

UCC DEBTOR Name Compaction and Search Rules

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Name Compaction Rules

Debtor names may be entered as either Individual (personal) names in the following format, first, middle, last name, suffix, or as Organization (corporate) names in one continuous string. Debtor names are stored in two separate data fields in the debtor database record. One field -actual name- contains the debtor name exactly as it was keyed into the database, and the other field -compacted name- contains a compacted debtor name. The compacted debtor name is made available for search using the filing registry's search logic, as set forth in this manual. Additional search functionality is provided for using the actual name, which contains the debtor name as provided by the filer, without the application of any compaction.

All UCC data is stored in the database in upper case. No data is stored in lower case.

The following is a description of the Registry's rules for compacting the debtor names:

Organization (corporate) Name Compaction

1. All special characters and punctuation are converted to spaces. Anything other than the digits 0-9 or capital letters A-Z is considered a special character or punctuation. (Please note, all letters A-Z are stored as capital letters).
2. The words "CO", "CORP", "INC", "and "LTD" are changed to "COMPANY", "CORPORATION", "INCORPORATED", and "LIMITED" respectively.
3. If the last word in the name is one listed in #2 above, the last word is removed.
4. The words "AN", "AND", "OF", and "THE" are removed.
5. If rules #3 and #4 would remove all characters from a name, then only the words "AN", "AND", "OF", and "THE" will be removed.
6. If rule #5 would remove all characters from a name, the original name is used.
7. All spaces are removed.

Example: Debtor name is entered as follows:

- Organization (corporate) Name: THE D-B X-RAY COMPANY
- Compact name will appear in the record as "DBXRAY"

Individual (personal) Name Compaction

1. The compacted Individual debtor name will contain, in order, the last, first, middle name, suffix.
2. All special characters and punctuation are converted to spaces. Anything other than the digits 0-9 or capital letters A-Z is considered a special character or punctuation. (Please note, all letters A-Z are stored as capital letters)
3. All spaces are removed.

Example:

- Debtor name is entered as follows:
 - o First Name: GEORGE
 - o Middle Name: W.
 - o Last Name: BROWN
- Compact name will appear in the record as "BROWNGEORGEW".

Search Functionality

Organization (corporate) Debtor Searches

The following searches of the Organization Debtor filings are available:

Standard Search Logic searches using Compact Debtor Name

- Search of the Filed, Lapsed, or Filed/Lapsed Compact Organization Debtor filings using the Registry's Standard Search Logic. These three Standard Search Logic searches will return exact search hits where the compacted version of the Organization Debtor filing name matches the compacted version of the searched name. This search functionality applies the compaction and search logic set forth in this guide. These searches utilize the Registry's standard search logic as provided for in Section 679.5061, Florida Statutes.

To search for filed (current) Organization debtor filings using standard search logic select:

Search Type*	Organization Debtor Name
Search Option*	Filed Compact Organization Debtor Name List
Result Set*	Standard search logic
Organization Name*	Enter Organization Name 

To search for lapsed Organization debtor filings using standard search logic select:

Search Type*	Organization Debtor Name	▼
Search Option*	Lapsed Compact Organization Debtor Name List	▼
Result Set*	Standard search logic	▼
Organization Name*	Enter Organization Name	

To search for filed (current) and lapsed Organization debtor filings using standard search logic select:

Search Type*	Organization Debtor Name	▼
Search Option*	Filed/Lapsed Compact Organization Debtor Name L...	▼
Result Set*	Standard search logic	▼
Organization Name*	Enter Organization Name	

Proximity searches using Compact Debtor Name

- Search of the Filed, Lapsed, or Filed/Lapsed Compact Organization Debtor filings using the Registry's Proximity search functionality. These Proximity searches will place the user in the entire set of compacted Organization Debtor filings at the filing that either matches the compaction of the searched Organization Debtor name, or to the next alphabetical filing that would appear after the searched name if there is no exact match. Although these searches utilize the Registry's compaction, they return the entire set of Organization Debtor filings. Results are not limited to exact search hits.

