

ARCHITECTS & ENGINEERS

Online Reciprocal Licensure

Reciprocal licensure for architects and engineers is becoming important as more firms become national in scope and the slow economy has forced many to search for work outside of their jurisdiction. To aid in the reciprocity process, the Nebraska Board of Engineers and Architects (NBEA) is now offering an online service for architects and professional engineers who seek reciprocal licensure in Nebraska. There are certain requirements an architect or professional engineer must meet in order to be eligible for the online process. A complete list of requirements is available at:

http://www.ea.ne.gov/license_application.html.

"The Board's intent in expanding its list of online services is to provide more efficient and time-saving options for our professionals," said Jon Wilbeck, executive director of the Nebraska Board of Engineers and Architects. "The new online resource also benefits our staff. Time that would have been spent manually entering data can now be spent completing other tasks."

Applying for a reciprocal license online provides:

- * Faster processing: Users can submit information within minutes.
- * Cost and Time savings: Avoid postage fees and delays caused

by receiving the application by mail.

* Convenient Credit Card or eCheck Payment: Pay by MasterCard, Visa, Discover or eCheck at the time of application.

* Information received faster: The Board is able to receive each application submitted the next day, which is imported into their database. No manual entry is necessary.

Licensure applications seek to gather a full record of an applicant's qualifications and experience.



Applicants are encouraged to have the following general information

on hand before beginning online: education and degrees acquired, employment history, references, record of exams, and base state of licensure in addition to information specific to each application. Once an application is submitted, the Board and its staff will determine if an applicant meets all necessary requirements. A filing fee of \$200 is due at the time of the application submission.

To apply for a reciprocal licensure in Nebraska, visit http://www.ea.ne.gov/license_application.html.

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Analytics for
February 2011

165,304 Visits

81,247 Visitors

339.18%

New Visitors

320,474

Pages Viewed

Service Uptime

Number of Checks:

12,975

Number of Outages 0

Uptime: 100.00%

Average Response

Time: 0.401 seconds

BELLEVUE TAKING ELECTRONIC PAYMENTS

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Bellevue residents will now be able to pay their fines and fees to the city by credit card or electronic check.

Nebraska.gov, which manages and provides services for all levels of state government, worked with the City Council and other city officials to create a "payment counter" which enables residents to submit credit card and e-check payments securely either by phone or in person at several city department offices for a small fee.

As of Feb. 17, any fine or fee such as a parking ticket, baseball registration fee, liquor license or building permit issued/designated

by the city can be paid using the system.

"We wanted to provide a convenience for our customers yet we didn't want to reduce our revenue streams by eating the costs of providing the credit card payment options or having to pass on the higher prices to everyone," said Finance Director Rich Severson.

Residents who choose not to use the payment option will not have to pay the surcharge.

"It's not a benefit to everybody, but if someone wants to use a credit card for their convenience, the fees are clearly stated," Severson said. But, "this is revenue neutral, meaning the city receives

nothing beyond the (city-issued) fees."

Phil Davidson, spokesman for the city, said residents have been asking for the ability to pay by credit or debit cards for years, especially when signing their children up for recreational activities.

"I think parents are really going to like it, especially when spring baseball registration comes around," he said.

With the activation, Bellevue became the first city-entity in Nebraska to use the payment center, said Natalie Bacon, business development manager for Nebraska.gov.

Need a Speaker?

Nebraska.gov is always looking for opportunities to increase awareness of the services that are available online. If you are in need of a speaker at your next meeting or conference, contact Kara at klange@nicusa.com.

We will work with you to match the right speaker for your event.

Nebraska.gov offers numerous services that are available all year. The following is a list of services that are only offered during specific times during the year.

[Online Limited Liability Partnership \(LLP\) reports](http://www.sos.ne.gov/business/corp_serv/) can be filed online until the end of May.

http://www.sos.ne.gov/business/corp_serv/

[Liquor Control Commission](https://www.nebraska.gov/nlcc/renewals/lic_renew.php)

Non class C type Liquor licenses may be renewed online until Feb 1st to April 20th.

https://www.nebraska.gov/nlcc/renewals/lic_renew.php

[Legislature](http://www.nebraska.gov/billtracker/)

Bill Tracker was created to give people the ability to follow a bill through the various steps once introduced in the Unicameral. <http://www.nebraska.gov/billtracker/>