

IMPORTANT NOTICE

New England Bail Bonds, LLC is an approved vendor for pre-licensing education for the Connecticut Insurance Department. New England Bail Bonds, LLC does **NOT** issue surety bail bond licenses. Licensing is handled by the Connecticut Insurance Department. Please contact the Connecticut Insurance Department, Fraud, Investigations & Compliance Unit (please see page three for a list of phone numbers and address).

In Order to become a licensed surety bail bond agent in Connecticut you must:

1. Be at least 18 years old and a U.S. Citizen
2. Complete a pre-license education course approved by the Connecticut Insurance Department.
3. Pass a 60 question exam administered by Prometric Services (call to 1-800-341-3257 to make an appointment)
4. Submit a completed application along with supporting documentation to the Insurance Department and send copies to the Office of the Chief State's Attorney
5. A criminal background check will be performed on all applicants for a surety bail bond license.

IMPORTANT: Anyone who has been convicted of any of the following offenses is ineligible for a surety bail bond license.

- Any Felony
- Any misdemeanor if an element of the offense involves dishonesty or misappropriation of money or property.
- Any of the named Misdemeanor Offense:
 - 21a-279 Possession of narcotics
 - 53a-58 Criminally negligent homicide
 - 53a-61 Assault in third
 - 53a-61a Assault in third degree on victim 60 or older
 - 53a-62 Threatening
 - 53a-63 Reckless endangerment in the first degree
 - 53a-96 Unlawful restraint in the second degree
 - 53a-173 Failure to appear in the second degree
 - 53a-175 Riot in the first degree
 - 53a-176 Riot in the second degree
 - 53a-178 Inciting a riot
 - 53a-181d Stalking in second degree
- Conviction of any misdemeanor if an element of the offense involves dishonesty or misappropriation of money or property. Examples of this include (but are not limited to) forgery, larceny, embezzlement, money laundering, identity theft etc.

- No person engaged in law enforcement or vested with police powers shall be licensed as a surety bail bond agent.
- Providing false, incomplete or misleading statements or omitting pertinent information on an application to the Insurance Department may result in denial of a license or administrative sanctions against an active license.
- In addition to all the requirements, each applicant for a license shall furnish satisfactory evidence to the Commissioner that: (1) The applicant is at least eighteen years of age; (2) the applicant is a citizen of the United States; and (3) the applicant has never been convicted of a disqualifying offense. Each applicant shall submit to a background check including an investigation of criminal activity.

THE FOLLOWING IS A COPY OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT, INSURANCE DEPARTMENT, SURETY
BAIL BOND LICENSING REQUIREMENTS:

- Prerequisites:** CT prelicense education and CT exam. Supporting documentation. Background check. Inspection/Review. No felony or disqualifying misdemeanor convictions.
- Required Documentation:** Completed application, prelicense education certificate, passing examination score report, copy of birth certificate or naturalization certificate, recent credit bureau report, two (2) letters of character reference and passport-size photo.
- Other Information:**
1. Register for approved pre-licensing course.
 2. Upon successful completion of pre-licensing course, applicant must contact **Prometric** at (800) 341-3257 to schedule a bail bond exam.
 3. After receiving a passing grade on the bail bond exam, applicant must submit the following documents to the Insurance Department:
 - A. Original completed and signed **Individual Surety Bail Bond Agent License Application**.
 - B. One recent passport-sized full faced photo.
 - C. Copy of Birth Certificate evidencing that applicant is a citizen and at least 18 years of age; or, if applicant is a naturalized citizen, a letter from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) office attesting to naturalization and evidence of age.
 - D. A recent credit bureau report from one of the three credit bureaus (Experian, Trans Union or Equifax).
 - E. Two (2) letters of character reference signed by the person providing the reference. The letters are to be sent **directly** from the authors to the attention of the Insurance Department and **must** include each author's address and telephone number. Form letters **are not** acceptable and will be returned. The Insurance Department **will not** accept letters mailed or hand delivered by the applicant. Letter **must** be submitted within 30 days of submitting the application.
 - F. Original pre-license course completion certificate.
 - G. Original examination score report showing a passing grade.
 - H. Check payable to "Treasurer, State of Connecticut" in the amount of \$130 for first time applicant or reinstatement.

STATE OF CONNECTICUT INSURANCE DEPARTMENT

Fraud, Investigations and Compliance Unit

P.O. Box 816

Hartford, CT 06142-0816

Phone: (860) 297-3844

4. After submitting the above documents to the Insurance Department, submit a **second** passport-sized photo, along with a photocopy of the signed application and photocopy of the check to:

DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Office of the Chief State's Attorney

Asset Forfeiture Bureau/Bond Forfeiture Unit

300 Corporate Place

Rocky Hill, CT 06067

If you have any questions about your suitability to be licensed as a surety bail bond agent, please contact:

Connecticut Insurance Department
Fraud, Investigations & Compliance Unit

- ❖ General insurance fraud reporting & investigations.
- ❖ Bail Bond licensing, and investigation of allegations regarding misconduct or fraud perpetrated by bondsmen.
- ❖ Agent Conduct Investigations: Allegations of fraud or misconduct on the part of licensed producers, appraisers and adjusters.
- ❖ Registration and investigation of specific licensees: extended warranties, medical discount plans, pharmacy benefit managers, and preferred provider networks.
- ❖ Other miscellaneous general compliance related functions.

Mailing Address

Connecticut Insurance Department
Fraud, Investigations & Compliance Unit
P.O. Box 816
Hartford, Ct 06142-0816

Website:www.ct.gov/cid

Main Office Numbers:

(860) 297-3800

(800) 203-3447

Unit Numbers:

860-297-3844

860-297-3874

860-297-3933

Fax: 860-297-3872

You may also run a criminal background check on yourself by contacting:

**State of Connecticut
Department of Public Safety**
1111 Country Club Rd.
Middletown, CT 06457
(860) 685-8490