

Verifying Authenticity of Delaware Status Certificates and Certification Pages

As of July 1, 2006, Delaware status (Good Standing) certificates and certification pages will be in black and white only. Previously, Delaware's certificates included the state seal in blue ink. This change enables the state to e-mail *official* status certificates and certification pages to service companies, who in turn can e-mail the documents directly to clients.

To alleviate any concerns about the authenticity of business entity certifications, the state has a web site where the authentication number on a certificate can be verified:

<http://www.state.de.us/corp/authver.shtml>

The web site will verify the certificate upon the entry of the certificate **authentication number** and the **entity file number**.



The verification message returned will read as follows:

The Secretary of State of Delaware issued a certificate for WAL-MART STORES, INC. whose file number is 0732109 on 06/20/2006 under request number 061002118 for authentication number 3962747.

Most people who work with Delaware documents had become accustomed to the state's blue seal on the certification pages, which signified that the document was an "original". In implementing the new electronic certificates, the Delaware Division of Corporations has provided a way to verify authenticity, thus eliminating the need for color in the documents.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact your NCR service specialist.