



LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY CANCELLATION FILING REQUIREMENTS

To cancel the Articles of Organization of a domestic limited liability company (LLC), the domestic LLC must file a Certificate of Dissolution (Form LLC-3) and Certificate of Cancellation (Form LLC-4/7). However, if all the members vote to dissolve, only Form LLC-4/7 is required.

To cancel the Application for Registration of a foreign (out of state or country) LLC, the foreign LLC must file a Certificate of Cancellation (Form LLC-4/7).

Note: In lieu of the above-mentioned certificates, a domestic LLC can file a Short Form Certificate of Cancellation (Form LLC-4/8) if the following requirements are met:

- 1) Form LLC-4/8 is being filed **within twelve (12) months** from the date the Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State;
- 2) The domestic LLC has no debts or other liabilities (other than tax liability);
- 3) The known assets have been distributed to the persons entitled thereto or no known assets have been acquired;
- 4) The final tax return or a final annual tax return has been or will be filed with the Franchise Tax Board;
- 5) The domestic LLC has not conducted any business from the time of the filing of the Articles of Organization;
- 6) A majority of the managers or members, or if there are no managers or members, the person or a majority of the persons who signed the Articles of Organization, voted to dissolve the domestic LLC; and
- 7) If the domestic LLC received payments for interests from investors, those payments have been returned to those investors.

Upon the filing of the Certificate of Cancellation (Form LLC-4/7) or Short Form Certificate of Cancellation (Form LLC-4/8) by the Secretary of State, the Articles of Organization or Application for Registration of the LLC will be cancelled and the powers, rights and privileges of the LLC will cease in California.

Filing instructions along with the above-mentioned forms are enclosed. Completed forms can be mailed to Secretary of State, Document Filing Support Unit, P.O. Box 944228, Sacramento, CA 94244-2280 or delivered in person to the Sacramento office, 1500 11th Street, 3rd Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814. It is recommended for proof of submittal that if the document(s) are mailed to the Secretary of State, they be sent by Certified Mail with Return Receipt Requested.

Statutory filing requirements are found in California Corporations Code sections [17350.5](#) and [17356](#) (domestic limited liability companies) and [17455](#) (registered foreign limited liability companies).

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE CERTIFICATE OF CANCELLATION (FORM LLC-4/7)

For easier completion, this form is available on the Secretary of State's website at <http://www.ss.ca.gov/business> and can be viewed, filled in and printed from your computer. The completed form can be mailed to Secretary of State, Document Filing Support Unit, P.O. Box 944228, Sacramento, CA 94244-2280 or delivered in person to the Sacramento office, 1500 11th Street, 3rd Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814. If you are not completing this form online, please type or legibly print in black or blue ink. This form should not be altered. This form is only filed in the Sacramento office.

It is recommended for proof of submittal that if Form LLC-4/7 is mailed to the Secretary of State, it be sent by Certified Mail with Return Receipt Requested.

Statutory filing provisions are found in California Corporations Code section [17356](#) (domestic limited liability companies) or [17455](#) (registered foreign limited liability companies).

- Domestic LLC: Form LLC-4/7 must be filed after or together with a [Certificate of Dissolution \(Form LLC-3\)](#) pursuant to [Section 17356\(a\)](#). However, if all the members vote to dissolve, only Form LLC-4/7 is required.
- Upon filing Form LLC-4/7, the LLC will be cancelled and the powers, rights and privileges will cease in California.
- It is recommended that legal counsel be consulted prior to submitting cancellation documents to ensure that all issues are appropriately addressed.

FEES: There is no fee for filing Form LLC-4/7. However, there is a \$15.00 special handling fee for processing a document delivered in person to the Sacramento office. The special handling fee must be remitted by separate check for each submittal and will be retained whether the document is filed or rejected. The preclearance and/or expedited filing of a document *within a guaranteed time frame* can be requested for an additional fee (in lieu of the special handling fee). Please refer to the Secretary of State's website at <http://www.ss.ca.gov/business/preceexp.htm> for detailed information regarding preclearance and expedited filing services. The special handling fee or preclearance and expedited filing services are not applicable to documents submitted by mail. Check(s) should be made payable to the Secretary of State.

COPIES: The Secretary of State will certify two copies of the filed document(s) without charge, provided that the copies are submitted to the Secretary of State with the document(s) to be filed. Any additional copies submitted will be certified upon request and payment of the \$8.00 per copy certification fee.

Complete Form LLC-4/7 as follows:

- Item 1.** Enter the file number issued by the California Secretary of State.
- Item 2.** Enter the name of the limited liability company exactly as it is of record with the California Secretary of State, including the entity ending.
- Item 3.** This statement should not be altered. For information regarding final tax returns, contact the Franchise Tax Board at (800) 852-5711 (from within the U.S.) or (916) 845-6500 (from outside the U.S.) or visit their website at <http://www.ftb.ca.gov>.
- Item 4.** Domestic limited liability companies only - check the appropriate box. NOTE: If the dissolution was not made by the vote of all the members, a [Certificate of Dissolution \(Form LLC-3\)](#) must be filed prior to or together with Form LLC-4/7.
- Item 5.** Enter any other information the managers or members filing Form LLC-4/7 determine to include. Attach additional pages, if necessary. If no other information is to be included, leave Item 5 blank and proceed to Item 6.
- Item 6.** Form LLC-4/7 should be signed by an authorized person, i.e., manager.
 - If Form LLC-4/7 is signed by an attorney-in-fact, the signature should be followed by the words "Attorney-in-fact for (name of person)."
 - If Form LLC-4/7 is signed by an entity, the person who signs on behalf of the entity should note their name and position/title, the exact entity name and the entity's relation to the canceling limited liability company. Example: If a limited liability company ("Smith LLC") is the manager of the canceling limited liability company, the signature of the person signing on behalf of Smith LLC should be reflected as Joe Smith, Manager of Smith LLC, Manager.
 - If Form LLC-4/7 is signed by a trust, the trustee should sign as follows: _____, trustee for _____ trust (including the date of the trust, if applicable). Example: Mary Todd, trustee of the Lincoln Family Trust (U/T/A 5-1-94).
- Item 7.** Enter the name and the address of the person or firm to whom a copy of the filed document should be returned.