

Entity compliance by business stage

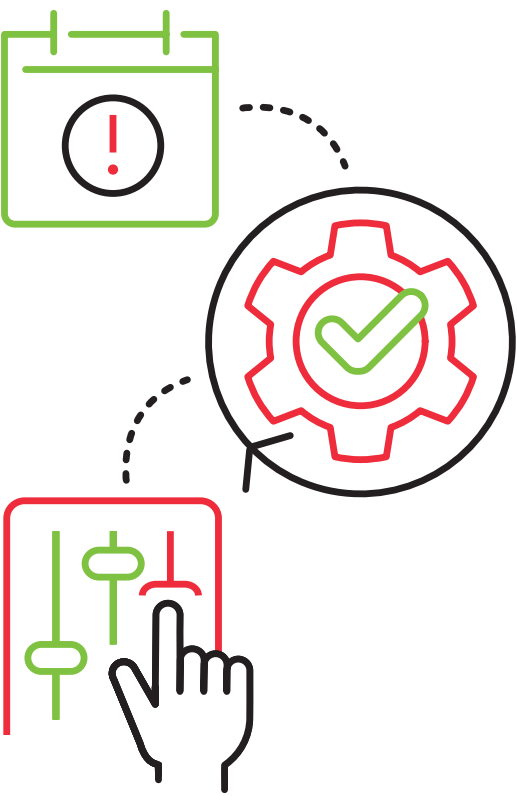
During each stage of a business entity’s lifecycle, various events trigger important compliance obligations. Be sure to keep your business in good standing with federal, state, and local authorities.



Start

Forming a new entity?

- Conduct name availability check
- File name reservation/registration
- Appoint a registered agent
- File Articles of Incorporation/Organization
- Apply for an EIN
- Obtain a state tax ID
- File assumed name or DBA certificate
- Order corporate records kit
- Obtain business licenses and permits
- Publication in a newspaper (if required by state)



Run

Complying with ongoing responsibilities?

- File annual report
- File and pay franchise tax
- Renew business licenses and permits
- Renew assumed name or DBA registration

Proving corporate existence for business transactions?

- Obtain Certificate of Good Standing
- Obtain authentication
- Obtain certified copy of formation documents

Changing entity structure?

- Conduct name availability check (if changing)
- File name reservation/registration (if changing)
- File amendment of Articles of Incorporation/Organization
- File post-conversion paperwork
- File application for conversion (if changing entity type)

Changing registered agent?

- File notice of change of registered agent

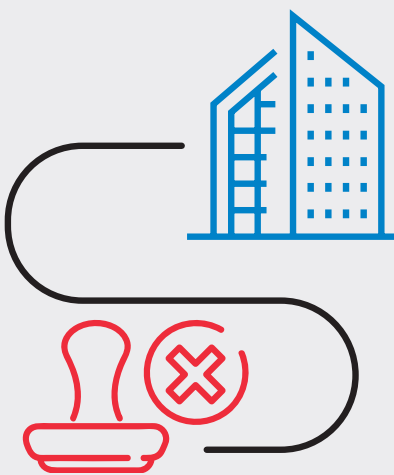
Grow

Expanding business to another state? (Foreign qualification)

- Conduct name availability check
- File name reservation/registration
- Obtain Certificate of Good Standing (from domestic jurisdiction)
- Appoint registered agent
- File foreign qualification/registration
- File assumed name or DBA certificate
- Obtain business licenses and permits
- Coordinate publication and file proof of publication (if required)

Merging/acquiring another business? (Survivor filings)

- Conduct name availability check
- File name reservation/registration
- File Articles of Merger
- File post-merger filings
- File amendment of assumed name or DBA (if needed)
- File foreign qualification documents (see above)



Close

Terminating an entity?

- Obtain approval from the board or other governing body
- File notice of intent to dissolve (if required)
- Obtain tax clearance letter (if required)
- File Articles of Dissolution (in domestic jurisdiction)
- File withdrawal of qualification/registration (in remaining jurisdictions)
- Cancel assumed name or DBA certificate
- Cancel business licenses and permits

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