



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
Department of State - Business Services Division

## Instructions for Filing

### Articles of Organization for a Domestic Professional Limited Liability Company

[Section 7-16-3.1](#) and [7-16-6](#) of the General Laws of Rhode Island, 1956, as amended

The attached form is designed to meet minimal statutory filing requirements pursuant to the relevant statutory provision. This form and the information provided are not substitutes for the advice and services of an attorney and/or tax specialist.

**This legal document should be typed. All illegible documents will be REJECTED.**

#### How to complete the form:

1. State the name of the limited liability company. Your entity name must be distinguishable from any name on file in this office. The name must include "limited liability company," or the letters "l.l.c." with or without punctuation. You may check [name availability](#) on our website; however, this does not ensure the name will still be available upon filing.
2. List the profession to be practiced through the professional service limited liability company.
3. State the name of the resident agent. The resident agent is an individual or entity that will accept all legal service for this entity. The agent must be a Rhode Island resident or entity qualified to do business in the state. It must be a Rhode Island street address, **NOT** a P.O. Box. In addition to all legal service of process, other important correspondence from the State will be sent to this address.
4. Choose whether your company will be treated as a partnership, a corporation, or disregarded as an entity separate from its member for federal income tax purposes. For more information about these distinctions, visit the [IRS](#) website.
5. Provide the principal address of the limited liability company. If you do not know the address yet, state "not yet determined."
6. All Rhode Island limited liability companies have a perpetual (ongoing) existence until the LLC is formally dissolved with this office. All LLCs are organized to conduct any lawful business unless a more specific purpose or duration is stated in Section 6.
7. State any additional provisions agreed upon by the members that you would like to include in the Articles of Organization. *This is optional.*
8. Check the box to indicate how the limited liability company will be managed. If you check the first box to indicate that the LLC will be managed by its members, DO NOT fill out the chart. If you check the second box to indicate that the LLC will be managed by one or more managers, state their names and respective addresses if known.
9. Check "Date received" unless you prefer that the Articles go into effect at a later date than when the form is received in this office. Any later date must be within 30 days of filing.
10. An Authorized Person **MUST** sign and date the form.

#### How to pay the filing fee:

The filing fee is \$150, payable either in person via cash, credit card, or check at the Business Services Division, or by mail to the Business Services Division via check made payable to the R.I. Department of State.

#### How to confirm your filing:

Entity records are retrievable and viewable through our website. Successful filings will **NOT** result in a mailed confirmation. Filings that cannot be processed will be posted [online](#) and then returned. To confirm your submission and obtain evidence of your filing:

- Go to our [Corporate Database](#)
- Enter the name or ID number of your entity and click "Search"
- Click on the link to your entity record, scroll down, select "All Filings" and then "View Filing"
- Identify desired type of filing and click on "PDF" under "Files" to view and print the record
- Filing rejections can be viewed [here](#), via the Rejected Filings Viewer on our website.

#### How to maintain your status:

The limited liability company is responsible for filing an annual report each calendar year, excluding the year of organization, between September 1 and November 1. A courtesy reminder will be mailed to the resident agent prior to September 1 of each year. Be sure to follow up with your resident agent concerning the filing of this report. Failure to file an annual report or maintain a resident agent/office may result in the revocation of the Certificate of Organization pursuant to RIGL [7-16-41](#).

Every entity registered with the Rhode Island Department of State - Business Services Division may have filing requirements with the [Rhode Island Division of Taxation](#), even if no business is conducted within Rhode Island for a particular year. Your business may require additional licensing. Please visit our [website](#) for further information.



## Instructions for Filing (continued)

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## Evidence necessary for businesses providing professional services:

The following professionals require evidence of a current application with the appropriate licensing agency prior to filing with the Department of State.

- Engineering (401) 462-9592 [www.bdp.ri.gov](http://www.bdp.ri.gov)
- Land Surveying (401) 462-9595 [www.bdp.ri.gov](http://www.bdp.ri.gov)
- Architecture (401) 462-9594 [www.bdp.ri.gov](http://www.bdp.ri.gov)
- Landscape Architecture (401) 462-9595 [www.bdp.ri.gov](http://www.bdp.ri.gov)

If the entity is engaged in the practice of law, the applicant must apply for a limited liability entity license from the Rhode Island Supreme Court within thirty (30) days of filing with the Department of State. You may contact the Rhode Island Supreme Court Clerk's Office at (401) 222-3272 or [www.courts.ri.gov](http://www.courts.ri.gov).



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### Articles of Organization

#### Professional Limited Liability Company

→ Filing Fee: \$150.00

Pursuant to the provisions of RIGL [7-16-3.1](#) and [7-16-6](#), the following Articles of Organization are adopted for the limited liability company to be organized hereby:



1. The name of the limited liability company is:		
2. The profession to be practiced through the professional limited liability company is:		
3. The name and address of the initial resident agent/office in Rhode Island is:		
Name		
Street Address ( <u>NOT</u> a P.O. Box)		
City/Town	State RHODE ISLAND	Zip Code
4. Under the terms of these Articles of Organization and any written operating agreement made or intended to be made, the limited liability company is intended to be treated for purposes of federal income taxation as ( <b>check ONE box</b> ):		
<input type="checkbox"/> a partnership <b>or</b> <input type="checkbox"/> a corporation <b>or</b> <input type="checkbox"/> disregarded as an entity separate from its member		
5. The address of the principal office of the limited liability company if it is determined at the time of organization:		
Street Address		
City/Town	State	Zip Code
6. The limited liability company has the purpose of engaging in any lawful business, and shall have perpetual existence until dissolved or terminated in accordance with RIGL <a href="#">7-16</a> , unless a more limited purpose or duration is set forth in Section 6 of these Articles of Organization.		

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**Division of Business Services**

148 W. River Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02904-2615

**Phone:** (401) 222-3040

**Website:** www.sos.ri.gov



7. Additional provisions, if any, not inconsistent with law, which the member(s) elect to have set forth in these Articles of Organization, including, but not limited to, any limitation of the purpose(s) or duration for which the limited liability company is formed, and any other provision which may be included in an operating agreement:

Check the box to indicate attachment.

8. The Limited Liability Company is to be managed by:

You MUST check one box:  
 Its member(s) (If you have checked this box, skip to Section 8. **Do not** fill out the chart below.)  
 One (1) or more manager(s) (If the limited liability company has manager(s) at the time of the filing of these Articles of Organization, state the name and address of each manager below.)

MANAGER	BUSINESS ADDRESS

9. Date when these Articles of Organization will be effective: **CHECK ONLY ONE BOX**

Date received (Upon filing)  
 Later effective date (Date must be no more than 30 days from the day of filing) \_\_\_\_\_

*Under penalty of perjury, I declare and affirm that I have examined these Articles of Organization, including any accompanying attachments, and that all statements contained herein are true and correct.*

Name of Authorized Person		Address	
City/Town	State	Zip Code	
Signature of Authorized Person <b>SIGN DOCUMENT HERE</b>			Date

If you have any questions, please call us at (401) 222-3040, Monday through Friday, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., or email corporations@sos.ri.gov.



## Filer Contact Information

In the event our office needs more information in order to complete the filing of this document, we ask for the filer's contact information. **All fields are REQUIRED.**

Name:		Date:
Proposed Entity Name:		
Street Address:		
City:	State:	Zip Code:
Email Address:		Phone Number: