

Frequently Asked Questions For FMSDC Certification Application

1. How long is the certification process?

The NMSDC (National Minority Supplier Development Council), states that the certification process takes 60-90 Days. Due to FMSDC's efficiency to meet every 30 days, our average certified days are 30-45 contingent upon completed application and submitted documents.

2. Is there a revenue or asset limit for FMSDC Certification?

Because we certify based on ethnicity, ownership, our certification is acknowledged nationally and we believe in the ability for minority owned firms have the potential to compete mainstream, there are no local preference restrictions such as a cap on revenue or asset limits.

3. Question 34 asks for three references, what if my business is a start up firm?

If your firm currently does not have any customers, put "NONE" in the space provided.

4. Why does Question 35 ask for two Bank references? Do I have to have two accounts or provide you with two references?

You do not need two bank references. We only look for the reference in which your business account is serviced. The second reference would be for any additional services such as lines of credit.

5. Question 39 asks about Transportation Information. Why is this information needed?

This question is directed to manufacturers, freighting, delivery and couriers. The inquiries are regarding that of your ability to transport locally or nationally, as well as, what's being transported.

6. What are the required documents needed to complete the application process?

The items to be submitted are located on page 7 of the application. All companies must submit the items located in the first section in conjunction with the applicable items listed under your business structure.

7. How long does my application stay on file?

All incomplete applications stay on file for 90 days before being returned as incomplete. Certified applications remain on file for no more than three years after inactivity or lapsed certification.

8. Is my submitted application and information shared?

No, our confidentiality statement reads:

All certification documents submitted are treated with the utmost confidentiality. All files are kept under lock and key and only two staff members have access to these files. There are also sign-out procedures in place. Certification documents are not shared with any outside organizations. Additionally, staff and certification committee members sign Confidentiality Disclosure statements whereby they agree that information is confidential and proprietary to the applicant.