

(2) any other information that the Commission needs.

(d) IF THE APPLICANT IS APPLYING FOR A CONTRACTOR'S LICENSE, THE APPLICANT SHALL:

(1) HAVE SUBMITTED TO THE COMMISSION, BY A CREDIT REPORTING AGENCY APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION, A CREDIT REPORT THAT CONTAINS THE INFORMATION REQUIRED BY THE COMMISSION; OR

(2) HAVE PAID TO THE COMMISSION OR THE COMMISSION'S DESIGNEE A CREDIT REPORT FEE IN AN AMOUNT COVERING NOT TO EXCEED THE COST CHARGED BY A CREDIT REPORTING AGENCY APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION TO OBTAIN A CREDIT REPORT THAT CONTAINS THE INFORMATION REQUIRED BY THE COMMISSION.

(E) Financial information that an applicant submits to the Commission:

(1) is confidential and is not a public record; but

(2) if relevant, is admissible as evidence in an administrative or judicial proceeding.

[(e)] (F) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section, an applicant that is incorporated or has its principal office in another state shall pay to the Commission the fee imposed in that state on a similar nonresident business if that fee is higher than the application fee under subsection (a) of this section.

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(a) The Secretary may stagger the terms of licenses.

(b) Unless a license is renewed for a 2-year term as provided in this section, the license expires:

(1) if the Secretary staggers the terms of licenses, on the date that the Secretary sets; or

(2) if the Secretary does not stagger the terms of licenses, on the first June 30 that comes after the effective date of the license in an odd-numbered year.

(c) At least 1 month before a license expires, the Commission shall mail to the licensee, at the last known address of the licensee:

(1) a renewal application form; and

(2) a notice that states:

(i) the date on which the current license expires;

(ii) the date by which the Commission must receive the renewal application for the renewal to be issued and mailed before the license expires; and

(iii) the amount of the renewal fee.