“How do I license and register my small business?”

Depending on the type of business and form of business structure, businesses will all have different licensing and registration requirements. Below is a list of main contacts to get you started in navigating the licensing and registration requirements specific to your business. If you get lost or overwhelmed at any point, give your local SBDC Business Advisor a call and they’ll help guide you through the process.

- Montana Secretary of State’s Office: Business Services Division
  Contact For: Application for Registration of Assumed Business Name, Business Entity Filings
  (including Articles of Organization, Articles of Incorporation, Certificate of Domestic/Foreign Limited Partnership, etc.) and Annual Reports

- Montana Department of Labor and Industry: Business Standards Division
  (406) 841-2300 | [http://bsd.dli.mt.gov](http://bsd.dli.mt.gov) | dlbsd@mt.gov
  Contact For: Professional & Occupational Licensing

- Montana Department of Labor and Industry: Employment Relations Division
  Contact For: Independent Contractor Exemption Certificate, Construction Contractor Registration

- Montana Department of Revenue: One-Stop Business Licensing
  (406) 444-6900 | [https://svc.mt.gov/dor/eStopPortal](https://svc.mt.gov/dor/eStopPortal) | doronestop@mt.gov
  Contact For: Food Purveyor, Tobacco Retail and Wholesale, Off-Premise Beer & Wine, Nursery, Petroleum Dealer, Weighing Device, Underground Storage Tank Licenses

- Montana Association of Counties (MACo): City/County Contact Information
  [http://www.mtcounties.org](http://www.mtcounties.org)
  Contact For: Most cities and counties in Montana have their own specific licensing and registration requirements for businesses. Visit the MACo website and use the menu at the top-left of the page to navigate to Counties—Contact a County to retrieve the contact information for your county. If you do not have access to the internet, this information can be found in your local phone book.

- Montana Department of Agriculture: Licensing and Registration

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