

Did You Know?

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Department of Business and Professional Regulation*

Did you know that if you are a licensed contractor in the State of Florida and you are operating as a business organization, including a partnership, corporation or other legal entity, you must apply for a qualified business license or certificate of authority with the Construction Industry Licensing Board? This requirement is contained in Section 489.119(2), Florida Statutes. Failure to obtain this license means you are technically operating illegally. You could be subject to possible disciplinary action including a fine of \$500 to \$1,000 along with possible suspension or revocation of your license for a repeat violation.

Did you also know that your failure to meet this requirement could prevent you from getting paid for your work? If you fail to obtain a qualified business license, your company could be considered unlicensed, making your contracts unenforceable pursuant to Section 489.128, Florida Statutes. This could enable your customers to avoid paying you for the work you performed.

Information, including applications to apply for a qualified business license, can also be found on the Internet at www.MyFlorida.com under Business and Professional Regulation. The construction industry can also now apply, renew and update personal account information with DBPR online, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. This is just another way that DBPR is trying to make state government more accessible to you, the licensee. If you have any questions, please contact our Customer Contact Center at 850.487.1395.