To search for filed (current) Organization compacted debtor filings using a proximity search select:

Search Type*	Organization Debtor Name	▼
Search Option*	Filed Compact Organization Debtor Name List	▼
Result Set*	Proximity search	▼
Organization Name*	Enter Organization Name	

To search for lapsed Organization compacted debtor filings using a proximity search select:

Search Type*	Organization Debtor Name	▼
Search Option*	Lapsed Compact Organization Debtor Name List	▼
Result Set*	Proximity search	▼
Organization Name*	Enter Organization Name	

To search for filed (current) and lapsed Organization compacted debtor filings using a proximity search select:

Search Type*	Organization Debtor Name
Search Option*	Filed/Lapsed Compact Organization Debtor Name L...
Result Set*	Proximity search
Organization Name*	Enter Organization Name 

Proximity searches using Actual Debtor Name

- Search of the Filed, Lapsed, and Filed/Lapsed Actual Organization Debtor filings using the Registry's Proximity search logic. These searches are provided for users that want to review the Organization Debtor filings without any application of compaction or standard search logic. These Proximity searches will place the user in the entire set of Actual Organization Debtor filings at the filing that either matches the actual name of the searched Organization Debtor name, or to the next alphabetical filing that would appear after the searched name if there is no exact match. These searches return the entire set of Organization Debtor filings. Results are not limited to exact search hits.

To search for filed (current) Organization Actual Name (non-compacted) debtor filings using a proximity search select:

Search Type*	Organization Debtor Name
Search Option*	Filed Actual Organization Debtor Name List
Organization Name*	Enter Organization Name 

To search for lapsed Organization Actual Name (non-compacted) debtor filings using a proximity search select:

Search Type*	Organization Debtor Name
Search Option*	Lapsed Actual Organization Debtor Name List
Organization Name*	Enter Organization Name 

To search for filed (current) and lapsed Organization Actual Name (non-compacted) debtor filings using a proximity search select:

Search Type*	Organization Debtor Name
Search Option*	Filed/Lapsed Actual Organization Debtor Name List
Organization Name*	Enter Organization Name 

Individual (personal) Debtor Search

All searches for Individual Debtor filings should be conducted by typing Last Name First Name Middle Name/Initial.

Example:

- First Name: GEORGE
- Middle Name: W.
- Last Name: BROWN

For a search of the Individual with the names above, users should input:

Brown George W

The following searches of the Individual Debtor filings are available:

Proximity searches using Compact Debtor Name

- Search of the Filed, Lapsed, or Filed/Lapsed Compact Individual Debtor filings using the Registry's Proximity search functionality. These three Proximity searches will place the user in the entire set of compacted Individual Debtor filings at the filing that either matches the compaction of the searched Individual Debtor name, or to the next alphabetical filing that would appear after the searched name if there is no exact match. Although these searches utilize the Registry's compaction, they return the entire set of Individual Debtor filings.

To search for filed (current) Individual compacted debtor filings using a proximity search select:

Search Type*	Individual Debtor Name
Search Option*	Filed Compact Individual Debtor Name List
Individual Name*	Enter Individual Name 

To search for lapsed Individual compacted debtor filings using a proximity search select:

Search Type*	Individual Debtor Name	▼
Search Option*	Lapsed Compact Individual Debtor Name List	▼
Individual Name*	Enter Individual Name	🔍

To search for filed (current) and lapsed Individual compacted debtor filings using a proximity search select:

Search Type*	Individual Debtor Name	▼
Search Option*	Filed/Lapsed Compact Individual Debtor Name List	▼
Individual Name*	Enter Individual Name	🔍

Proximity searches using Actual Debtor Name

- Search of the Filed, Lapsed, and Filed/Lapsed Actual Individual Debtor filings using the Registry's Proximity search functionality. These searches are provided for users that want to review the Individual Debtor filings without any application of compaction. These three Proximity searches will place the user in the entire set of Actual Individual Debtor filings at the filing that either matches the actual name of the searched Individual Debtor name, or to the next alphabetical filing that would appear after the searched name if there is no exact match. These searches return the entire set of Individual Debtor filings.

