

New Business Owner

**Road map to
Register and
License your
Business in
Washington**





File your Business License Application with the Department of Revenue.

File your Business License Application online at:

www.bls.dor.wa.gov/file.aspx

You must file your Business License Application with the Department of Revenue to be recognized as a Washington business.

We recommend you read through all steps in this road map before applying for the business license application.

What happens once you file your Business License Application.

The Department of Revenue will:

- Assign your business a UBI (unified business identifier) number if it hasn't already been issued.
- Send you a business license with UBI.
- Create a taxpayer account and send you more information on your tax reporting responsibilities.

How long does it take to process?

- Within 10 business days if done online.
- Up to 6 weeks if done in person or by mail.

How long does it take to get a liquor license?

- Up to 90 days.

Be prepared to answer these questions:

- What is your physical address? (must be in Washington if you have employees)
- How much do you expect to make the first year?
- Will you have employees? Will any be under age 18?
- If you won't have employees, would you like to sign up for optional Workers' Compensation coverage?
- What percentage of ownership do your owners and governing people hold?
- Will your business sell, manufacture, or redistribute alcohol? If yes, go to: <https://lcb.wa.gov/licensing/apply-liquor-license>



Will your business resell products?



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Apply for a Reseller Permit...

(if you do not automatically receive one by mail)

www.dor.wa.gov/resellerpermit

After you apply, the Department of Revenue will send you a Reseller Permit. The process takes about 10 business days.



Are you a construction contractor?



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Before you register as a contractor:

- Read about requirements:
www.lni.wa.gov/contractors
- Have your UBI ready; see previous steps if you need a UBI.

Register as a contractor with Department of Labor & Industries

For help, go to your local office:

www.lni.wa.gov/main/contactinfo/officelocations

or call 800-647-0982

What happens after you register:

Labor & Industries:

- Registers you as a construction contractor.
- Posts your registration on its website for public viewing.
- Contacts your business with more information.

How long does it take to process?

- Immediately if done at an L&I office.
- 5 business days if done by mail.



Will your business deal with food?



Go to Step 8



Contact your local health department for requirements.

Go to: <http://mrsc.org/Home/Research-Tools/Washington-County-Profiles.aspx>



Check to make sure you have met all federal, state, county, and city requirements for activities your business will conduct.



It is your responsibility to ensure you meet all government requirements.

For general help understanding government requirements go to:

www.BizGuide.wa.gov

Note: You may receive updated business licenses as different licenses or endorsements are approved.

For help with city and county requirements, go to:

<http://mrsc.org/Home/Research-Tools/Washington-City-and-Town-Profiles.aspx>

and

<http://mrsc.org/Home/Research-Tools/Washington-County-Profiles.aspx>

Once you
have met the
requirements you can



