

Business.wa.gov

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

Each month, Washington processes more than 8,400 new licenses and renews more than 33,000 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 under various categories: "What's New?", "Change Business Status", "Do Business with the State", "Grow a Business", "Help for Your Business", "Licenses, Permits and Inspections", "Resources", "Start a Business", and "Taxes and Reports". A "How Do I?" sidebar provides quick links to common tasks like finding business registration requirements and minimum wage. A "Bookmark & Share" section is also present. On the left, there is a "Fresh Fish" image and a "twitter" widget with state tweets. The footer includes "Access Washington" logo, "Other Languages" (Español, Русский, 中文, Tiếng Việt, 한국어, മലയാളം), and copyright information for 2010 Washington State.

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- Department of Agriculture
- Department of Commerce
- 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 of Regulatory Assistance
- 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 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:

- Help for Your Business - New section as of July 2010
- 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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