

BUS-14 – County Clerks and City Officials Issue Business Licenses

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County clerks and city officials issue business licenses. Businesses must pay a one-time fee of \$15 for their initial license and businesses renewing a minimal activity license must pay a \$15 fee for the annual renewal. Businesses are not allowed to operate until the license is obtained and posted in the business location. Out-of-state taxpayers with no business locations in Tennessee that are not Classification 4 contractors are not required to get a license.

Contractors living outside Tennessee with no in-state business location must have a state business account number to report sales in counties with sales between \$10,000 and \$50,000, and they must get a county license in counties where their sales exceed \$50,000. Contractors must also get city business licenses in each jurisdiction where the contractor has over \$50,000 in sales for the tax reporting period.

Reference: Tenn. Code Ann. § 67-4-723.