

Starting a Dental Practice in Florida

General Information & Available Resources

DOING BUSINESS IN FLORIDA

IRS - Business Tax Compliancy

The [Internal Revenue Service](#) is the federal government agency responsible for tax collection and tax law in the United States.

- [Starting a Business](#)
- [Review and Set Up Taxes](#)
- [Small Business & Self-Employed Tax Center](#)
- [How to apply for an Employer Identification Number \(EIN\)](#)
- [Revised Form SS-4 – Application for Employer Identification Number \(requires identification of responsible party\)](#)
- [Updating Incorrect Business Entity Information](#)
- [Change in Application for Employer Identification Number \(EIN\)](#)
- [Use of Nominees in the EIN Application Process](#)

Business Registration

In addition to registering with the Department of State, most professions must register with the Department of Business and Professional Regulation. Florida businesses may be required to register with the local county. County occupational licenses are typically obtained from the local county government.

- [Department of Business and Professional Regulation](#)
- [Division of Workers' Compensation](#)
- [Download and print filing forms from the Division of Corporations](#)

Other resources to consider:

- [BusinessUSA.gov](#) – A one-stop platform to access business-related services
- [Division of Library and Information Services – Small Business Resource Guide](#)
- [Florida Trend's – Florida Small Business Resource](#)
- [Florida Chamber of Commerce](#)

Florida Tax Registration

It is vital that businesses know about the taxes they are required to collect and pay to the State of Florida. The [Florida Department of Revenue](#) provides a helpful starting place to learn more about registering for Florida taxes.

- [Department of Revenue – Contact Information](#)
- [Department of Revenue – Tax Questions](#)
- [Department of Revenue – Tax Forms & Publications](#)

Selecting a Location

Location can affect the quality and quantity of services and products in the business world. Other issues to consider include access to major transportation routes and skilled workers, as well as identifying the location of the target demographic for your goods and services. All of these things could impact your company's ability to grow and conduct business in Florida.

- [Florida's Economy – Facts and Highlights](#)
- [Transportation Advantages in Florida](#)
- [Florida Demographics](#)
- [Florida Chamber of Commerce](#)

Assistance Programs

Florida is committed to creating an environment conducive to stimulating economic growth. As such, assistance programs are available for minority businesses, rural economic development, small businesses and other areas within the business community.

- [Enterprise Florida](#)
- [Department of Management Services – Office of Supplier Diversity](#)
- [Small Business Assistance – North Florida](#)
- [Small Business Assistance – South Florida](#)

Land Use & Permitting

Florida holds businesses accountable for their impact on the environment. Issues such as surface and groundwater quality, wastewater treatment, solid and hazardous waste disposal and natural habitat protection are a few of the concerns that businesses may be asked to address.

- [Department of Environmental Protection – Publications and Reports](#)
- [Department of Environmental Protection – Rules](#)
- [Department of Environmental Protection – Program Contacts](#)

- [Department of Environmental Protection – Permit Information](#)

Start a Business

Step 1: Research Starting a Business

[FYI: Getting Started with a Florida Business](#)

Step 2: Identify Your Type of Business

[Decide on a Corporate Structure](#)

Step 3: Form Your Business

1. Form a Profit or Non-Profit Corporation
 - **Online Filing:** [Profit Articles of Incorporation, Non-Profit Articles of Incorporation](#)
 - **Print & Mail Form:** [Profit Articles of Incorporation \(PDF\), Non-Profit Articles of Incorporation \(PDF\)](#)
2. Form a Limited Liability Company
 - **Online Filing:** [Articles of Organization](#)
 - **Print & Mail Form:** [Articles of Organization \(PDF\)](#)
3. [Form a Partnership](#)

Step 4: Register Your Business Name (Optional)

- [What is a Fictitious Name and When Should It Be Registered?](#)
- [Register a Fictitious Name](#)