To search for filed (current) Individual Actual Name (non-compacted) debtor filings using a proximity search select:

Search Type*	Individual Debtor Name	▼
Search Option*	Filed Actual Individual Debtor Name List	▼
Individual Name*	Enter Individual Name	🔍

To search for lapsed Individual Actual Name (non-compacted) debtor filings using a proximity search select:

Search Type*	Individual Debtor Name	▼
Search Option*	Lapsed Actual Individual Debtor Name List	▼
Individual Name*	Enter Individual Name	🔍

To search for filed (current) and lapsed Individual Actual Name (non-compacted) debtor filings using a proximity search select:

Search Type*	Individual Debtor Name	▼
Search Option*	Filed/Lapsed Actual Individual Debtor Name List	▼
Individual Name*	Enter Individual Name	🔍

Document Number Search

Search using the Document Number

- Search of the combined Organization and Individual Debtor filings by utilizing the Document Number associated with the filing in the registry.

To search for filed (current) and lapsed Organization and Individual debtor filings using Document Number select:

Search Type*	Document Number	▼
Document Number*	Enter UCC Number	🔍

Organization/Individual Debtor (legacy search functionality)

The following searches of the combined Organization and Individual Debtor filings are available:

Proximity searches using Compact Organization/Individual Debtor Name

- Search of the Filed, Lapsed, or Filed/Lapsed Compact Organization/Individual Debtor filings using the Registry's Proximity search functionality. These three Proximity searches will place the user in the entire set of compacted Organization/Individual Debtor filings at the filing that either matches the compaction of the searched Organization/Individual debtor name, or to the next alphabetical filing that would appear after the searched name if there is no exact match. Although these searches utilize the Registry's compaction, they return the entire set of Compacted Organization/Individual Debtor filings.

To search for filed (current) Organization and Individual compacted debtor filings using a proximity search select:

Search Type*	Organization/Individual Debtor Name	▼
Search Option*	Filed Compact Debtor Name List	▼
Debtor name*	Enter Debtor name	🔍

To search for lapsed Organization and Individual compacted debtor filings using a proximity search select:

Search Type*	Organization/Individual Debtor Name	▼
Search Option*	Lapsed Compact Debtor Name List	▼
Debtor name*	Enter Debtor name	

To search for filed (current) and lapsed Organization and Individual compacted debtor filings using a proximity search select:

Search Type*	Organization/Individual Debtor Name	▼
Search Option*	Filed/Lapsed Compact Debtor Name List	▼
Debtor name*	Enter Debtor name	

Proximity searches using Actual Organization/Individual Debtor Name

- Search of the Filed, Lapsed, and Filed/Lapsed Actual Organization/Individual Debtor filings using the Registry's Proximity search functionality. These searches are provided for users that want to review the Organization/Individual Debtor filings without any application of compaction. These three Proximity searches will place the user in the entire set of actual Organization/Individual Debtor filings at the filing that either matches the actual Organization/Individual name of the searched name, or to the next alphabetical filing that would appear after the searched name if there is no exact match. These searches return the entire set of Organization/Individual Debtor filings.

To search for filed (current) Organization and Individual Actual Name (non-compacted) debtor filings using a proximity search select:

Search Type*	Organization/Individual Debtor Name	▼
Search Option*	Filed Actual Debtor Name List	▼
Debtor name*	Enter Debtor name	

To search for lapsed Organization and Individual Actual Name (non-compacted) debtor filings using a proximity search select:

Search Type*	Organization/Individual Debtor Name	▼
Search Option*	Lapsed Actual Debtor Name List	▼
Debtor name*	Enter Debtor name	

To search for filed (current) and lapsed Organization and Individual Actual Name (non-compacted) debtor filings using a proximity search select:

Search Type*	Organization/Individual Debtor Name	▼
Search Option*	Filed/Lapsed Actual Debtor Name List	▼
Debtor name*	Enter Debtor name	

* The legacy searches described in this last section provide the same functionality that users were previously able to access on the site prior to the effective date of this updated search guide.