



State of Vermont
PERMIT AND LICENSE INFORMATION

REGISTRATION OF BUSINESS NAMES AND CORPORATIONS

SUMMARY

TRADE NAME (DBA) REGISTRATION: A person doing business in Vermont under any name other than his own, and every Copartnership or Association of Individuals (except corporations) doing business in this state, resident or nonresident, is required to register their Trade Name with the Secretary of State.

CORPORATIONS: A Business (Profit or Nonprofit) Entity (corporation, nonprofit, limited liability company (LLC, PLC, L3C), mutual benefit enterprise (MBE or LCA) or partnership (general, LLP or LP)) doing business in Vermont must register the business entity with the Secretary of State. A Business or Nonprofit Entity doing business in Vermont under any name other than that of the entity's proper name are also required to register their Trade Name with the Secretary of State.

FOREIGN CORPORATIONS: A foreign corporation may not transact business in this state until it obtains a certificate of authority from the Secretary of State.

WEB ADDRESS

<https://sos.vermont.gov/corporations/registration/>

INFORMATION REQUIRED

Please see the website above or call the contact listed below.

APPLICATION TIME FRAME

Call contact listed below.

ADMINISTERING AGENCY

**SECRETARY OF STATE
 BUSINESS & NONPROFIT SERVICES**

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AUTHORITY

[11 VSA Chapter 15](#)
[11A VSA Chapter 15](#) (Foreign Business Corporations)