

**Assessments and Fees**  
**Chapter 8, Article 6**  
**§§ 8-601 to 8-607**

**8-601**

***Director of Banking and Finance; employees; financial institutions; levy of assessment authorized.***

The Director of Banking and Finance may employ deputies, examiners, attorneys, and other assistants as may be necessary for the administration of the provisions and purposes of the Credit Union Act, Delayed Deposit Services Licensing Act, Interstate Branching and Merger Act, Interstate Trust Company Office Act, Nebraska Bank Holding Company Act of 1995, Nebraska Banking Act, Nebraska Financial Innovation Act, Nebraska Installment Loan and Sales Act, Nebraska Money Transmitters Act, Nebraska Trust Company Act, and Residential Mortgage Licensing Act; Chapter 8, articles 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, 15, 16, 19, 20, 24, and 25; and Chapter 45, articles 1 and 2. The director may levy upon financial institutions, namely, the banks, trust companies, building and loan associations, savings and loan associations, savings banks, digital asset depositories, and credit unions, organized under the laws of this state, and holding companies, if any, of such financial institutions, an assessment each year based upon the asset size of the financial institution, except that in determining the asset size of a holding company or digital asset depository, the assets of any financial institution or holding company otherwise assessed pursuant to this section and the assets of any nationally chartered financial institution shall be excluded. The assessment for digital asset depositories under the Nebraska Financial Innovation Act shall be in an amount to offset the costs of supervision and administration of the Nebraska Financial Innovation Act. The assessment shall be a sum determined by the director in accordance with section 8-606 and approved by the Governor.

**Last amended:**

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**8-602**

***Department of Banking and Finance; services; schedule of fees.***

The Director of Banking and Finance shall charge and collect fees for certain services rendered by the Department of Banking and Finance according to the following schedule:

- (1) For filing and examining articles of incorporation, articles of association, and bylaws, except credit unions, one hundred dollars, and for credit unions, fifty dollars;
- (2) For filing and examining an amendment to articles of incorporation, articles of association, and bylaws, except credit unions, fifty dollars, and for credit unions, fifteen dollars;
- (3) For issuing to banks, credit card banks, trust companies, and building and loan associations a charter, authority, or license to do business in this state, a sum which shall be

determined on the basis of one dollar and fifty cents for each one thousand dollars of authorized capital, except that the minimum fee in each case shall be two hundred twenty-five dollars;

(4) For issuing to digital asset depositories under the Nebraska Financial Innovation Act a charter to do business in this state, the sum of fifty thousand dollars;

(5) For issuing an executive officer's or loan officer's license, fifty dollars at the time of the initial license, except credit unions for which the fee shall be twenty-five dollars at the time of the initial license;

(6) For affixing certificate and seal, five dollars;

(7) For making substitution of securities held by it and issuing a receipt, fifteen dollars;

(8) For issuing a certificate of approval to a credit union, ten dollars;

(9) For investigating the applications required by sections 8-117, 8-120, 8-331, and 8-2402 and the documents required by section 8-201, the cost of such examination, investigation, and inspection, including all legal expenses and the cost of any hearing transcript, with a minimum fee under (a) sections 8-117, 8-120, and 8-2402 of two thousand five hundred dollars, (b) section 8-331 of two thousand dollars, and (c) section 8-201 of one thousand dollars. The department may require the applicant to procure and give a surety bond in such principal amount as the department may determine and conditioned for the payment of the fees provided in this subdivision;

(10) For the handling of pledged securities as provided in sections 8-210 and 8-3022 at the time of the initial deposit of such securities, one dollar and fifty cents for each thousand dollars of securities deposited and a like amount on or before January 15 each year thereafter. The fees shall be paid by the entity pledging the securities;

(11) For investigating an application to move its location within the city or village limits of its original license or charter for banks, trust companies, and building and loan associations, two hundred fifty dollars;

(12) For investigating an application under subdivision (6) of section 8-115.01, five hundred dollars;

(13) For investigating an application for approval to establish or acquire a branch pursuant to section 8-157 or 8-2103 or to establish a mobile branch pursuant to section 8-157, two hundred fifty dollars;

(14) For investigating a notice of acquisition of control under subsection (1) of section 8-1502, five hundred dollars;

(15) For investigating an application for a cross-industry merger under section 8-1510, five hundred dollars;

(16) For investigating an application for a merger of two state banks, a merger of a state bank and a national bank in which the state bank is the surviving entity, or an interstate merger application in which the Nebraska state chartered bank is the resulting bank, five hundred dollars;

(17) For investigating an application or a notice to establish a branch trust office, five hundred dollars;

(18) For investigating an application or a notice to establish a representative trust office, five hundred dollars;

(19) For investigating an application to establish a credit union branch under section 21-1725.01, two hundred fifty dollars;

(20) For investigating an applicant under section 8-1513, five thousand dollars;

(21) For investigating a request to extend a conditional bank charter under section 8-117, one thousand dollars; and

(22) For investigating an application to establish a branch office, for a merger or an acquisition of control, or for a request to extend a conditional charter for a digital asset depository, five hundred dollars.

