

U.S. BUSINESS ENTITY FILING REGISTRY

Official business-formation and registration offices for all 50 states and Washington, D.C.

Website Introduction

Starting or Registering a Business?

Use this registry to locate the official government office responsible for business entity formations, registrations, name searches, annual reports, certificates of good standing, and other business filings in your state.

The name of the filing office varies by jurisdiction. Although many states process business filings through the Secretary of State, others use a corporation commission, department of state, licensing department, or centralized business portal.

BEFORE YOU FILE

An online state filing creates the entity's public record, but it does not determine whether the selected entity, ownership arrangement, management structure, governing documents, or tax classification is appropriate for the business. Those decisions should be evaluated before formation—particularly when the business has multiple owners, valuable assets, employees, investors, or succession considerations.

Official State Filing Offices

Select the applicable state to access its official government business-filing website. External links should be configured to open in a new browser tab when added to Wix.

STATE	OFFICIAL FILING OFFICE	DIRECT LINK
Alabama	Secretary of State — Business Entities	Open official website ↗ www.sos.alabama.gov/business-entities
Alaska	Division of Corporations, Business & Professional Licensing	Open official website ↗ www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/cbpl/Corporations.aspx

STATE	OFFICIAL FILING OFFICE	DIRECT LINK
Arizona	Arizona Corporation Commission	Open official website ↗ www.azcc.gov/corporations
Arkansas	Secretary of State — Business & Commercial Services	Open official website ↗ www.sos.arkansas.gov/business-commercial-services-bcs
California	Secretary of State — bizfile Online	Open official website ↗ bizfileonline.sos.ca.gov
Colorado	Secretary of State — Business Organizations	Open official website ↗ www.coloradosos.gov/biz/BusinessEntityCriteriaExt.do
Connecticut	Business.CT.gov	Open official website ↗ business.ct.gov/start-your-business
Delaware	Division of Corporations	Open official website ↗ corp.delaware.gov
District of Columbia	Department of Licensing and Consumer Protection — CorpOnline	Open official website ↗ corponline.dcp.gov
Florida	Division of Corporations — Sunbiz	Open official website ↗ dos.fl.gov/sunbiz/start-business
Georgia	Secretary of State — Corporations Division	Open official website ↗ ecorp.sos.ga.gov
Hawaii	Hawai'i Business Express	Open official website ↗ hbe.ehawaii.gov
Idaho	Secretary of State — SOSBiz	Open official website ↗ sosbiz.idaho.gov
Illinois	Secretary of State — Business Services	Open official website ↗ www.ilsos.gov/departments/business_services/home.html
Indiana	INBiz	Open official website ↗ inbiz.in.gov
Iowa	Secretary of State — Business Services	Open official website ↗ sos.iowa.gov/business-services
Kansas	Secretary of State — Business Services	Open official website ↗ sos.ks.gov/businesses/register-a-business.html

STATE	OFFICIAL FILING OFFICE	DIRECT LINK
Kentucky	Kentucky Business One Stop	Open official website ↗ onestop.ky.gov
Louisiana	Secretary of State — geauxBIZ	Open official website ↗ geauxbiz.sos.la.gov
Maine	Secretary of State — Corporate Filings	Open official website ↗ www.maine.gov/sos/cec/corp
Maryland	Maryland Business Express	Open official website ↗ businessexpress.maryland.gov
Massachusetts	Secretary of the Commonwealth — Corporations Division	Open official website ↗ www.sec.state.ma.us/divisions/corporations/corporations.htm
Michigan	Corporations Division	Open official website ↗ www.michigan.gov/lara/bureau-list/csc/corps
Minnesota	Secretary of State — Business Services	Open official website ↗ www.sos.mn.gov/business-liens/start-a-business
Mississippi	Secretary of State — Business Services	Open official website ↗ www.sos.ms.gov/business-services-regulation
Missouri	Secretary of State — Business Services	Open official website ↗ www.sos.mo.gov/business
Montana	Secretary of State — Business Services	Open official website ↗ biz.sosmt.gov
Nebraska	Secretary of State — Corporate & Business Services	Open official website ↗ sos.nebraska.gov/business-services/corporate-and-business
Nevada	Secretary of State — SilverFlume	Open official website ↗ www.nvsilverflume.gov
New Hampshire	Secretary of State — NH QuickStart	Open official website ↗ quickstart.sos.nh.gov/online
New Jersey	New Jersey Business Portal	Open official website ↗ business.nj.gov
New Mexico	Secretary of State — Business Services	Open official website ↗ enterprise.sos.nm.gov

