Nevada: contractor reciprocity & license-transfer checklist

Licensing board: Nevada State Contractors Board (NSCB) · https://www.nvcontractorsboard.com/ · Checked November 20, 2026

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Moving here: reciprocity and exam waivers

- Nevada uses “licensure by endorsement.” It can waive the state trade exam and the experience certification for applicants licensed in states it finds substantially equivalent.
  Licensure by Endorsement, Nevada State Contractors Board (NSCB): https://www.nvcontractorsboard.com/licensing/licensure-by-endorsement/
- Minimums: an active license in the endorsing state with the same qualified individual for the past four years, no misconduct investigation or discipline, and no pending disciplinary action. Your current board completes a Request for Verification of License.
  Licensure by Endorsement, Nevada State Contractors Board (NSCB): https://www.nvcontractorsboard.com/licensing/licensure-by-endorsement/
- On the check date the board's State Equivalency Chart listed Alabama, Arizona, California, Connecticut, Florida, Hawaii, Louisiana, New Mexico, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and West Virginia, each for specific Nevada classifications. Some rows still require the Nevada trade exam.
  Licensure by Endorsement, Nevada State Contractors Board (NSCB): https://www.nvcontractorsboard.com/licensing/licensure-by-endorsement/
- If you passed the NASCLA Commercial General Building exam, Nevada will waive its trade exam for a general building classification. The qualified individual must still pass Nevada's Business and Law exam.
  Licensure by Endorsement, Nevada State Contractors Board (NSCB): https://www.nvcontractorsboard.com/licensing/licensure-by-endorsement/

Buying or selling a licensed business

- No license may be used by anyone other than the person it was issued to, and no license may be assigned or transferred to allow unauthorized use. A violation automatically cancels and revokes the license.
  NRS Chapter 624 (sections 624.285 and 624.305), Nevada Legislature: https://www.leg.state.nv.us/NRS/NRS-624.html
- A partnership that adds or removes a partner (other than by death) must apply for a new license. A partnership dissolved for another reason loses its license.
  NAC Chapter 624 (sections 624.650, 624.660 and 624.665), Nevada Legislature: https://www.leg.state.nv.us/NAC/NAC-624.html
- A licensee must file an application for any change in its corporate officers or directors, a limited partnership's general partners, or an LLC's managers or managing members, before or within 30 days after the change.
  NAC Chapter 624 (sections 624.650, 624.660 and 624.665), Nevada Legislature: https://www.leg.state.nv.us/NAC/NAC-624.html
- Except for corporate stockholders and a spouse's community property interest, no one may hold a proprietary interest in a licensee's contracting business unless named on the license.
  NAC Chapter 624 (sections 624.650, 624.660 and 624.665), Nevada Legislature: https://www.leg.state.nv.us/NAC/NAC-624.html

- When a sole proprietor dies, the license is suspended that day and is revoked unless, within 40 days, the estate or successors get a Board-approved qualified employee and apply for a new license.
  NAC Chapter 624 (sections 624.650, 624.660 and 624.665), Nevada Legislature: https://www.leg.state.nv.us/NAC/NAC-624.html

When the qualifier leaves

- If the person who qualified by exam leaves, the licensee must notify the Board in writing within 10 days. Without notice, the license is automatically suspended.
  NRS Chapter 624 (sections 624.285 and 624.305), Nevada Legislature: https://www.leg.state.nv.us/NRS/NRS-624.html; FAQ Central, Nevada State Contractors Board (NSCB): https://www.nvcontractorsboard.com/resources/faq-central/
- With notice, the license stays in force for a period the Board sets, not more than 30 days, and the licensee must replace the qualifier within that time unless the Board extends it for good cause.
  NRS Chapter 624 (sections 624.285 and 624.305), Nevada Legislature: https://www.leg.state.nv.us/NRS/NRS-624.html; FAQ Central, Nevada State Contractors Board (NSCB): https://www.nvcontractorsboard.com/resources/faq-central/

Deadlines (calendar days from the event date; write in your dates)

Event	Period	What is due	Your date
Qualified individual leaves the licensee	10 days	Written notice to the Board (otherwise automatic suspension)	_____
Qualified individual leaves the licensee	30 days	Latest date to replace the qualifier, unless the Board extends it for good cause	_____
Change in officers, directors, general partners or LLC managers	30 days	File the change application with the Board (it can also be filed before the change)	_____
Sole proprietor licensee dies	40 days	Estate or successors must have an approved qualified employee and apply for a new license, or the license is revoked	_____

Checklist

☐ Looked up the license on the NSCB site: legal entity, number, classes, status, expiration, qualifier.

☐ Decided deal structure (asset purchase vs. buying the licensed entity) with counsel.

☐ Confirmed whether the qualifier stays after closing; calendared the notice and replacement dates above.

☐ Started the buyer's own license application, if needed, before closing.

☐ Checked exam waivers or endorsement for the buyer's qualifier on both boards' pages.

☐ Arranged bonds and insurance in the licensee's exact legal name.

☐ Confirmed every date with NSCB and a licensed professional.

Notes

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