



Nevada Business Registration

What You Need to Know as a Business Owner

WHO NEEDS A STATE BUSINESS REGISTRATION?

According to Nevada Revised Statutes 76.020, a “business” is defined as:

- Any person or natural person(s) who perform a service or engage in trade for profit (NRS 76.020(a)(b))
- Any entity organized pursuant to this title, including, without limitations, those entities required to file with the Secretary of State, whether or not the entity performs a service or engages in a business for project (NRS 76.020(c))

If you receive a 1099 form for any work performed in Nevada, or if you are an owner of a business, you need a state business registration.

WHEN SHOULD I APPLY FOR A BUSINESS REGISTRATION?

Immediately. You cannot conduct business in Nevada without a registration. Once received, your business registration, or exemption, must be renewed annually.

The business registration fee is \$500 for corporations for initial filings and annual renewals, and \$200 for all other entities.

Any person or entity conducting business in this State without an active Nevada business license may incur penalties and fines from \$1,000 to \$10,000 in addition to the business registration fee.

If you are aware of an entity operating without a business registration, we encourage you to file a complaint with the Secretary of State’s office. The form can be found under “File a Complaint” in the Information Center of the SOS website, www.nvsos.gov.

DO I STILL NEED A STATE BUSINESS REGISTRATION IF I HAVE A COUNTY OR CITY BUSINESS LICENSE?

Yes. You must maintain a state business registration as well as a county and/or city business license. Our “New Business Checklist” on www.nvsilverflume.gov tells you what licenses your business needs following a brief, five-question survey.

DO I QUALIFY FOR AN EXEMPTION?

Some individuals may claim an exemption to the business registration requirement. Exemptions are listed in Nevada Revised Statutes 76.020(2) and Nevada Administrative Code 76.

THREE WAYS TO APPLY FOR A STATE BUSINESS REGISTRATION

- 1 Online at www.nvsilverflume.gov. Receive your registration immediately when you apply online at SilverFlume, Nevada’s Business Portal.
- 2 In person or by mail/fax at our Carson City office (regular processing only):

202 N. Carson Street
Carson City, NV 89701
- 3 In person or by mail/fax at our Las Vegas office (expedited processing only):

555 E. Washington Ave., Suite 5200
Las Vegas, NV 89101

QUESTIONS?

(775) 684-7146
www.nvsos.gov
www.nvsilverflume.gov

BOTTOM LINE: Business owners and independent contractors need to secure a valid Nevada business registration or an exemption to the state business registration *prior* to conducting any business activity.



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