

Bates Kevin Dean  
Form 4  
April 27, 2018

**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Bates Kevin Dean

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading  
Symbol  
NICHOLAS FINANCIAL INC  
[NICK]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
2454 MCMULLEN BOOTH  
DRIVE, BLDG C

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
04/24/2018

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_X\_\_ Officer (give title \_\_\_\_ Other (specify  
below) below)  
Senior VP Branch Operations

(Street)  
CLEARWATER, FL 33759

4. If Amendment, Date Original  
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
\_\_X\_\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	04/24/2018		M	5,500	A \$ 0.7727	51,036	D
Common Stock	04/24/2018		M	5,500	A \$ 1.2	56,536	D

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option(right to buy)	\$ 0.77 <sup>(1)</sup>	04/24/2018		M		5,500		<sup>(2)</sup>	11/06/2018	Common Stock	5,500
Stock Option(right to buy)	\$ 1.2 <sup>(1)</sup>	04/24/2018		M		5,500		<sup>(3)</sup>	05/05/2019	Common Stock	5,500
Stock Option(right to buy)	\$ 10.96 <sup>(1)</sup>							<sup>(4)</sup>	05/09/2021	Common Stock	1,500
Stock Option(right to buy)	\$ 10.87 <sup>(1)</sup>							<sup>(5)</sup>	05/03/2022	Common Stock	10,000
Common Stock	\$ 14.37 <sup>(1)</sup>							<sup>(6)</sup>	06/13/2024	Common Stock	25,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
Bates Kevin Dean 2454 MCMULLEN BOOTH DRIVE BLDG C CLEARWATER, FL 33759	Senior VP Branch Operations

## Signatures

/s/Irina Nashtatik, Attorney  
in fact 04/24/2018

          \*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

## Explanation of Responses:

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- (1) The exercise price has been reduced by \$2.00 per the Equity Plan requirements as a result of the December 2012 special cash dividend.
- (2) The option vested in five equal installments beginning on November 6, 2008.
- (3) The option vested in five equal installments beginning on May 5, 2009.
- (4) The option vested in five equal installments beginning on May 9, 2011.
- (5) The option vested in five equal installments beginning on May 3, 2012.
- (6) The option vested in five equal installments beginning on June 13, 2014.

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