

How to Start a Business in Montana

Checklist

1.	Form your business.
	1.1. Review Montana formatting options. \Box
	There are four formatting options; review each and choose the best one for your
	business.
	1.2. Name your business. \square
	Verify the availability of your business name on the Montana Secretary and State
	website and then file an Application for Registration of Assumed Business Name (sole
	proprietorships and partnerships) or a Reservation of Name application (LLCs and
	corporations).
	1.3. Get an Employer Identification Number. \square
	Register for an EIN with the IRS.
	1.4. Register your business in Montana. \square
	File the correct articles with the Secretary of State using the ePass Montana secure site.
	1.5. Obtain the necessary permits and licenses. \Box
	Check the Department of Revenue or the Department of Commerce's websites for
	industry-specific information.
2.	Register your business for taxes. \square
	2.1. Register with the Montana Department of Revenue. \Box
	Complete the registration for a New Tax Account using your EIN or social security
	number and your SOS ID number.
	2.2. Register for an employer withholding tax number. \Box

3.1. Report all new and rehired employees to the State.
Report hires online with your Montana ePass account.
3.2. Get insurance.
Get worker's compensation insurance.
3.3. Put up labor law posters and notices.
Find all the required posters and download them for free on the Montana Department

Register with the Montana Department of Revenue.

of Labor & Industry's website.