CT Corporation

2026 Compliance Countdown Checklist



Year-end 2026 is fast approaching. Corporations must carry out certain compliance tasks to fulfill their obligations and keep all entities in good standing. Failure to do so may result in fines, penalties, and even suspension or dissolution of their companies. Tasks will vary depending on the type of business, location, and other factors. Use this checklist to identify upcoming compliance responsibilities.

Ensure standard compliance requirements are completed:

File annual reports

File franchise taxes

Ensure registered Agent and registered office are current

Corporations need to conduct an annual meeting

If any information in your Articles of Incorporation (corporation) or Articles of Organization (LLC) has changed this year, you are required to file an amendment with the state of formation.

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If you expanded your business:

Such as:

- Started doing business in a new state
- Opened new locations
- Expanded product or service lines

You may have to:

- Form a new business entity
- Reserve a name
- Ensure good standing status
- Foreign qualify
- File for assumed name/DBA
- Update business licenses/permits

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If you modified your business:

Such as

- Adopted a new business name
- Changed entity type or management structure (officers, directors, members)
- Experienced a change in information reflected in your formation document

You may have to:

- File for conversion
- File amendment
- Update business licenses
- File assumed name

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If you've completed or are planning a merger or acquisition:

You may have to:

- Conduct due diligence
- File articles of merger
- Submit post-merger qualification / withdrawal filings
- Update state records to reflect post-merger reality
- Update business licenses and assumed names

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If you reduced the size of your business:

Such as:

- Exited a state
- Closed a location
- Eliminated a product or service

You may have to:

- Dissolve or withdraw
- Obtain tax clearance letters
- Cancel assumed name/DBA
- Cancel/update business licenses

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If you added remote workers:

You may need to:

- File for employee withholding and unemployment taxes
- Apply for authority to do business in another state (foreign qualify)
- Conduct license research at the city, town or county level
- Acquire/update business licenses/permits
- Determine if tax nexus applies



Now is the time to get started. CT Corporation's expert service team is here to help you get it all done and done right. To learn more **contact a representative**.

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