

STATE BUSINESS LICENSE FEES

State	State Business License Fee	Website	Notes
Alabama	—	Revenue.alabama.gov	A privilege license is required in every county where the business located.
Alaska	Corporations— \$250; Business license fee— \$50	Commerce.alaska.gov	To support economic stability, due to COVID-19, Governor Dunleavy has suspended new and renewing business licensing fees.
Arizona	—	Azcommerce.com	Arizona does not issue nor require a state business license; however, most city/town offices issue business licenses.
Arkansas	—	Sos.arkansas.gov	Arkansas does not have a standard state business license; however, a business or privilege license is required at the local government level.
California	—	Ca.gov	California does not have a general state business license; however, the city/county may require a business license in order to operate.
Colorado	—	Sos.state.co.us	Colorado does not have a general state business license; however, many cities require a business license in order to operate.
Connecticut	—	Portal.ct.gov	Connecticut does not have a standard state business license; however, local business licenses are required.
Delaware ¹	\$75	Revenue.delaware.gov	Any person or entity conducting a trade or business in the state. This includes entities located in Delaware and conduct their business outside the state.
Florida	—	StateofFlorida.com	Florida does not have a general state business license; however, cities may require a license.
Georgia	—	Sos.ga.gov	Georgia does not require a state business license; however, most cities in counties require a license.

¹ Every Delaware business (and every non-Delaware business operating in the state) is required to get an annual business license issued by the Division of Revenue. The license fee varies but most often is \$75.

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Hawaii ²	—	Tax.hawaii.gov	Hawaii does not have a state business license requirement; however, all business entities must register to do business in Hawaii.
Idaho	—	Business.idaho.gov	Idaho does not have a state business license; however, all businesses need to register a name and entity type with the Secretary of State's office before conducting business.
Illinois	—	Illinois.gov	Illinois does not have a standard state business license; however, some cities require a business license.
Indiana	—	In.gov	Indiana does not have a standard state business license; however, most cities and counties require license/permit for some businesses.
Iowa	—	Iowaead.com	Iowa does not have a standard state business license.
Kansas	—	Ksrevenue.org	Kansas does not have a standard state business license.
Kentucky	—	Onestop.ky.gov	Kentucky does not have a standard state business license.
Louisiana	—	Sos.la.gov	Louisiana does not appear to have a state business license.
Maine	—	Maine.gov	Maine does not have a standard state business license that applies to all businesses; however, general business licenses to operate are managed at the local/county level.
Maryland	—	Businessexpress.maryland.gov	Maryland issues licenses to businesses that are required to be licensed by the state.
Massachusetts	—	Mass.gov	Massachusetts does not have a general business license.
Michigan	—	Michigan.gov	Michigan does not have a standard state business license.
Minnesota	—	Mn.gov	Minnesota does not have a general business license.

² According to the Hawaii Department of Taxation, "[Tax Facts 31-1 Licensing and Tax Information for New Businesses](#)," February 2019.

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Mississippi	—	Mssbdc.org	Mississippi does not have a general business license; however, many cities require a license.
Missouri	—	Sos.mo.gov	Missouri does not have a standard state business license.
Montana	—	Business.mt.gov	Montana does not have a general state business license; however, businesses may need to register for city/county licenses.
Nebraska	—	Nebraska.gov	Nebraska does not have a state business license; however, business licenses are required for certain industries.
Nevada	Corporations—\$500; All other business types—\$200	Nvsilverflume.gov	
New Hampshire	—	Revenue.nh.gov	New Hampshire does not have a general state-level business license.
New Jersey	—	Business.nj.gov	New Jersey does not have a statewide general business license.
New York	—	Ny.gov/services/licenses	New York does not have a standard state business license.
New Mexico	—	Sos.state.nm.us	New Mexico does not have a state business license requirement; however, occupational licenses as well as local licenses are necessary for business activities.
North Carolina	—	Sosnc.gov	North Carolina does not have a general state business license; however, most cities require a general business license and may require other licenses/permits depending on the type of business.
North Dakota	—	Nd.gov	North Dakota does not have a “generic” state business license.
Ohio	—	Ohio.gov	Ohio does not have a general state business license.
Oklahoma	—	Okcommerce.gov	Oklahoma does not have a general state business license; however, for specific businesses and occupations, licenses, permits, or special registrations and filings may be required before opening or operating.

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Oregon	—	Sos.oregon.gov	Oregon does not have a general business license; however, the city/county may require a license for businesses operating in the jurisdiction.
Pennsylvania	—	Dos.pa.gov	Pennsylvania does not have a standard business license that applies to all businesses; however, city/counties may require a local business license.
Rhode Island	—	Dbr.ri.gov	Rhode Island does not have a general business license.
South Carolina	—	Scbos.sc.gov	South Carolina does not have a general state business license; however, city/county/town require a license to operate.
South Dakota	—	Sdsos.gov	South Dakota does not have a general business license.
Tennessee	Taxable receipts \$10,000 or more—\$15 fee + the standard business license tax of at least \$22; Taxable receipts between \$3,000 to \$9,999—\$15 fee	Revenue.support.tn.gov	Tennessee requires businesses with taxable sales of \$10,000 or more to have a statewide business license issued by the Department of Revenue; businesses with taxable sales of more than \$3,000 but less than \$10,000 require a minimal activity license.
Texas	—	Gov.texas.gov/business	Texas does not have a standard business license that applies to all businesses; however, there are a number of regulatory agencies that have licensing and permitting requirements based on the type or services or products associated with the business.
Vermont	—	Tax.vermont.gov	Vermont does not require a state business license; however, a business must register for a sales tax permit.
Virginia	—	Virginia.gov	Virginia does not have a standard state business license that applies to all businesses.

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Utah ³	—	Corporations.utah.gov	All businesses in Utah are required to register with the Department of Commerce either as a “DBA” (Doing Business As), corporation, limited liability company, or limited partnership. Businesses must obtain a business license from the city or county in which they are located.
Washington	Business license application fee varies—\$90 to open/reopen a business, additional fees associated with various endorsements, registrations, or permits needed for the business.	Dor.wa.gov	A person must register his or her business with the Department of Revenue and obtain a license under certain conditions. Corporations, partnerships, liability companies, and limited liability partnerships must file with the Secretary of State before filing the business license application.
West Virginia	—	Tax.wv.gov	West Virginia does not have a general business license; however, many cities require a license to operate.
Wisconsin	—	Revenue.wi.gov	Wisconsin does not have a standard state business license that applies to all businesses.
Wyoming	—	Wyobiz.wyo.gov	Wyoming does not have a standard state business license that applies to all businesses; however, local business licenses may be required.

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³ According to the Division of Corporations and Commercial Code, Utah Department of Commerce, [*Business Licensing and Registration Guide*](#).