

NICHOLAS FINANCIAL INC  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

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  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 05/12/2015

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 Senior VP of Operations

CLEARWATER, FL 33759

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**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 (A) 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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	05/12/2015		M	1,650 A \$ 9.412	24,700	D	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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

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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)	8. De	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 9.412	05/12/2015		M	1,650	<u>(1)</u>	05/12/2015	Common Stock	1,650
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 8.21					<u>(3)</u>	05/08/2017	Common Stock	5,500
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 3.6					<u>(4)</u>	03/19/2018	Common Stock	3,300
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 0.77					<u>(5)</u>	11/06/2018	Common Stock	5,500
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 1.2					<u>(6)</u>	05/05/2019	Common Stock	5,500
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 10.96					<u>(7)</u>	05/09/2021	Common Stock	1,500
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 10.87					<u>(8)</u>	05/03/2022	Common Stock	10,000
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 14.37					<u>(9)</u>	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	X		Senior VP of Operations	

## Signatures

/s/Kevin Bates                      06/17/2015

          Signature of                      Date  
Reporting Person

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) The option is vested in five equal annual installments beginning May 12, 2005.
- (2) The exercise price has been reduced by \$2.00 per the Equity Plan requirements as a result of the December 2012 special cash dividend.
- (3) The option vested in five equal annual installments beginning May 8, 2007.
- (4) The option vested in five equal annual installments beginning March 19, 2008.
- (5) The option vested in five equal annual installments beginning November 6, 2008.
- (6) The option vested in five equal annual installments beginning May 5, 2009.
- (7) The option vested in five equal annual installments beginning May 9, 2011.
- (8) The option vested in five equal annual installments beginning May 3, 2012.
- (9) The option vested in five equal annual installments beginning June 13, 2014.

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