STATE	OFFICIAL FILING OFFICE	DIRECT LINK
New York	Department of State — Division of Corporations	Open official website ↗ dos.ny.gov/form-corporation-or-business
North Carolina	Secretary of State — Business Registration	Open official website ↗ www.sosnc.gov/divisions/business_registration
North Dakota	Secretary of State — FirstStop	Open official website ↗ firststop.sos.nd.gov
Ohio	Secretary of State — Business Filing Portal	Open official website ↗ bsportal.ohiosos.gov
Oklahoma	Secretary of State — Business Services	Open official website ↗ www.sos.ok.gov/business/default.aspx
Oregon	Secretary of State — Business	Open official website ↗ sos.oregon.gov/business/Pages/default.aspx
Pennsylvania	Department of State — Business Filing Services	Open official website ↗ file.dos.pa.gov
Rhode Island	Secretary of State — Business Services	Open official website ↗ business.sos.ri.gov
South Carolina	Secretary of State — Online Business Filings	Open official website ↗ businessfilings.sc.gov
South Dakota	Secretary of State — Business Services	Open official website ↗ soserprise.sd.gov/BusinessServices
Tennessee	Secretary of State — Business Services	Open official website ↗ tnbear.tn.gov/Ecommerce/FilingSearch.aspx
Texas	Secretary of State — SOSDirect	Open official website ↗ www.sos.state.tx.us/corp/sosda/index.shtml
Utah	Division of Corporations and Commercial Code	Open official website ↗ corporations.utah.gov
Vermont	Secretary of State — Business Services	Open official website ↗ bizfilings.vermont.gov/online/BusinessInquire
Virginia	State Corporation Commission — Clerk's Information System	Open official website ↗ cis.scc.virginia.gov

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Washington	Secretary of State — Corporations and Charities Filing System	Open official website ↗ ccfs.sos.wa.gov
West Virginia	West Virginia One Stop Business Portal	Open official website ↗ business4.wv.gov
Wisconsin	Department of Financial Institutions — Business Entities	Open official website ↗ dfi.wi.gov/Pages/BusinessServices/BusinessEntities/default.aspx
Wyoming	Secretary of State — Business Center	Open official website ↗ wyobiz.wyo.gov/Business/Default.aspx

Website Disclaimer

This registry is provided for general informational purposes only. Filing requirements, fees, processing times, and procedures vary by jurisdiction and may change. Links are provided to third-party government websites, and Dobson Tax Law does not control or guarantee their content or availability. Accessing a state filing website or submitting an online filing does not create an attorney-client relationship and is not a substitute for legal or tax advice concerning entity selection, ownership, management, governing documents, tax classification, asset protection, licensing, or registration in additional jurisdictions.

Recommended Wix Presentation

- Use the page title “U.S. Business Entity Filing Registry.”
- Place the introductory copy and “Before You File” callout above the registry.
- Display the states in six collapsible alphabetical groups: A–C, D–H, I–M, N–P, R–T, and U–W.
- Within each group, use three columns on desktop and one column on mobile.
- Make each state name the clickable link; add a small external-link icon if Wix permits.
- Open every government link in a new tab so visitors do not lose the Dobson Tax Law page.
- Place the disclaimer in smaller text below the final state group.

Maintenance Note

Review the registry at least twice each year and whenever a state announces a filing-system migration. Government agencies occasionally replace direct portal URLs while retaining their main business-services pages.