

1 Prepare To Register Your Business

- Choose a business name
- Choose a location to receive important documents
- Obtain your Employment Identification Number
- Open a business bank account

2 Choose Your Business Legal Entity

Choose one

- Sole Proprietorship
- General Partnership
- Limited Partnership
- Limited Liability Company (LLC)
- S corporation (S-corp)
- C corporation (C-corp)

3 Register Your Business With The State

Choose one

- Register the business through the state website
- Use an online legal service
- Designate a registered agent
- Get your state taxpayer identification number (if needed)

4 Get State Licenses & Local Permits

Obtain each (if needed)

- State professional license
- Local licenses
- Local permits
- Home-based business license

5 Secure Your Intellectual Property

Obtain each (if needed)

- State professional license
- Local licenses
- Local permits