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First Steps in Business License Compliance

Gaps in licensing compliance can put your business at risk. To start effectively managing business license compliance, it is important to conduct thorough research on the requirements specific to your company's business activities in all locations.

Key steps to business license research

Research licensing authorities
There are over 75,000 federal, state, and local jurisdictions, each with their own requirements.

Identify business activities and locations
Specific licensing requirements vary by industry, jurisdiction and type of business activity.

Understand license types
Licenses, registrations, and permits come in multiple types (general business license, sales tax permit, regulatory permit, professional or occupational license, zoning permit) Some licenses require passing an exam or undergoing background checks.

License research challenges

Complexity
Businesses must keep up with updates to 1000s of different license requirements and processes that vary by state and local jurisdiction.

Renewal monitoring
Each license and permit will have its own renewal deadline.

Time-consuming
Sufficient time is required to navigate multiple jurisdictions, diverse license types, and varying filing requirements.

Resource constraints
Businesses may underestimate the complexity, or the time required for accurate license research. Cross training is necessary to protect an organization from noncompliance if a key employee leaves.

60%
of business license requirements change annually, on average.

Consequences of Non-Compliance

Financial penalties
Fines and other penalties.

Site closures
Forced to cease operations or, in severe cases, close a site.

Reputation risk
Brand devaluation, reduced profits, or difficulty securing financing.

Work with business license compliance experts

Engaging compliance experts to conduct your business license research saves you and your staff valuable time and reduces the risk of noncompliance. CT Corporation supports a hybrid model where customers can choose between self-managed and managed services, or even fully managed services, depending on what suits them best.

Look after your business while CT Corporation helps you meet your business license and other compliance obligations. Click here to **contact** CT Corporation today.

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