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How to start a business in WV



Starting a business in West Virginia involves several key steps. Here's a brief overview to help you get started:

- 1. Choose a Business Structure:** Decide on the type of business structure that best suits your needs (e.g., sole proprietorship, partnership, LLC, corporation).
- 2. Register Your Business Name:** Ensure your business name is available and register it with the appropriate state agency.
- 3. Obtain a Federal Tax ID (EIN):** Register with the IRS to get an Employer Identification Number (EIN).
- 4. Register Your Business:** Complete the necessary registrations with the West Virginia Secretary of State, State Tax Department, and WorkForce West Virginia.
- 5. Acquire Necessary Licenses and Permits:** Depending on your business type, you may need specific occupational, professional, or special licenses and permits.
- 6. Insurance Requirements:** Make sure you have the required insurance for your business.
- 7. Open a Business Bank Account:** Separate your personal and business finances by opening a business bank account.
- 8. Understand Employer Responsibilities:** If you plan to hire employees, familiarize yourself with employer responsibilities and regulations.

For more detailed information, you can visit the West Virginia One Stop Business Portal:

<https://business4.wv.gov>

