

## How to Register with SunBiz

To conduct business in Florida, you must register your business with the Florida Department of State's Division of Corporations. Here are the key steps and requirements:

1. **Determine Business Structure:** Choose the appropriate business structure for your venture, such as a corporation, limited liability company (LLC), partnership, or sole proprietorship. Each structure has different legal and tax implications ([Florida Department of State](#)) ([Florida Department of State](#)).
2. **Register Your Business:**
  - **Corporations and LLCs:** File Articles of Incorporation (for corporations) or Articles of Organization (for LLCs) online or by mail. You can start the e-filing process on the Florida Department of State's website([Florida Department of State](#)) ([Florida Department of State](#)).
  - **Fictitious Names:** If your business operates under a name other than your legal name, you must register a fictitious name (also known as a "doing business as" or DBA) with the Division of Corporations ([Florida Department of State](#)) ([Florida Department of State](#)).
3. **Obtain Required Licenses and Permits:** Depending on your business type, you may need additional licenses or permits from the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation (DBPR) and possibly your local county. Check with your county tax collector's office for local requirements ([Florida Department of State](#)) ([Florida Department of State](#)).
4. **Register for Taxes:** Register with the Florida Department of Revenue for applicable state taxes. You may also need to register with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) for federal taxes, including obtaining an Employer Identification Number (EIN) ([Florida Department of State](#)).
5. **Annual Reports:** File an annual report to maintain your business's active status. This can be done through the Florida Department of State's website and is required for all corporations and LLCs ([Florida Department of State](#)).

For more detailed information, you can visit the [Florida Department of State's Division of Corporations](#) and the Sunbiz.org websites. These resources provide comprehensive guides and necessary forms for starting and maintaining a business in Florida.