

## Business.wa.gov

Washington is making it even easier for businesses to operate. Business.wa.gov helps citizens and businesses navigate government requirements by linking many routine business processes to one website.

Each month, Washington licenses more than 7,000 new businesses and renews more than 19,000 business licenses. The business community helped us identify the most significant challenges to working with state, local, and federal agencies. This web site now saves time and effort as it guides you through those processes.

The screenshot shows the Business.wa.gov website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Home, Agencies, Services, Help Center, and Contact Us. Below this is a search bar and a main menu with categories like Living in Washington, Visiting & Recreation, Doing Business, Employment, Government, and Education. The main content area is titled "Doing Business" and features a list of links for various business processes, such as "What's New?", "Start a Business", "Licenses, Permits and Inspections", "Hire and Manage Employees", "Taxes and Reports", "Grow a Business", "Change Business Status", "Do Business with the State", and "Resources". On the left side, there is a "Fresh Fish" banner and a "January 2009 Floods" section with links for Volunteer, Donate Cash, In Kind Donations, and Resources & Assistance. On the right side, there is a "How Do I?" section with a list of topics like "Find business registration requirements" and "Search for or register a corporation". At the bottom right, there are links for "Print this page" and "SHARE".

### Participating Agencies

Department of Agriculture  
Community Trade & Economic  
Development  
Department of Ecology  
Employment Security  
Department of Financial Institutions  
Office of Financial Management  
Department of Fish & Wildlife  
Gambling Commission  
Department of General  
Administration  
Governor's Office  
Department of Health  
Horse Racing Commission  
Department of Information Services  
Office of the Insurance  
Commissioner  
Labor and Industries  
Department of Licensing  
Liquor Control Board  
Washington State Lottery  
Office of Minority and Women's  
Business Enterprises  
Department of Natural Resources  
Department of Revenue  
Secretary of State  
Department of Social and Health  
Services  
Washington State Patrol  
Department of Transportation  
Utilities and Transportation  
Commission  
Association of City & County  
Information Systems  
Association of Washington Cities

# Plan Start Grow

## A Business in Washington State

You have a lot to think about if you own a business or are thinking about starting one. [Business.wa.gov](http://Business.wa.gov) is here to help!

Governor Gregoire's Next Washington strategy for jobs and economic vitality in a global economy lays the foundation for businesses to be successful.

Some of the **Business.wa.gov** website highlights:

The web site features consolidated business licensing across multiple agencies and cities, plus better assistance with environmental permitting.

**Business.wa.gov** simplifies many tasks, including tax reporting and payment. This site also shares valuable information about:

- Detailed information on starting or growing a business
- Step-by-step, "Question and Answer" style instructions for many licenses and permits
- Online reporting for changes in business information
- Simultaneous state and city business license applications for cities participating in the Master License Service
- Licensing and tax information for every city in Washington
- Resources for current and prospective business owners pointing them to laws and rules, training and counseling, and trade associations.

Share your creative suggestions for the **Business.wa.gov** website with:

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