

FROM: Minnesota Department of Labor

Sign contractor bonds

What is a sign contractor bond?

- Cities that license sign contractors require a bond to issue a license.
- The bond is an insurance contract between the contractor and the surety (bonding) company.
- The bond provides protection for the sign contractor's customers and the cities.

Do I need a state bond?

- To obtain city licenses you must file a bond with each city, or file a bond with us.
- If you file a bond with us, the cities cannot require you to file a separate bond with them.

How do I file a state bond?

- Contact your insurance agent to find out how to obtain a bond.
- Download the [sign contractor bond forms](#).
- Once you receive the bond back from your insurance agent, sign it in front of a notary and mail it to us along with all the completed application forms and filing fee.
- Be sure to keep copies for your records.

What happens next?

- Once we process your application, your company's name will [appear in our online database](#).
- Cities will use this lookup to verify your bonding status so you can get your city licenses.
- You will need to file a renewal every two years.

Forms

- [Sign contractor bond form](#)

Questions?

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