

Establishing a Small Creative Business - Resources

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BUSINESS GUIDES

Washington Small business Guide

The Small Business Guide provides helpful information, links to valuable resources, and outlines the steps for starting and operating a business in Washington.

<http://www.ora.wa.gov/business.asp>

Guide to Incorporating your Business

As mentors for America's small businesses, SCORE, in partnership with BizFilings, is proud to bring you this practical e-guide to help you pursue your business dreams, ideas and goals and put them into action.

<http://www.score.org/system/files/GuideToIncorporating.pdf>

Seattle Times collection of links and information:

<http://seattletimes.nwsourc.com/news/business/small/resources/>

ADVISORS:

SCORE –Service Core of Retired Executives

Enables you to get free and confidential business advice from mentors, both online and in-person.

<http://www.score.org/>

Small Business Administration

Learn the aspects of starting a business, plus get the answers and information you need to startup.

<http://www.sba.gov/category/navigation-structure/starting-managing-business/starting-business>

Washington Women's Business center

<http://wbc.seattleccd.com/>

LICENSES AND TAXES:

New Business Tax Workshop

A video workshop with links to resources. Whether you're just starting out, or have an established business, this video offers general information about paying taxes in Washington State.

<http://dor.wa.gov/Content/Home/help/workshops/NewBusinessTaxWorkshop/9.aspx>

Reference Guide for Taxes:

<http://www.psbm.net/cityTaxes.htm>

Business License Guide

WA State's online business service center steps you through answering questions about your business and provides a personalized guide sheet that includes a customized list of agencies to contact and forms to complete.

<http://bls.dor.wa.gov/blg/>

Register your business entity on line with the office of the secretary of state:

<http://www.sos.wa.gov/corps/OnlineApplicationForms.aspx>

Federal Tax ID Number

<http://www.irs.gov/businesses/small/index.html>

State of Washington – Master Business License

File the WA Sate Master Business License Application to register your business with the State of Washington.

<http://bls.dor.wa.gov/file.aspx>

City of Seattle Business License

<http://www.seattle.gov/html/business/taxes.htm>

OTHER RESOURCES:

Graphic Artists Guild

The Graphic Artists Guild supports the career growth of creative professionals in an ever-changing field.

<https://www.graphicartistsguild.org/>

Legal Documents

FindLaw in partnership with LegalZoom

<http://forms.findlaw.com/>

Search Business Licenses

Search database to see if the name you have chosen for your business is already taken.

<http://bls.dor.wa.gov/LicenseSearch/>