

# Alabama Department of Revenue

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## Certificates of Good Standing Now Available Online

*Montgomery*—The Alabama Department of Revenue announced today the availability of a new electronic feature for business taxpayers—online request and delivery of certificates of good standing.

Business taxpayers routinely request the certificates to conduct various business transactions, many of which may involve time-sensitive issues. The department's issuance of the certificate indicates that the business is in compliance with all of the provisions of Alabama's business privilege tax reporting and payment requirements.

To access the online request, taxpayers can log on to the department's Web site at [www.revenue.alabama.gov](http://www.revenue.alabama.gov), go the menu selection entitled "E-Services," and click on "Certificates of Good Standing." To submit a certificate request, taxpayers will simply follow the user-friendly prompts.

Compared to processing times of mail-in requests which generally average a 12 to 14 business day turnaround time, taxpayers submitting their requests online should receive their certificates for good standing or noncompliance, whichever is the case, electronically, within two to three business days.

Both mail-in and online requests require a \$10 processing fee for payment of record search fees. The \$10 fee must be paid by credit card if submitting an online request. Online customers will also be charged a \$4 convenience fee that is paid to the department's service provider, Alabama Interactive. The department receives no part of the convenience fee.

Commenting on the new service, Alabama Commissioner of Revenue Tom Surtees said, "The department is very pleased to offer this new online

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service to business taxpayers. We've diligently worked to expand our electronic service options to include a variety of tax and administrative areas within the department, aimed at offering greater convenience and access for taxpayers. "

Annually, the department processes over 9,000 requests for certificates of good standing.

For more information concerning electronic services available to Alabama taxpayers, visit the department's Web site at [www.revenue.alabama.gov](http://www.revenue.alabama.gov).

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