

§ 4269. Certificate of Existence.

(a) Anyone may apply to the Registrar of Corporations to furnish a certificate of existence for a domestic corporation or a certificate of authorization for a foreign corporation.

(b) A certificate of existence or authorization sets forth:

(1) The domestic corporation's name or the foreign corporation's name used in the Commonwealth and filing number of the entity's Articles of Incorporation, if a filing number was assigned;

(2)(i) That the domestic corporation is duly incorporated under the laws of the Commonwealth, the date of incorporation, and the period of its duration if less than perpetual; or

(ii) That the foreign corporation is authorized to transact business in the Commonwealth;

(3) That all corporation fees and penalties owed to the Commonwealth have been paid, if:

(i) Payment is reflected in the records of the Registrar of Corporations, and

(ii) Nonpayment affects the existence or authorization of the domestic or foreign corporation;

(4) That its most recent annual report required by [4 CMC § 4693](#) has been delivered to the Registrar of Corporations;

(5) That articles of dissolution have not been filed; and

(6) Other facts of record in the office of the Registrar of Corporations that may be requested by the applicant.

(c) Subject to any qualification stated in the certificate, a certificate of existence or authorization issued by the Registrar of Corporations may be relied upon as conclusive evidence that the domestic or foreign corporation is in existence or is authorized to transact business in the Commonwealth.

(d) Within 90 days of the effective date of this Act, the Secretary of Commerce shall cause to be created a publicly-accessible database, viewable via the official website of the Registrar of Corporations that allows members of the public to search for filed Articles of Incorporation or Certificates of Authority by filing number and displays all information constituting a Certificate of Existences pursuant to this section.

Source: PL 10-7, § 1 (Bus. Corp. Reg. § 1.28), modified; subsecs. (b)(1) and (d) amended by PL 24-07, §§ 3, 4 (July 24, 2025), modified.

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