

Incorporate Your Business Today

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Incorporating a business means turning your sole proprietorship or general partnership into a company formally recognized by your state of incorporation. When a company incorporates, it becomes its own legal business structure set apart from the individuals who founded the business. Through incorporation, the company's owner or owners create a separate legal entity to transact business. This new business entity corporation or limited liability company (LLC) transforms the way the business is seen through the eyes of the law and often has more credibility with potential customers, vendors and employees.

Why it's important

The primary benefit to business incorporation is limited liability. When you own a small business, you will invest time and money into getting it launched, and keeping it running smoothly. As the owner you are responsible for any debts and losses your business may accumulate along the way. However, when you incorporate, you are typically only held responsible for the amount of money you personally invest. Your personal assets typically cannot be used to satisfy the debts and liabilities of your business.

How it works

Wondering how to incorporate a business as a **C corporation** or **S corporation** or how to **form an LLC**? Here are some of the steps included in the process:

1. Determine where you want to incorporate.
2. Decide which business type is best for your business and goals. Consult with an attorney or accountant.
3. Determine who the directors of the corporation or who the members/managers of the LLC will be.
4. Select a registered agent.
5. Prepare and file the Articles of Incorporation or Articles of Organization per instructions from the Secretary of State's office. BizFilings handles this step for you, allowing you to concentrate on running your business.



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Avoid penalties



Inability to secure your assets, gain tax breaks.

Corporation owners enjoy limited liability protection, and are typically not personally responsible for business debts. So creditors can't pursue your home or car to pay business debts. As a sole proprietor, these assets then remain unprotected.

Harder to grow your corporation for now—and the future.

Incorporating bolsters credibility, and may help you reach potential new customers and partners.

Harder to transfer and faster funds.

With incorporation, ownership can be easily transferable. Capital can be raised more easily through the sale of stock. Another advantage is that many banks prefer handling loans with incorporated borrowers as opposed to unincorporated borrowers.

Challenges for retirement.

Retirement funds and qualified plans, like a 401(k), can be harder to establish as an unincorporated business.



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