated misdemeanor or felony; crimes which involve a misappropriation of money or property.
	Ins. Code § 1803	Bail Solicitor	California Department of Insurance Commissioner		X	X	X			Enumerated misdemeanor or felony; crimes which involve a misappropriation of money or property.
Colorado	§ 10-23-101	Cash-Bonding Agent	Colorado Division of Insurance							
	§ 10-23-102	Professional Cash-Bail Agent	Colorado Division of Insurance							
	§ 10-2-415.5; § 10-2-418	Insurance Producer/Bail Bond Agent	Colorado Division of Insurance							
Connecticut	§ 29-145	Professional Bondsman	Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection					X	Felony	Law enforcement or others with police powers.
	§ 38a-660	Surety Bail Bond Agent	Connecticut Insurance Commissioner	X 18+	X U.S. citizen	X		X	Felony; enumerated misdemeanors.	Law enforcement or others with police powers.
Delaware	18 Del. C. § 4332	Bail Agent	Delaware Department of Insurance	X 18+	X	X				Jailers; police officers; any person acting in a judicial capacity'; sheriffs, deputy sheriffs and constables; attorneys or persons employed in an attorney's office; any person having the power to arrest or having anything to do with the control of federal, state, county or municipal prisoners; enumerated prison officials.

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Florida	§ 648.27; § 648.34	Bail Bond Agent	Florida Department of Financial Services	X 18+	X U.S. citizen, legal alien, state resident	X	X	X	Felony; crimes involving moral turpitude; crimes punishable by imprisonment of 1 year or more.	
	§ 648.34; § 648.35	Professional Bail Bond Agent	Florida Department of Financial Services							
	§ 648.355	Temp. limited license as Limited Surety Agent or Professional Bail Bond Agent	Florida Department of Financial Services	X 18+	X		X	X	Felony; crimes involving moral turpitude; crimes punishable by imprisonment of 1 year or more.	
Georgia	§ 17-6-50	Professional Bondsmen	The sheriff of the county in which the bonding business is conducting business	X 18+	X		X	X	Felony; crimes involving moral turpitude.	
Hawaii	No statute located									
Idaho	§ 41-1037	Bail Agent	Idaho Department of Insurance							
Illinois	Commercial Bondsmen Prohibited									
Indiana	§ 27-10-3-1	Bail Agent	Indiana Department of Insurance	X 18+	X	X	X		Felony/release from supervision in the past 10 years; misdemeanor / release from supervision in the past 5 years.	Jailers; law enforcement officers; judges; enumerated prison officials.
Iowa	No statute located									
Kansas	No statute located									
Kentucky	Commercial Bondsmen Prohibited									
Louisiana	§ 22:1556; § 22:1584; § 22:1571	Bail Bond Producer	Louisiana Department of Insurance	X 18+	X	X	X		Felony; participation in a pretrial diversion program pursuant to a felony charge; misdemeanor involving moral turpitude or public corruption.	
Maine	No statute located									
Maryland	MD Rules 16-817; Ins. Code § 10-304; Ins. Code § 10-305	Bail Bondsman	None specified	X 18+						
Massachusetts	Ch. 276 § 61B	Professional Bondsman	The Superior Court or a Justice thereof.							
Michigan	No statute located									
Minnesota	Prac., Rule 702	Bon Producers	Minnesota State Court Administrator's Office							
Mississippi	§ 83-39-3	Professional Bail Agent	Mississippi Department of Insurance	X 21+			X	X	Felony; crime involving moral turpitude.	Law enforcement or judicial official; attorney; enumerated prison officials.
	§ 83-39-7	Personal Surety Agent	Mississippi Department of Insurance	X 21+		X	X	X	Felony; crime involving moral turpitude.	Law enforcement or judicial official; attorney; enumerated prison officials.

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Missouri	§ 374.710	Bail Bond Agent	The Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions and Professional Registration of the State of Missouri				X			
	§ 374.700 to § 374.775	General Bail Bond Agent	The Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions and Professional Registration of the State of Missouri			X	X			
Montana	No statute located									
Nebraska	No statute located									
Nevada	§ 697.150	Bail Agent	Nevada Division of Insurance	X 18+	X	X	X		Forgery; embezzlement; obtaining money under false pretenses; larceny; extortion; conspiracy to defraud; crime involving moral turpitude.	Jailers; police officers; justices of the peace; municipal judges; sheriffs, deputy sheriffs and constables; any person with arrest power; enumerated prison officials.
	§ 697.170; § 697.260	Bail Solicitor	Nevada Division of Insurance	X 18+	X	X	X		Felony; offense involving moral turpitude; unlawful use, sale or possession of a controlled substance.	Jailers; police officers; justices of the peace; municipal judges; sheriffs, deputy sheriffs and constables; any person with arrest power; enumerated prison officials.
New Hampshire	§ 597:7-b	Bail Agent	None specified							
New Jersey	§ 17:31-10	Bail Agent	New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance							
New Mexico	§ 59A-51-6	Bail Bondsman	Superintendent of the New Mexico Division of Insurance	X 18+	X U.S. citizen	X	X		Felony, with the exception of a conditional discharge of a felony conviction.	Law enforcement, adjudication, jail, court or prosecution official or an employee thereof; attorney; official authorized to admit to bail; state or county officer.
	§ 59A-51-6	Solicitor	Superintendent of the New Mexico Division of Insurance	X 18+	X U.S. citizen	X	X		Felony, with the exception of a conditional discharge of a felony conviction.	Law enforcement, adjudication, jail, court or prosecution official or an employee thereof; attorney; official authorized to admit to bail; or state or county officer.
New York	Ins. Law § 6802	Professional Bondsmen	New York Superintendent of Insurance			X		X	Offense involving moral turpitude; any crime.	
North Carolina	§ 58-71-40	Professional Bondsman	Commissioner of the North Carolina Department of Insurance	X 18+	X	X	X	X	No current or prior enumerated violations.	Sheriff, deputy sheriff, other law-enforcement officer; judicial official; attorney; parole officer; probation officer; jailer; assistant jailer; employee of the General Court of Justice; employee or spouse of employee with criminal justice duties, those with commercial bond interests.
North Carolina	§ 58-71-40	Surety Bondsman	Commissioner of the North Carolina Department of Insurance	X 18+	X	X	X		No current or prior enumerated violations.	Sheriff, deputy sheriff, other law-enforcement officer; judicial official; attorney; parole officer; probation officer; jailer; assistant jailer; employee of the General Court of Justice; employee or spouse of employee with criminal justice duties, those with commercial bond interests.
North Dakota	§ 26.1-26.6-01; § 26.1-26-03	Bail Bond Agent	North Dakota Insurance Commissioner		X					Jailers; police officers; committing magistrates; magistrate court judges; sheriffs, deputy sheriffs and constables; any person with arrest powers or prison officials.

