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## How to Start a Business in Texas Checklist

### 1. Form your business.

#### 1.1. Review Texas formation options.

There are six types of business entities in Texas. Choose the one that suits your business best.

#### 1.2. Name your business.

After checking to see your name does not exist, register your business name with the Secretary of State.

#### 1.3. Get an Employer Identification Number.

Apply for an Employer Identification Number at the IRS.

#### 1.4. Register your business in Texas.

Sole proprietorships and general partners do not need to file with the state. LLCs and corporations must file certificates of formation online.

#### 1.5. Obtain necessary permits and licenses.

Check the Department of Licensing and Regulation website to see if your business requires any special licenses. If you do, apply for them online.

### 2. Register your business for taxes.

#### 2.1. Register for a Sales and Use Tax.

Apply for your sales tax permit at the Texas Comptroller. It is free.

#### 2.2. File for Franchise Tax.

The Texas Comptroller sets up a Franchise Tax account for you once you have registered your business with the Secretary of State. You need only wait for the Comptroller to mail you confirmation and then complete a questionnaire.



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2.3. Register properties for local Property Tax.

Approach your local tax authorities to register for local Property Tax assessments any properties used to generate income.

**3. Hire employees and report them to the state.**

3.1. Report new employees to the state.

Register with the Child Support Division of the Office of the Attorney General to begin reporting new hires.

