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## Resident Limited Surety (Bail Bond) Agent

TYPE AND CLASS:

**2-34 Limited Surety (Bail Bond) Agent**

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### Common Use(s) of License:

Florida Statutes 648.25 defines a "LIMITED SURETY (BAIL BOND) AGENT" as an individual appointed by an insurer by power of attorney to execute or countersign bail bonds in connection with judicial proceedings who receives or is promised money or other things of value therefore.

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### STEPS TO OBTAIN 2-34 LIMITED SURETY (BAIL BOND) AGENT:

**Step 1** - You must:

- Be a natural person at least 18 years of age and hold a high school diploma or its equivalent
- Be a resident of the State of Florida.
- Be a [United States citizen or legal alien](#) who possesses a work authorization from the United States Immigration and Naturalization Services.
- Applicants place of business must be located in this state and in the county where the applicant will maintain his or her records and be actively engaged in the bail bond business and maintain an agency accessible to the public which is open for reasonable business hours.
- Applicant must be a person of high character and approved integrity and has never been convicted of or pleaded guilty or no contest to a felony, a crime involving moral turpitude, or a crime punishable by imprisonment of 1 year or more under the law of any state, territory or country whether or not a judgment or conviction is entered.

**Step 2** - Apply:

- Answer all of the questions and pay the fees to complete online application.

[Review fees](#)

[Apply](#)

[Fingerprinting fees](#) are not included and must be paid directly to vendor

- Applicant must have successfully completed 120-hours of an approved basic certification course in the criminal justice system, making a grade of not less than 80 percent approved by the department (Must be completed within the last 2 years)

- Applicant must have successfully completed a correspondence course approved by the department. This course is offered by:
  - The University of Florida (352) 392-1711 at <https://pwd.aa.ufl.edu/bail-bonds/>
  - or
  - Florida Bail Bonds Institute (954) 251-2387

**(Must be completed within the last 2 years)**

AND

- Submit at least three (3) [notarized statements](#) to the department by reputable citizens who are residents of the same counties in which you propose to engage in the bail bond business.

AND

- Submit a recent credential-sized, full-face photograph

**Step 3 - Fingerprints:**

- You must be [fingerprinted](#).

**Step 4 – Take the Exam:**

- The applicant must pass the [required examination](#) upon authorization.

**Continuing Education (CE) Requirement:**

14 hours due biennially by the end of the licensee's birth month. When the CE requirement has been generated, the requirement can be viewed in licensee's [MyProfile](#) account. [Section 648.385, Florida Statutes](#).

**Note:** Additional information can be found on our [Continuing Education page](#).

**Appointment of License:**

This license requires an appointment to be valid.

**Expiration of License:**

This license will expire if unappointed for 48 months.

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**Special Note:**

- A person who fails an examination three times must retake the 120-hour course and obtain a grade of 80 percent or higher before sitting for the examination again. [648.381](#).
- Applicant **cannot** be any of the following:
  - Jailer or persons employed in any jail.
  - Police officers or employees of any police department or law enforcement agency.
  - Committing magistrates, employees of a court, or employees of the Clerk of Court.
  - Sheriffs and deputy sheriffs or employees of any sheriff's department.

- Attorneys
- Person having the power to arrest or person who have authority over or control of federal, state, county, or municipal prisoners.
- You are required to have a bail bond agent in charge for each bail bond agency you own and for each location of your bail bond agency in accordance with section [648.387](#), F.S. The agent in charge must be a licensed and appointed bail bond agent and may not be the agent in charge for more than one location.
- To register your Bail Bond Agency, you will need to create a secure MyProfile Bail Bond Agency account type. When you do this, you will be able to do the following actions:
  - Add Owner/Officer
  - Designate and delete a bail bond agent in charge.
  - Add locations
  - Delete locations
  - Change an address
  - Change login information
  - Email Address Changes
  - Grant Third-Party Privileges

For more instructions, please see our [Bail Bond Agency Primary Agent User Guide](#).