

# STARTING A BUSINESS In Los Angeles County



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## Determine the Best Location

- Determine business activity.
- Ease of access to customers and suppliers.
- Proximity to competitors.
- Business incentives may vary by city and industry.

## Choose a Business Structure

- Types: Sole Proprietorship, Partnership, Corporation, S Corporation, LLC, etc.
- Consider your desired level of control, vulnerability to lawsuits, taxes, liability implications for personal investments and financing needs.
- Legal structure determines further registration requirements; consult a lawyer and CPA.

## Register your Fictitious Business Name

- File if you are doing business under a fictitious name.
- File with the County Registrar within 40 days of commencement of business.
- Filed copy must be published once per week for 4 consecutive weeks in adjudicated newspaper within 30 days of filing.

## Register with the State of California

- Register a corporation with the California Secretary of State and they will issue a State Tax ID.
- The business structure determines the company's tax obligation to the state and city.

## Obtain your Federal Tax ID

- Must obtain an Employer Identification Number (EIN, also known as an Employer Tax ID or TIN) from the U.S. Internal Revenue Service (IRS).
- Apply by phone, fax, mail, or online with the SS-4 form.

## Obtain Licenses and Permits

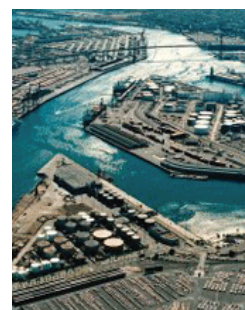
- License and permit requirements vary by city and type of services provided.
- Unincorporated cities in L.A. County: contact the L.A. County Business License Office.
- Incorporated cities in L.A. County: contact the corresponding city hall office.

## Immigration Considerations

- Consult a lawyer specializing in immigration as part of your initial due diligence.
- The application process might be lengthy; allow time for approval prior to a US visit.
- Examples of visas: B-1 Business Visitor visa, Nonimmigrant Work visa, L-1 Intracompany Transferee visa, E-Treaty visa, H-1B visa, and EB-5 visa.

This is an overview intended to be used as a guide, not an all-inclusive resource. The process will vary depending on the type of business, industry and location. For more specific information on the process of starting a business in Los Angeles County, please contact:

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# 投资洛杉矶郡流程图



## 确定最佳选址

- 确定经营活动的内容和范围
- 与客户及供应商往来的便利性
- 与竞争对手的邻近性
- 不同城市和产业享有不同的商业优惠政策

## 选择最佳业务架构

- 公司类型：独资，合伙制，法人公司，法定普通公司，有限责任公司等
- 法律责任：可控性、是否易受诉讼、以及税收、个人投资和融资责任等法律因素
- 在业务结构之上决定进一步的注册登记要求；这方面需咨询律师和会计师

## 注册公司名称

- 若不使用法人代表的姓氏注册公司名字，需要提交申请
- 开始营业的四十天内向郡注册处提交申请
- 申请件须在提交后的30 天内官方指定的报纸上公布，每周一次，连续四周

## 在加利福利亚州注册

- 在州务卿办公室办理公司注册登记及取得州税务编号
- 公司架构决定其对州和市具体的纳税义务

## 获取联邦税编号

- 须从美国国税局 IRS 获得雇主识别号码 (EIN/Employer Tax ID/TIN)
- 可通过电话、传真、邮件或者 SS-4 在线申请

## 获取执照和许可证

- 执照和许可的要求因城市和服务类型的不同而相异
- 若公司设在洛杉矶郡内的所谓非建制市区（即没有市政府但由郡政府直辖的区域）请和洛杉矶郡商业许可证办公室联络
- 若公司设在洛杉矶郡内注册的城市，请联系相应的市政厅办公室

## 入境注意事项

- 通过咨询专业移民律师来开始您的预先准备
- 申请过程可能漫长，请在入境访问前预留足够的申请审批时间
- 签证类型：B-1 商务访问签证、非移民工作签证、L-1 公司内部调派人员签证、E 类贸易协定国条约签证和 H-1B 临时特殊人员签证

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