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## INFORMATION FOR GENERAL CONTRACTOR APPLICATION:

**Section 4114 of the Columbus Code requires the following be presented in order to secure a contractor registration.**

- General Contractor Application; completed and signed by the person chosen to be the responsible party for the company registration. This application must be notarized.
- A Bond in the amount of \$25,000. The enclosed bond form must be used. Specific information for bond completion may be found on the enclosed bond information sheet.
- A Certificate of Liability Insurance listing City of Columbus, Department of Building & Zoning Services, 111 N Front Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215, as a certificate holder, written by an insurance company licensed to do business in the State of Ohio, with the limits of liability no less than three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) for damages to a single person, and five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) for one (1) occurrence.

**NOTE:**

Individual name, and company name if applicable, must be listed identically on all documents. Please review all information and have your application notarized before filing for a license. If the application is not notarized, all documents will be returned without being processed.

### REGISTRATION FEE

Non-refundable \$350.00 registration fee. Individuals who currently hold an active license or registration with the Department of Building & Zoning Services may be eligible for a reduced registration fee of \$200.00. If you are unsure if you qualify for the reduced fee, or you would like more details, please contact the Customer Service Center at [bzslicensing@columbus.gov](mailto:bzslicensing@columbus.gov) or (614) 645-7433. **If paying by check, make check payable to Columbus City Treasurer.**

Application may be submitted to:

[BZSLicensing@Columbus.gov](mailto:BZSLicensing@Columbus.gov) (you will receive an email containing a link to pay the fee online)

-OR-

City of Columbus - Department of Building & Zoning Services  
111 N Front Street  
Columbus, Ohio 43215

For additional information, visit us online at <https://www.columbus.gov/bzs/contractor-licensing-and-registration/Contractor-Licensing-Registration/>

# General Contractor Application

111 N Front Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215  
Phone: 614-645-7433 • Email: bzslicensing@columbus.gov • www.bzs.columbus.gov

**ALL FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE • Make checks payable to the Columbus City Treasurer**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:** For application requirements for ANY license or registration, refer to Columbus Building Code, Chapter 4114.

## **PART I: QUALIFICATION CERTIFICATE HOLDER INFORMATION**

I, the undersigned, hereby apply for a Contractor Registration, in the City of Columbus, Ohio, and for that purpose give the following information and answers to ALL of the questions contained in this application.

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address for notification of permits issued under applicant's registration: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address for communication related to issuance of applicant's registration: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you previously held this type of registration with the City of Columbus? Yes No

If YES, provide the following if known: Registration Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been summoned before any City of Columbus Contractor Board of Review for any type of violation hearing? Yes No

If YES, which board? \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Board Decision \_\_\_\_\_

## **PART II: ASSIGNMENT OF REGISTRATION TO BUSINESS CONCERN**

By completing this section, the applicant confirms his/her association with the business concern as a legal full-time officer, proprietor, partner, or employee. The applicant will be actively engaged in and perform work only for the business concern listed below.

Business Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number/Ext \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

## **PART III: STATEMENT BY APPLICANT**

I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, all statements made herein or attached are complete and accurate. I understand that any false statements later disclosed may cause loss of my right of registration, and may subject me to prosecution under Ohio Revised Code Section 2921.13.

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Print/Type Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
(sign in presence of notary or Building & Zoning Services Official)

Sworn to before me and signed in my presence this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, in the year \_\_\_\_\_

Notary Seal Here

Signature of Notary Public or Building & Zoning Services Official \_\_\_\_\_ My Commission Expires \_\_\_\_\_

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# INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE CONTRACTOR LICENSE/ REGISTRATION BOND AS REQUIRED BY COLUMBUS CITY CODE SECTION 4114.515

**NOTICE TO CONTRACTOR:** Please give these instructions to your bonding company or agent to ensure that all the information is correctly provided on the bond.

**NOTICE TO BONDING COMPANY AND AGENT:** Please follow the instructions below when completing this 'Contractor License / Registration Bond' form. Guidelines showing the correct way to complete the bond form have been provided for your convenience. Please refer to the Guidelines for any questions you may have with regard to completing the bond form. Please also note the following:

- 1. Form:** Please use the bond form provided by the City of Columbus if this is a new License / Registration or if the bond is being submitted for the first time. In the case of a renewal for an existing License / Registration and corresponding bond, we will accept a Continuation Certificate.
- 2. Bond Number and Effective Date:** Please enter the Bond Number and the Effective Date of the bond on the lines provided.
- 3. Amount of Bond:** All 'Contractor License / Registration Bonds' are set at \$25,000.00. Please do not change this amount.
- 4. Individual Licensee / Registrant:** Please insert the name of the Individual who holds the License or Registration as it appears on the License / Registration application.
- 5. Company Name:** If the contractor is doing business as a company or assigning the License / Registration to a business, then please insert the exact name of the business as it appears on the Contractor Application, Renewal Form or OCILB License. If the contractor is conducting business as an individual, meaning, that a business or corporate name is not being used, then this line can be left blank.
- 6. Name of Bonding Company:** Please insert the complete name of the bonding company. Also, please note that the name of this Surety must also appear on the Power of Attorney which is to be attached.
- 7. Date and Signing of Bond:** Please enter the date in which the bond is being executed. It is important that this date be on or after the effective date in which the Power of Attorney is dated. If the Power of Attorney is dated after the date in which the bond is executed, then the bond will be considered invalid. Please print or type the name of the Individual (not the name of the business) who holds the License or Certificate, as indicated in No. 4 above. The Individual also needs to provide an original signature. Please print or type the name of the Surety, as indicated in No. 6 above. The bond must be signed by the Attorney-in-Fact. An electronic or facsimile signature of the Attorney-in-Fact is acceptable. Lastly, please provide the telephone number of the Attorney-in-Fact who can be contacted with any questions.
- 8. Surety Seal:** We will accept an electronic or facsimile seal. If the seal is not provided as required, then we will consider the bond to be invalid and will return it to the Licensee / Registrant.

