



LICENSING & PERMITS

HAWTHORNE AND MINERAL COUNTY

These are the suggested steps along with a listing and a brief description of each of the forms and filings necessary for business operations in Nevada.

STEP ONE: Create a Corporation, Partnership or Sole Proprietorship Legal Organization

Note: If you choose to use a name other than your personal legal name, you must file a Fictitious Business Name Certificate (DBA) with the Mineral County Clerk's office to identify the owner(s). This applies to corporations and LLCs, as well as, sole proprietorships and partnerships.

CORPORATIONS AND LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANIES (LLC)

Corporations and LLC's must file Articles of Incorporation or Articles of Organization with the Nevada Secretary of State and maintain all records, minutes, etc., as required by law. You may go to their website (<http://sos.state.nv.us>) and download the appropriate forms.

For more information, contact the Nevada Secretary of State's offices at:

202 North Carson St.
Carson City, NV 89701-4069
(775) 684-5708

75 Court Street Rm 131
Reno, NV 89501
(775) 328-3270

ALL THE ABOVE FORMS SHOULD BE FILED BEFORE YOU BEGIN BUSINESS

STEP TWO: Obtain a Fictitious Name Certificate (DBA)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME CERTIFICATE (DBA)

This is needed for all businesses that plan to use a name different than their legal or corporate name. You should check with the County Clerk's office to determine if the fictitious name you want is available.

Mineral County Clerk
Mineral County Courthouse
P.O. Box 1450
Hawthorne, NV 89415
(775) 945-2446

STEP THREE: Obtain a State Business License

STATE BUSINESS LICENSE

All businesses operating in Nevada must obtain a State Business License currently issued by the Department of Taxation. The State Business License Fee and renewal has increased from \$100.00 to \$200.00 per business **as of July 1, 2009**, and will revert back to \$100 effective July 1, 2011. **Effective October 1, 2009**, administration of the State Business License will transfer over to the Secretary of State's Office. Additionally, the definition of "Business" has language that includes any entity organized pursuant to Title 7 whether or not the entity performs a service or engages in a business for profit. The license fee is renewable annually. The forms are available on their website (<http://tax.state.nv.us>). For more information

Nevada Department of Taxation – Elko

1010 Ruby Vista
P.O. Box 1750
Elko, Nevada 89803
(775) 753-1115 (voice)
(775) 778-6814 (fax)

Nevada Department of Taxation – Carson City

1550 E. College Parkway
Suite 115
Carson City NV 89706
(775) 684-2000 (voice)
(775) 684-2020 (fax)

STEP FOUR : Obtain a retail sales permit or exemption

Every new business must check with the State Department of Taxation to determine whether they need a resale permit, an exemption certificate, or are subject to a use tax. A deposit or bond may be required. Check with the taxation department for fee payment and other information. You may go to their website (<http://tax.state.nv.us>) and download the appropriate forms.

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STEP FIVE: Obtain a local license

In the State of Nevada all new businesses are required to obtain a business license within the city and/or county in which they operate. The County of Lander requires only a county license. For more information in the Winnemucca/ Humboldt County area, contact the following:

Mineral County Clerk
Mineral County Courthouse
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Hawthorne, NV 89415
(775) 945-2446

STEP SIX (If required): Obtain Special Permits

In addition to city and county licenses, certain businesses/occupations are required to obtain special state licenses (i.e. contractors, beauticians, etc.). As a new business you may be required by the city or county to obtain additional permits from Health, Police, Fire or Building Departments. Inquire with the individual licensing agency for more information. Here are some of the more popular types, but there may be more for your particular business.

State Contractors Board
9670 Gateway Drive Suite 100
Reno, NV 89502
www.nscb.state.nv.us

Trucking and Motor Carriers
Nevada Department of Motor Vehicles
Motor Carrier Office
555 Wright Way
Carson City, NV 89711-0600
<http://www.dmvnv.com/mchome.html>

For Child Care Licensing Information
Bureau of Services for Child Care
4126 Technology Way, 3rd Floor
Carson City, NV 89706
Phone: 775-684-4400
Fax: 775-684-4455
<http://www.dcfv.state.nv.us/>

Restaurants / Food Service

Nevada Bureau of Health Protection Services
4126 Technology Way, 3rd Floor
Carson City, NV 89706
Phone: 775-687-7550
<http://health.nv.gov>

STEP SEVEN: Ensure you are familiar with all of the following:

ZONING ORDINANCES

To ensure that you are in a location zoned for your type of business, check the city and county ordinances before signing any lease. For home-based businesses, verify if a *Home Occupation Permit* is required.

