

WHAT DOES IT MEAN THAT A BUSINESS ENTITY IS NOT IN GOOD STANDING OR FORFEITED?

“Not in Good Standing” means the business entity is not in compliance with one or more Maryland laws that apply to businesses and their responsibilities in this State. The status can be returned to Good Standing by addressing the manner in which the business is out of compliance.

The most common reasons that a business is not in good standing are

- A missing Business Personal Property Return (PPR), also called a Form 1
- A monetary penalty resulting from the late filing of a PPR
- An issue with the [Maryland Office of the Comptroller](#)
- An issue with the [Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation](#)
- A check or other form of payment that was dishonored
- Not having an active resident agent

For missing the Department of Assessments & Taxation (DAT) PPRs, mail us or hand deliver the PPR to our Baltimore office, the address is below. Returns are not accepted via email. Prior year returns cannot be filed online, however, returns for the current filing year can be filed online at <https://egov.maryland.gov/businessexpress>

For late filing fees, send a check or money order for the amount of the penalty to us or bring the payment to our Baltimore office. If mailing, include the MD [DAT identification number](#) and either a cover letter, a copy of the penalty notice or a copy of the business entity's page from the [business entity search on our website](#)

For issues with the [Maryland Office of the Comptroller](#), call 410-260-7980

For issues with the [Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation](#), call 410-767-2741

For dishonored checks, the original amount of the payment plus a \$30 returned check fee must be paid either by money order, certified check or cash. **Once a payment has been dishonored, this Department will no longer accept checks for filings by this business entity.**

If the business does not have a current resident agent, file a [Resolution](#) that appoints one. **Printable copies of all DAT forms are available on our website under [Forms and Applications](#)**

Our Address: Department of Assessments & Taxation - Charter Division
301 West Preston Street, 8th Floor
Baltimore, Maryland 21201
Walk-in Counter Service
Monday – Friday; 8:30am - 4:30pm
(Please arrive by 4:15)

“Forfeited” means the right of the entity to conduct business in the State of Maryland has been relinquished. For domestic entities, this also means that the business has no existence under the laws of the State of Maryland. In most circumstances, a business is forfeited only after it has been “not in good standing,” so the most common reasons for forfeiture are the same as the reasons businesses fall out of good standing.

To learn the reason for the entity’s forfeited status, use the business entity search on our website and then click “Filing History” after you find the business in your search results. See the status and the publicly available records pertaining to any registered business entity by using the DAT Business search database at <https://egov.maryland.gov/BusinessExpress/EntitySearch>

In addition to correcting the reason for the forfeiture, for a business to return to good standing from forfeited status, all forfeited entities must be up to date on the required PPR filings, have paid all outstanding penalties and must file a document with DAT to renew its good standing.

Each business structure must file a different form, as indicated below:

Maryland Corporations (all types): [Articles of Revival](#)

Maryland LLCs: [Articles of Reinstatement](#)

Maryland LLPs: [Articles of Reinstatement](#)

Maryland LPs: [Articles of Reinstatement](#)

Foreign Corporations: [Re-Qualification](#) for a Non-Maryland Corporation*

Foreign LLCs: [Re-Registration](#) for a Non-Maryland LLC*

Foreign LLPs: [Re-Registration](#) for a Non-Maryland LLP*

Foreign LPs: [Re-Registration](#) for a Non-Maryland LP*

* The same form is used for initial registrations/qualification as for reinstating the entity’s right to do business in Maryland. **Printable copies of all DAT forms are available on our website under [Forms and Applications](#)**

For domestic entities that have reported property subject to assessment on a PPR (now or in the past), the entity must also provide a Tax Clearance Certificate from each local jurisdiction in which property has been reported. To obtain the certificate, contact the [finance office for the county, city or town to which the taxes were due](#) and ensure the outstanding taxes have been paid. Then you must *specifically request* the certificate as many jurisdictions will not provide one automatically. Receipts for payment and/or emails are insufficient to demonstrate tax clearance to SDAT.

Filings can be made by mail or by visiting the Department of Assessments & Taxation at 301 West Preston Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21201, Room 801. If you have further questions, please contact the Charter Legal unit by calling 410-767-1006 or e-mailing SDAT.charterhelp@maryland.gov