

Business License Requirements

Each Company applicant must provide a copy of its “Business License.” For purposes of the foregoing, a “Business License” means proof of legal existence from the relevant jurisdiction.

Proof of legal existence of a public entity (i.e., a governmental or regulatory body, agency, state university, or similar entity) may be established by providing an acceptable copy of the specific resolution, law, decree, or decision of the relevant governmental authority that established the entity in question, or other official documentation attesting to the establishment and existence of the entity and approved by PCI SSC.

Proof of legal existence of all other entities may be established by providing a copy of the official government document establishing the entity in the applicable jurisdiction, showing the entity’s name and the registration number given to it by the relevant governmental authority, and stamped and/or certified by such governmental authority.

All Business License materials submitted to PCI SSC in a language other than English must be accompanied by a certified English translation.

Examples of acceptable Business License documentation for the jurisdictions below include the following (if provided with certified English translation, where applicable), and other forms of official proof may be accepted with prior approval of PCI SSC:

Jurisdiction	Entity Type	Acceptable Forms of Proof
Australia	Company	Certificate of Registration and Copy of screen shot from Australian government’s ABN Lookup website
	Partnership	Certificate of Registration (or equivalent) and Copy of screen shot from Australian government’s ABN Lookup website
Canada	Corporation, Unlimited Liability Corporation	Certificate of Incorporation or similar
	Registered General or Limited Partnership	Declaration of Limited Partnership or similar
China	有限公司, 股份有限公司, 普通合伙, 有限合伙, 特殊普通合伙 Wholly Foreign Owned Enterprise, Equity Joint Venture, Sino-Foreign Cooperative Venture	Business License from the Industrial and Commercial Bureau (工商局) (State or Province)
	China Limited Liability Company (China Limited Company), Company Limited by Shares, Private Enterprises, and Individually-Owned Company (Small Private Company)	Business License (营业执照) through Administration for Industry of Commerce or State Administration for Market Regulation; search results from the National Enterprise Credit Information Publicity System with English translation acceptable on a case-by-case basis
France	Société Anonymé (S.A.), Société par actions simplifiée (S.A.S.); SE (Eurozone); Société à Responsabilité Limitée S.A.R.L.; Société en nom collectif (SNC) or Société en commandité simple	Extrait Kbis (all)
Germany	GmbH, UG	Articles of Association or similar*
	AG, KGaA or SE (Euro zone)	Articles of Incorporation or similar*

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	General (oHG) and Limited Partnerships (KG) or e.G., e.V., Stiftungen	Commerical Registration* <i>*As each appears in the Unternehmensregister (Business Register)</i>
Israel	Company or Ltd	Articles of Association; or confirmation by their legal counsel (short opinion) stating that, as of the date of the confirmation, the company is in existence and attaching the translated Certificate of Association and Registrar's Report
Italy	Società per Azioni (S.p.A.), or SE (Eurozone); Società in Accomandita per Azioni (S.a.p.a); Società a Responsabilità Limitata (S.r.l.)	Certificato della Camera di Commercio (Certificate of the Chamber of Commerce)
	Società in Accomandita Semplice (s.a.s), Società in Nome Collettivo	Certificato della Camera di Commercio (Certificate of the Chamber of Commerce)
Japan	Kabushiki Kaisha (株式会社) (K.K.)	Certificate of Registered Information and Company Seal Registration Certificate
	Gōdō Kaisha (合同会社), Gōshi Kaisha (合資会社), Gōmei Kaisha (合名会社)	Certificate of Registered Information and Company Seal Registration Certificate
	Yūgen Sekinin Jigyō Kumiai (有限責任事業組合)	Certificate of Registered Information and Partnership Seal Registration Certificate
South Africa	Private Company (Pty Ltd.), Public Company (Ltd.), or Personal Liability Company	Good Standing Certificate with either Memorandum of Incorporation or Registration Certificate
Spain	Sociedad Anónima (S.A.), or SE (Eurozone); Sociedad Limitada (S.L) or Soceidad de Responsabilidad Limitada; Sociedad Colective or Sociedad Comanditeria	Certificate of Registration with the Registro Mercantil Central
United Kingdom	Ltd., CYF, PLC, CCC	Certificate of Incorporation and Memorandum and Articles of Association
	Limited Liability Partnership	Certificate of Incorporation
	Limited and other Partnerships	Partnership Deed or similar
	Royal Charter	Companies House Charter of Incorporation
United States	Corporation	Certificate of Incorporation, Articles of Incorporation, Articles of Organization or similar
	Limited Liability Company	Certificate of Formation, Certificate of Registration or similar
	Limited Liability Partnership or Registered General or Limited Partnership	Certificate of Limited Partnership, Certificate of Registration, Declaration of Limited Partnership or similar
	Trust or Voluntary Association	Declaration of Trust or similar