Regional Planning Department

PO Box 51
Hawthorne, NV 89415
(775) 945-2446

EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (EIN)

Every partnership or corporation must have an employer identification number (EIN) to use as a federal taxpayer identification number. Sole proprietors must also have an EIN if they pay wages to one or more employees or if they are required to file any excise tax returns. The EIN numbers are sometimes referred to as a Tax ID number.

Local IRS (Reno) office

675 W. Moana Lane
Reno, NV 89509
Phone: (800) 829-1040

Businesses can fill out Form SS-4 online and get an EIN number quickly. See www.irs.gov/smallbiz for full details.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION

All employers are required to provide workers' compensation insurance for their employees. Contact your business insurance agent for further details.

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY DEPARTMENT

This is Nevada's unemployment insurance. The business is assigned an experience rate based on the amount of unemployment claims that have been filed. For a new business, the rate is 3.0% of the first \$22,000 of wages for each employee and is paid quarterly. The amount of wage subject to the 3.0% tax changes annually. For more information, contact:

Nevada Department of Employment, Training, and Rehabilitation

500 East Third Street
Carson City, NV 89713
(775) 684-3911
<http://detr.state.nv.us>

MODIFIED STATE BUSINESS TAX

As of July 1, 2009, if the sum of all taxable wages, after health care deductions, paid by the employer does not exceed \$62,500 for the calendar quarter, the amount of tax is 0.5% of the sum of those wages (0.005). If the sum of all the wages paid by the employer exceeds \$62,500 for the calendar quarter, the tax is \$312.50 plus 1.17% of the amount the wage exceeds \$62,500. For example: if the sum of all wages for the 12/09 quarter is \$101,000. The tax is \$312.50 plus \$450.45 (0.0117 x \$38,500 which is the amount exceeding \$62,500) = total tax due of \$762.95.

These changes are expire June 30, 2011. No changes were made to the definition of Financial Institutions or the tax rate for Financial Institutions which remains at 2%.

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NEVADA LIVE ENTERTAINMENT TAX

A 10% tax applied to revenues derived from entertainment venues. Some of the taxable items include, ticket sales, merchandise, food and refreshments. Contact the Nevada State Department of Taxation for further details.

U.S. INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE W-4 FORM

The law requires every employee to complete a W-4 form so that the employer can withhold the proper amount of income tax from each paycheck. For further information, contact the IRS at:

Local IRS (Reno) office

675 W. Moana Lane

Reno, NV 89509
Phone: (800) 829-1040
www.irs.ustreas.gov

U.S. IMMIGRATION SERVICE I-9 FORM

All employers must also document proof of an employee's right to work in the United States. Every employee must have a properly completed I-9 on file in the business office.

Immigration & Naturalization Service

460 E Plumb Lane
Reno, NV 89502
(775) 322-1883
FORMS REQUEST: (800) 870-3676
<http://uscis.gov>

STATE LABOR LAWS

All employers must comply with the state minimum wage and overtime laws and must post a sign explaining these laws at their place of business.

State Labor Commission

675 Fairview Dr. Suite 226
Carson City, NV 89701
(775) 687-4850
www.laborcommissioner.com

PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX

All businesses must pay an annual tax on business equipment and furniture (excluding inventories) based upon the assessed value of the property.

Mineral County Assessor's Office

PO Box 400
Hawthorne, NV 89415
(775) 945-3684

More Information

For more information or to obtain management assistance, please contact the Nevada Small Business Development Center closest to you:

Carson City NSBDC Office
Carson City Area Chamber of Commerce
1900 South Carson Street
Carson City, NV 89701

(775) 882-1565
www.nsbdc.org

Fallon NSBDC Office
Churchill County Economic Development Authority
90 N Maine Street
Fallon, NV 89406
(775) 882-1565
www.nsbdc.org

Reno NSBDC (State) Office
University of Nevada, Reno
College of Business Administration
Mail Stop 032
Ansari Business Building, Room 411
Reno, NV 89557-0100
(775) 784-1717
(800) 240-7094
www.nsbdc.org

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