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MONTANA SECRETARY OF STATE



"Montanans like you are demonstrating remarkable entrepreneurial spirit, and our office is dedicated to supporting you every step of the way. We're committed to making Montana the best place to start and grow a business."
— Secretary Christi Jacobsen

Business Start-Up Resources

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The **Business Services Division** assists businesses with filing their registration, articles of organization, assumed business names, and trademarks. Our team is dedicated to providing guidance, support and resources to help your business thrive in Montana. Once you determine your business structure, the first step is to register your business with our office. **Choose one of the templates provided under the FORMS tab** to apply for your registration.

<https://sosmt.gov/business-structures/>,
<https://biz.sosmt.gov>, sosbusiness@mt.gov, or 406-444-3665.

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE

You may need a Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN). **Apply for and receive your federal EIN tax number:** <https://www.irs.gov>, 1-800-829-4933.

MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Business Standards Division - 301 S Park Ave.
Professional and Occupational Licenses
<https://boards.bsd.dli.mt.gov/>, 406-444-6880
Independent Contractor Exemptions & Construction Contractors Registration:
<https://erd.dli.mt.gov>, 406-444-7734.

MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

Assistance with setting up withholding accounts and Montana Tax information:
<https://mtrevenue.gov>, 406-444-6900.

ADDITIONAL LICENSING

Most cities and counties have their own specific licensing and registration requirements. **Contact your local city or county officials.** Some industries also have specific licensing and registration requirements:
<https://commerce.mt.gov/Business/Resources/Business-Licensing>.

OTHER RESOURCES

The Montana Small Business Development Center (SBDC) has offices in ten cities in Montana. **Their confidential one-on-one business counseling is FREE** (funded by many state and federal organizations); visit www.sbdc.mt.gov.