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Ohio	§ 3905.84	Surety Bail Bond Agents	The Ohio Department of Commerce and the Superintendent of Insurance.	X 18+	X				If the person was convicted of a criminal offense, the nature of the offense, whether the conviction was based on acts or omissions taken under any professional license, whether the offense involved the breach of a fiduciary duty, the amount of time that has passed, and the person's activities subsequent to the conviction.	Jailers or other persons employed in a detention facility; prisoners incarcerated in any jail, prison, or any other place used for the incarceration of persons; peace officers, including volunteer or honorary peace officers; employees of a law enforcement agency; committing magistrates; judges; employees of a court; employees of the clerk of any court; attorneys or any person employed at an attorney's office; any persons having the power to arrest; any persons who have authority over or control of, federal, state, county, or municipal corporation prisoners.
Oklahoma	59 Okl. St. § 1306	Surety Bondsman	Insurance Commissioner of the State of Oklahoma	X 21+			X		Felony; misdemeanor involving dishonesty or moral turpitude.	Jailers; police officers; committing judges; municipal or district court judges; prisoners; sheriffs, deputy sheriffs and any person having the power to arrest or prison officials; enumerated alcohol- based businesses.
	59 Okl. St. § 1301	Professional Bondsman	Insurance Commissioner of the State of Oklahoma				X			
Oregon	<b>Commercial Bondsmen Prohibited</b>									
Pennsylvania	42 Pa. C.S. § 5742	Professional Bondsmen	Pennsylvania Insurance Department						Criminal offense	Law enforcement officer; employee of a penal institution, or any who derives profit from bondsmen.
Rhode Island	§ 12-13-21, Superior Court Professional Bondsmen Rule 1	Professional Bondsman	The Rhode Island Superior Court							
South Carolina	§ 38-53-90	Professional Bondsman	The South Carolina Director of the Department of Insurance	X 18+	X	X	X		Felony; crime involving moral turpitude w/n the past 10 years.	Sheriff, deputy sheriff, other law enforcement officer; judicial official; attorney; parole officer; probation officer; jailer; assistant jailer; employee of any court of this state.
	§ 38-53-90	Surety Bondsman	The South Carolina Director of the Department of Insurance	X 18+	X	X	X		Felony; crime involving moral turpitude within the past 10 years.	Sheriff, deputy sheriff, other law enforcement officer; judicial official; attorney; parole officer; probation officer; jailer; assistant jailer,, employee of any court of this state.
South Dakota	§ 58-22-1	Bail Bondsman	South Dakota Division of Insurance of the Department of Labor and Regulation	X 21+	X U.S. citizen	X			Felony; crime involving moral turpitude.	Jailers; attorneys; police officers; convicted felons; committing magistrates; municipal or magistrate court judges; clerks or deputy clerks; sheriffs, deputy sheriffs and constables; any person with arrest power or enumerated prison officials.
Tennessee	§ 40-11-301	Professional Bondsman	Tennessee Department of Commerce and Insurance					X		Constitutionally elected peace officer or as such officer's deputy; any duly elected or appointed county official; jailers; attorneys; police officers; convicted felons; committing magistrates; municipal or magistrate court judges; clerks or deputy clerks; sheriffs, deputy sheriffs and constables; any person with arrest power or enumerated prison officials.
Texas	Occ. Code § 1704.151	Bail Bond Surety	None specified	X 18+	X U.S. citizen		X		Felony; misdemeanor involving moral turpitude.	
Utah	No statute located									
Vermont	No statute located									

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Virginia	§ 9.1-185.5	Bail Bondsman	Virginia Department of Criminal Justice	X 18+		X	X	X	Felony	Employees of a local or regional jail; employees of a sheriff's office; employees of a state or local police department; persons appointed as conservators of the peace; employees of an office of an attorney for the Commonwealth; employees of the Department of Corrections, Department of Criminal Justice Services, or a local pretrial or community-based probation services agency; or spouses or housemates thereof.
Washington	§ 18.185.020	Bail Bond Agent	Washington Department of Licensing	X 18+	X U.S. citizen or resident alien		X		Any crime conviction within the past 10 years, if the director determines that the applicant's particular crime directly relates to a capacity to perform the duties of a bail bond.	
West Virginia	§ 51-10-8	Professional Bondsmen	The Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia						Offense involving moral turpitude	
Wisconsin	<b>Commercial Bondsmen Prohibited</b>									
Wyoming	No statute located									

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