



How to Start a Business in New Hampshire Checklist

1. Form your business.

1.1. Review formation options in New Hampshire.

There are six main types of business entities in New Hampshire. Choose the one that suits your business best.

1.2. Name your business.

After checking to see your name does not exist, register your business name with the Secretary of State's Office.

1.3. Get an Employer Identification Number.

Apply for an EIN with the IRS.

1.4. Register your business in New Hampshire.

Sole proprietorships do not need to file with the state. Partnerships need to file their partnership agreement. LLCs and corporations must file online.

1.5. Obtain necessary permits and licenses.

Check the New Hampshire government Online Licensing page to see if your business requires any special licenses. If you do, apply for them online.

2. Register your business for taxes.

2.1. Register for corporate income tax.

Register your business online with the New Hampshire Secretary of State Corporate Division.

2.2. Register for Business Enterprise Tax.

Register your business online with the New Hampshire Secretary of State Corporate Division.

2.3. Register for Unemployment Compensation Tax.

Register your business online with the New Hampshire Employment Security Bureau.

3. Hire employees and report them to the state.

3.1. Purchase workers' compensation insurance.

Buy this insurance coverage from an insurance company you trust. Put up the compliance poster where your employees can see it.

3.2. Report new hires to the Employment Security Bureau.

Provide the necessary information for each and every new employee, rehire, and contractor online.