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How to Start a Business in Louisiana Checklist

1. Form your business.

1.1. Review Louisiana formation options.

There are six main types of businesses you can form in Louisiana. Review each option and select the one that best suits your business.

1.2. Name your business.

Perform a business name search to check that your chosen name is available. You can reserve your business name before registering your business under that name. If you are already using a trade name, you must register this name with the state.

1.3. Get an Employer Identification Number.

Apply for an Employer Identification Number on the IRS website.

1.4. Appoint a registered agent.

Check whether the business structure you chose requires you to appoint a registered agent. If so, designate a registered agent.

1.5. Register your business in Louisiana

Sole proprietorships do not need to file with the state. If you have chosen another business structure, you must register this with the state. This can be done by completing the relevant application forms and submitting the in-person, by mail, or by fax, or by filing online.

1.6. Obtain necessary permits and licenses.

Apply for the permits and licenses you need to operate your business.



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2. Register your business for taxes.

2.1. Register for sales tax.

Register with the Department of Revenue (LDR) for a sales tax license.

2.2. Register for withholding tax.

Every business that has one or more employees must register for withholding tax with the LDR.

2.3. Register for corporate income and franchise tax.

Corporations and business entities that are taxed as corporations must register for corporate income and franchise tax with the LDR.

2.4. Register for an unemployment tax account.

Apply for a Louisiana Unemployment Employer Account with the Louisiana Workforce Commission.

3. Report new employees to the state and get insurance.

3.1. Report new hires.

Report new hires and returning employees to the Louisiana Directory of New Hires.

3.2. Get mandatory insurance.

If your business employs one or more employees, you are required to carry workers' compensation insurance. The state also requires that all drivers carry minimum automobile insurance.

