

Start Your Business

Steps to Starting Your Business

Business Support: The Economic Development Corporation (EDC) serving Fresno County is a nonprofit organization established to market Fresno County as the premier location for business prosperity. They strive to not only facilitate site selection for new businesses within Fresno County, but also assist in the retention and expansion of businesses that are already located in the area.

Contact: Fresno County Economic Development Corp. (EDC)
906 N Street, Suite 120
Fresno, CA 93721
559/476-2500
www.fresnoedc.com

Business Start-Up Guide: A comprehensive guide for obtaining general information to start a business in Fresno County. The EDD provides information on legal requirements, financing options, site selection, and assistance with tax incentives.

Contact: Economic Development Dept. (EDD)
2600 Fresno St., Room 3076
Fresno, CA 93721
559/621-8350
www.fresnostartup.com

SCORE – Counselors to America’s Small Businesses

Score provides FREE and confidential one-on-one business consulting for interested individuals. They have volunteer counselors with experience and expertise that can help you grow your current business or pursue your dreams of business ownership. They offer face-to-face counseling, telephone counseling, and internet counseling. National site: www.score.org

Contact: Central Valley SCORE Office:
801 R. Street, Ste. 201
Fresno, CA 93712
559/487-5605 ext. 2718

Additional Steps to Starting Your Business

- Register your business name. Also known as Fictitious Business Name.

Contact: Fresno County Clerk
2221 Kern St.
Fresno, CA 93721
559/488-3003

- Federal Employers Identification Number. Number used to identify a business,

Contact: Internal Revenue Service
2525 Capitol St.
Fresno, CA 93721
859/454-6671 or 800/829-1040

- State Employer Identification Number.

Contact: Employment Development Dept.
Sacramento, CA 94280
916/654-8706
www.edd.ca.gov

- Corporate Certificate to incorporate your business
Contact: California Secretary of State
1500 11th Street
Sacramento, CA 95814
916/653-6814
- Sales Tax Permits. State Sales and Use Tax is imposed on all retail sales, leases and rentals of most goods, as well as taxable service.
Contact: CA Board of Equalization
Fresno Branch
8050 North Palm Ave., Suite 205
Fresno, CA 93711
559/248-4219
- Certificate of Occupancy. Needed in order to open your business in the City.
Contact: *Kaitlin Underwood*
City of Reedley
1733 Ninth St.
Reedley, CA 93654
559/637-4200 ext. 225
kaitlin.underwood@reedley.ca.gov
- Health Permit. Pertaining to the handling, processing, packaging and warehousing of food products.
Contact: Fresno County Health and Environmental Dept.
1221 Fulton, 3rd Floor
Fresno, CA 93721
559/600-3357
- Copyright. Contact the United States Copyright Office @ 202/707-3000
- Liquor License. Pertaining to the sale, transportation, or storage of alcoholic beverages.
Contact: *Christine Weldon*
The California Dept. of Alcoholic Beverage Control
3640 E. Ashland Ave.
Fresno, CA 93726
559/225-6334
FSO.direct@abc.ca.gov

Local, State & Federal Business Resources

- **Reedley Downtown Association** – The RDA works for the vital downtown and promotes Reedley Businesses while working with various organizations and the City of Reedley on community activities and projects, tourism, the downtown façade program and the River City Theatre Corporation in the Historic Opera House. Contact: info@reedleydowntown.com or call 559/638-5484
- **Small Business Association:** offers information on SB loans, grants, bonds, and other financial assistance. Call to speak with a representative @ 559/487-5791
- **Office of the Governor, Business & Economic Development**
Contact: *Governor Jerry Brown*
C/O State Capitol, Ste 1173
Sacramento, CA 95816
916/445-2841
<http://www.business.ca.gov>

