



Nevada Business License

What You Need to Know as a Business Owner

WHO NEEDS A BUSINESS LICENSE?

According to Nevada Revised Statutes 76.020, a “business” is defined as:

- Any person or natural person(s) who perform a service or engage in trade for profit (NRS 76.020(a)(b))
- Any entity organized pursuant to this title, including, without limitations, those entities required to file with the Secretary of State, whether or not the entity performs a service or engages in a business for project (NRS 76.020(c))

If you receive a 1099 form for any work performed in Nevada, or if you are an owner of a business, you need a state business license.

WHEN SHOULD I APPLY FOR A BUSINESS LICENSE?

Immediately. You cannot conduct business in Nevada without a license. Once received, your business license, or exemption, must be renewed annually.

The business license fee is \$200 for initial filings and annual renewals.

Any person or entity conducting business in this State without an active Nevada business license may incur penalties and fines from \$1,000 to \$10,000 in addition to the business license fee.

If you are aware of an entity operating without a business license, we encourage you to file a complaint with the Secretary of State’s office. The form can be found under “File a Complaint” in the Information Center of the SOS website, www.nvsos.gov.

DO I STILL NEED A STATE BUSINESS LICENSE IF I HAVE A COUNTY OR CITY BUSINESS LICENSE?

Yes. You must maintain a state business license as well as a county and/or city business license. Our “New Business Checklist” on www.nvsilverflume.gov tells you what licenses your business needs following a brief, five-question survey.

DO I QUALIFY FOR AN EXEMPTION?

Some individuals may claim an exemption to the business license requirement. Exemptions are listed in Nevada Revised Statutes 76.020(2) and Nevada Administrative Code 76.

THREE WAYS TO APPLY FOR A STATE BUSINESS LICENSE

- 1 Online at www.nvsilverflume.gov. Receive your license immediately when you apply online at SilverFlume, Nevada’s Business Portal.
- 2 In person or by mail/fax at our Carson City office (regular processing only):

202 N. Carson Street
Carson City, NV 89701
- 3 In person or by mail/fax at our Las Vegas office (expedited processing only):

555 E. Washington Ave., Suite 5200
Las Vegas, NV 89101

QUESTIONS?

(775) 684-7146
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BOTTOM LINE: Business owners and independent contractors need to secure a valid Nevada business license or an exemption to the state business license *prior* to conducting any business activity.

