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Federal, State & Local License Finder

Identify the licenses and permits your business may be required to hold.

Why Licenses & Permits Matter

Licenses and permits ensure your business is operating legally within its industry and location. Missing required licenses can result in

Federal Licenses

- Required for regulated industries (e.g., aviation, alcohol, firearms, broadcasting)
- Typically issued by federal agencies (FAA, ATF, FCC, USDA, etc.)
- Apply only if your business activity falls under federal regulation

State Licenses

- Often required for professional services or regulated trades
- Issued by state departments or licensing boards
- May require exams, renewals, or continuing education

Local (City / County) Licenses

- Commonly include general business licenses
- May involve zoning, occupancy, or health permits
- Issued by city or county offices
- Requirements vary significantly by location

How to Find Your Required Licenses

1. Define your exact business activities
2. Identify where you operate (state, county, city)
3. Check federal agency requirements if applicable
4. Review state licensing board or commerce department websites
5. Contact local city or county business offices
6. Document requirements, fees, and renewal schedules

Licensing clarity keeps your business open, credible, and defensible.