When the bond form has been properly completed, please return it to the Licensee / Registrant. Do not return the bond form to our office. The Licensee / Registrant must complete additional paperwork and attach a check in payment of the License / Registration fee. We require all of the paperwork to be submitted as a single submission.

**QUESTIONS:** If you have any questions regarding these instructions, please contact our Customer Service Center at (614) 645-7433 or [bszlicensing@columbus.gov](mailto:bszlicensing@columbus.gov).

# GUIDELINES

## CONTRACTOR LICENSE / REGISTRATION BOND FORM 1

Bond #: 2 Effective Date: 2

Amount: \$25,000.00 3

### KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That **(Insert Name of Individual Licensee / Registrant)** 4  
of **(Insert Company Name)** 5  
as Principal, and **(Insert Name of Bonding Company)** 6

as Surety, are held and firmly bound unto the City of Columbus, c/o City Treasurer, City Hall, 90 West Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215, as Oblige, in the sum of Twenty Five Thousand and no/100 Dollars (\$25,000.00) to be paid to said Oblige, its successors and assigns, and for the payment thereof well and truly to be made, we, the Principal and Surety, jointly and severally bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, administrators, successors, and assigns firmly by these presents. The conditions of the above obligation are such that:

WHEREAS, the above Principal has or is about to apply to said Oblige for a License / Registration as a Contractor effective upon approval and expiring at the end of the twelfth month from the date of issuance, pursuant to Chapter 33 or 41 of the Columbus City Codes, as applicable.

WHEREAS, the expiration date of this bond shall coincide with the expiration date of said License/Registration.

WHEREAS, the Principal, its agents and employees shall save the City of Columbus harmless from all loss and damage to persons or property which may be occasioned in any way, by accident or the want of care or skill on the applicant's part, in the prosecution of the work contracted, performed, pursued or attempted under such License / Registration, pursuant to Columbus City Code Chapter 33 or 41, as applicable.

NOW THEREFORE, if the License / Registration shall be issued to the Principal and the Principal, its agents and employees shall save the City of Columbus harmless from all loss and damage to persons or property of the City of Columbus and aforesaid, then this obligation shall be void; otherwise, the same shall remain in full force and effect.

IT IS FURTHER UNDERSTOOD AND AGREED that the Surety reserves the right to cancel this bond by giving thirty (30) days written notice to the Oblige c/o Director for the Department of Building and Zoning Services, 111 N Front Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215 and, upon receipt of such cancellation notice, the Surety is relieved of any further liability. The Surety will be liable for loss accruing up to the effective date of said cancellation; but, in no event will the liability to the Surety exceed \$25,000.00

Signed this 7 day of 7, in the year 7.

LICENSEE / REGISTRANT: 4  
(PRINT OR TYPE NAME)

By: 7  
(SIGNATURE)

SURETY: 6  
(PRINT OR TYPE NAME)

By: 7  
(SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY-IN-FACT)

Telephone No. of Attorney-in-Fact for Surety 7

Place Surety Seal Here  
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**NOTICE TO AGENT AND SURETY:** Please refer to the Instructions on the other side of this bond form.

CONTRACTOR LICENSE / REGISTRATION BOND FORM

Bond #: \_\_\_\_\_ Effective Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount: \$25,000.00

**KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:**

That **(Insert Name of Individual Licensee / Registrant)** \_\_\_\_\_

of **(Insert Company Name)** \_\_\_\_\_

as Principal, and **(Insert Name of Bonding Company)** \_\_\_\_\_

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WHEREAS, the Principal, its agents and employees shall save the City of Columbus harmless from all loss and damage to persons or property which may be occasioned in any way, by accident or the want of care or skill on the applicant's part, in the prosecution of the work contracted, performed, pursued or attempted under such License / Registration, pursuant to Columbus City Code Chapter 33 or 41, as applicable.

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Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, in the year \_\_\_\_\_.

LICENSEE / REGISTRANT: \_\_\_\_\_  
(PRINT OR TYPE NAME)

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
(SIGNATURE)

SURETY: \_\_\_\_\_  
(PRINT OR TYPE NAME)

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
(SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY-IN-FACT)

Telephone No. of Attorney-in-Fact for Surety \_\_\_\_\_

Place Surety Seal Here