



Steps to Starting a Business in Arizona

Choose a business name

Search the Arizona Corporation Commission, the U.S. Patent Office, and the internet to see if your name is already being used.



Purchase a web domain

Domain names are separate from registration with the Arizona Corporation Commission or the Secretary of State.

Create your business entity

- Reserve your business name at ecorp.azcc.gov. (optional)
- Choose an entity type (corporation, nonprofit corporation, or LLC)
- Submit Articles to create a corporation or LLC
- Go to www.azsos.gov to register a trade name (optional)

Contact the Arizona Department of Revenue & Internal Revenue Service

- Check with the Arizona Department of Revenue for transaction privilege tax application information.
- Contact the Internal Revenue Service to obtain an employer identification number or tax identification number.



Licensing and Financing

- Check with your city and county for licensing requirements.
- Open a business bank account.

For more information on forming your business, visit eCorp at www.azcc.gov. This is a general guide. You may need to seek legal advice for your particular situation.