

## 1 Prepare To Register Your Business

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

## 2 Choose Your Business Legal Entity & Open a Bank Account

Business Legal Entity Type (Choose One)

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

Business Bank Account

- Open a business bank account

## 3 Register Your Business With The State

Choose one

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

## 4 Get State Licenses & Local Permits

Obtain each (if needed)

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

## 5 Secure Your Intellectual Property

Obtain each (if needed)

- State professional license
- Local licenses
- Local permits