

Occupational Authorizations

Arkansas Professional Bail Bondsman Licensing Board

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BAIL BOND COMPANY

Authorization Type: Licensure # of Individuals Regulated:

Entity Division Name:

Scope of Practice: Issuing of bail bonds

Statutory Requirement(s): Ark. Code Ann. 17-19-101 et seq.

Pursuant to Arkansas Code §17-4-104, do you provide an automatic licensure to a uniformed service member stationed in the State of Arkansas, a uniformed service veteran who resides in or establishes residency in the State of Arkansas; and the spouse of a uniformed service member who is stationed in, resides in, or establishes residency in the State of Arkansas; a uniformed service member who is assigned a tour of duty that excludes the uniformed service member's spouse from accompanying the uniformed service member and the spouse relocates to this state; and a uniformed service member who is killed or succumbs to his or her injuries or illness in the line of duty if the spouse establishes residency in the state?

Fees & Penalties

Fee Type	Fee Description	Amount (\$)	Frequency
Fee	New Company License Fee	\$2,500.00	Once
Fee	Company Renewal Fee	\$1,000.00	Annually
Fee	Renewal Late Fee	\$100.00	Daily
Fee	Public Defender Fee per written bond	\$20.00	Quarterly
Fee	Sheriff's Association Fee per written bond	\$6.00	Quarterly
Fee	Bail Bond Recovery Fee per written bond	\$4.00	Quarterly
Fee	Bail Bond Board Fee per written bond	\$10.00	Quarterly

Administrative Rules Documents

Document Type	Document
Rules	17CARpt.270.pdf

Supporting Evidence Documents

No Supporting Evidence Documents Provided

BAIL BONDSMAN

Authorization Type: Licensure

of Individuals Regulated: 330

Entity Division Name:

Scope of Practice: issuing Professional Bail Bonds

Statutory Requirement(s): 17-19-101

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Yes

Fees & Penalties

Fee Type	Fee Description	Amount (\$)	Frequency
Fee	Renewal	\$100.00	Annually
Fee	transfer fee	\$250.00	Once
Fee	exam fee	\$25.00	Once
Fee	retake exam	\$25.00	Once
Penalty	renewal late fee	\$100.00	Daily

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Occupational Entity Questionnaire

Responses to the following questions are due via email to Subcommittee staff no later than the 15th of the month immediately preceding the month the occupational authorization is scheduled for review by the Subcommittee.

1. Would consumers be at risk of substantial harm if Arkansas did not have this occupational authorization? **Yes, consumers would be at risk of substantial harm if bail bond companies and agents were not regulated. Without occupational authorization bail bond companies could charge consumers any amount of interest, require any type of collateral, and set any contractual terms whether reasonable or not. Furthermore, consumers would not know who to contact to provide bonding services or if the person they are contacting will follow through on their responsibilities with the courts. There is also the risk of how individuals would be able to be bonded, what position would that put the courts in, and what it would cost the state overall.** What instances of specific and substantial harm have been documented in the past year?
2. How many complaints were made to the occupational entity by consumers being harmed by unauthorized practitioners? **0** What specific action was taken by the occupational entity?
3. How many complaints were made to the occupational entity by consumers being harmed by authorized practitioners? **16 complaints have been filed so far in 2026.** What specific action was taken by the occupational entity? **These complaints are being heard before the Board over the next several months.**
4. Were any applicants who otherwise met authorization requirements denied an authorization in the past year? **No** If so, why?
5. How much does the occupational entity collect annually in fees, and what are annual expenses? **Fees collected FY26 - \$569,965.19; Annual expenses FY26 – 474,650.59** How much money does the occupational entity have in reserves? **The board does not keep a reserve as Ark. Code Ann. §17-19-111(d)(1) requires the board to deposit sufficient fees and penalties directly to the board fund to provide for personal services and operating expenses and the remainder to be deposited into the Domestic Peace Fund.**

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6. If the occupational entity has a positive amount in reserves, when was the last time reserve funds were used? For what purpose? [No reserve funds, see #5.](#)
7. Does the occupational entity have any other sources of revenue? [No](#) Could occupational authorization fees be reduced without causing the occupational entity to be underfunded? [No. The fees are also shared with other agencies so it would have an impact on those agencies' budgets as well.](#)
8. How many applicants for the occupational authorization fail each year? [On average the board has 3-4 applicants who do not pass the examination on the first try. They are granted the opportunity to retest as many times as they need to pass.](#) Does the occupational entity track how many applicants that do not progress are veterans, women, or minorities? [No.](#)
9. Can applicants complete the training requirements for this occupational authorization with vocational or non-traditional education (e.g., apprenticeships)? [No. 8 hours of education is all that is required and can be completed online.](#) What percentage of applicants complete apprenticeships?
10. In what ways would removal of the occupational authorization or reduction of occupational authorization requirements be harmful to current authorization holders? [Removal of the occupational authorization would require changes to various aspects of the Arkansas judicial system. If the authorization was removed and bonding requirements in general changed, depending on what the alternative to bond companies would be, the current authorization holders would be without a source of income.](#)