**Last amended:**

~ Cum. Supp. 2024, LB474 § 4

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**8-603**

***Assessments, fees, and money collected by Director of Banking and Finance; use.***

The assessments referred to in sections 8-605 and 8-606, examination fees, investigation fees, filing fees, registration fees, licensing fees, and all other fees and money, except fines, collected by or paid to the Director of Banking and Finance under any of the laws specified in section 8-601, shall be remitted to the State Treasurer for credit to the Financial Institution Assessment Cash Fund. Fines collected by the director under such laws shall be remitted to the State Treasurer for distribution in accordance with Article VII, section 5, of the Constitution of Nebraska.

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**8-604**

***Financial Institution Assessment Cash Fund; created; use; investment.***

(1) The Financial Institution Assessment Cash Fund is hereby created. The fund shall be used solely for the purposes of administering and enforcing the laws specified in section 8-601, except that transfers may be made from the fund to the General Fund at the direction of the Legislature.

(2) Any money in the Financial Institution Assessment Cash Fund available for investment shall be invested by the state investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act. Beginning October 1, 2024, any investment earnings from investment of money in the fund shall be credited to the General Fund.

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**8-605**

***Director of Banking and Finance; assessment; proration; special assessment.***

(1) As soon as reasonably possible after June 30 of each year, the Director of Banking and Finance shall estimate the total sum required for the purposes set forth in section 8-604 for the succeeding fiscal year. The director shall also estimate the total sum expected to be collected pursuant to section 8-603. The director shall use the difference between the estimate of the total sum required and the estimate of the total sum to be collected as the basis for the assessment to be levied.

(2) The assessment upon each financial institution shall be based upon the total assets of each financial institution, as reported in each financial institution's report of condition prepared for the period ending June 30 of each year, and, after June 30, 2009, may further be based upon the total amount of fiduciary and related assets and the total amount of off-balance-sheet receivables as reported in each financial institution's report of condition prepared for the period ending June 30 of each year.

(3) The director shall have the authority to prorate the assessment for any financial institution or entity which surrenders its charter or license or receives its charter or license during the assessment period. Proration shall be based on the number of months the financial institution held its charter or license. Any portion of a month shall be counted as one month.

(4) If the estimated sum levied and collected is insufficient to defray the expenditures for the fiscal year for which it was made, a special assessment may be levied and collected in like manner for the balance of the fiscal year.

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**8-606**

***Department of Banking and Finance; costs of examination of financial institution or entity; billing; travel costs.***

(1) As soon as reasonably possible following the examination of a financial institution or entity pursuant to the laws specified in section 8-601, the Department of Banking and Finance shall bill the financial institution or entity the costs of the examination. Such costs may include an hourly fee for examiner time, which shall be determined once each year by the Director of Banking and

Finance, with the approval of the Governor, and which shall take into consideration whether the financial institution or entity is subject to the assessment.

(2) In case an extra examination or an investigation of any financial institution or entity becomes necessary and is made pursuant to the laws specified in section 8-601, the costs thereof shall be paid by the financial institution or entity examined or investigated.

(3) In the case of a financial institution or entity organized under the law of a state other than this state or a financial institution or entity organized under the law of this state but which maintains an office in another state or states, travel expenses involved in conducting an examination or investigation may also be billed to the financial institution or entity, if the examination or investigation involves travel outside this state.

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**8-607**

***Failure to pay assessment, fee, or cost; Department of Banking and Finance; collection procedures; suspension or revocation of charter or license.***

(1) If a financial institution or entity fails to pay an annual assessment, special assessment, examination fee, examination cost, investigation fee, investigation cost, or travel expense by a date specified by the Department of Banking and Finance, which shall be not less than thirty days from the date of billing, the department may, following notice and opportunity for hearing pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act, impose a fine in accordance with section 8-1,134 for each day the financial institution or entity is in arrears.

(2) If the financial institution or entity is in arrears for sixty days or more, the department may, in addition to any fine imposed under this section, following notice and opportunity for hearing pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act, suspend or revoke the charter or license of any financial institution or entity or the license or authority of any person responsible for such failure.

(3) The Director of Banking and Finance may, in his or her discretion and for good cause shown, permit the payment of any annual assessment, special assessment, examination fee, examination cost, investigation fee, investigation cost, travel expense, or fine, in installments.

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