# GrowWith

Your City. Your Business.

A Welcome Kit for New Businesses
Message from the Director,

On behalf of the City of Los Angeles, I wish to express our sincere appreciation to all the entrepreneurs, business owners and individuals that help grow our great City through business activity and tax dollars and ensure the success of our local economy. Through the collection of over $2.5 billion in revenue from sources including taxes, licenses, fees and permits, we are able to provide financial support to a wide range of essential City services that benefit all who live, work and visit here, such as public safety, libraries and local parks. Learn all you need to know at finance.lacity.org

And for those wanting to grow a business in beautiful Los Angeles, check out the LA Business Portal at the easy to remember URL - business.lacity.org, for a roadmap on how to plan and manage a business as well as resources to help you grow your business.

On behalf of the City of Los Angeles, I thank you and look forward to seeing your business and our city thrive!

- Claire Bartels, Director of Finance
OFFICE OF FINANCE LOCATIONS

CITY HALL
200 N. Spring Street, Room 101
Los Angeles, 90012
(Note: Use Main Street Entrance)

VALLEY OFFICE
6262 Van Nuys Boulevard, #110
Van Nuys, 91401

WEST LA OFFICE
1828 Sawtelle Boulevard, #102
Los Angeles, 90025
The Office of Finance Website is your go-to resource for all things related to City business tax, like business planning tools, exemptions, and important forms or dates to help you stay compliant.

Tax Calculators, look-up tools, calendars, and web services are all just a few clicks away in our Business Support Tools section. Take advantage of these tools and online services we have developed that will save you time and energy, so you can focus on your business!

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OFFICE OF FINANCE SELF SERVICE TOOLS

BUSINESS SUPPORT TOOLS
planning for the months ahead

calendars | calculators | address finder

FINANCE CALENDAR

CHECKLIST FOR SERVICE

FIRST YEAR IN BUSINESS?
OTHER CITY DIGITAL RESOURCES

THE LA BUSINESS PORTAL - All the Info You Need for Your Business

The LA Business Portal provides you with all of the information you need to plan, start, manage, and grow your business. Small businesses are essential to our city’s economy. The LA Business Portal is here to make sure you have everything you need to succeed.

[button: business.lacity.org]

LA-BAVN - Work with the City and Find Contract Opportunities

The City purchases billions of dollars every year in supplies, equipment, and professional/personal services. That’s billions of dollars for which YOUR business can compete for!

[button: labavn.org]

MY311 - Keep Your Business Area Clean

MyLA311 links Angelenos with the services and information they need to enjoy their city, beautify their community, pay their water and power bills, and stay connected with their local government.

[button: myla311.lacity.org]
Your Business Tax Registration Certificate (BTRC) expires on December 31 of each year.

To remain compliant, you will need to renew your BTRC each year.

Correspondence will be emailed or mailed to your address on file.

Renewals are due January 1 and are considered late after the last day of February every year, regardless of when you registered. If a renewal is not timely filed, you may be subject to interest and penalty fees up to 40% of the principal tax obligation.
SMALL BUSINESS

Business must have gross receipts of less than $100,000 from within and out of the City of Los Angeles (worldwide) and remit a timely renewal.

ENTERTAINMENT CREATIVE TALENT

Artist must earn less than $300,000 of global/worldwide gross receipts generated from creative activities for entertainment or aesthetic purposes and remit a timely renewal.

NON-PROFIT, CHARITABLE OR RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION

Organization must be recognized as Non-Profit or Charitable under IRS Section 501 or State Tax Section 23701d.

REMEMBER: To take advantage of our tax exemptions you must renew within the renewal period or you will be responsible for all taxes assessed.
IMPORTANT TAX RENEWAL DATES

PLEASE NOTE: Renewal deadlines are extended to the next business day if the original deadline falls on a weekend.

ANNUAL RENEWAL DEADLINES

Last day of February
Business Tax Registration Certificate

December 31
Police Alarm
Police and Fire
Tobacco Retailing

QUARTERLY RENEWAL DEADLINES

Last day of January, April, July, & October
Dance Hall
Commercial Tenancy Occupancy

BIMONTHLY RENEWAL DEADLINES

1st - 15th day: 16th - last day
Police Garage

MONTHLY RENEWAL DEADLINES

25th of Every Month
Parking Occupancy
Transient Occupancy

26th of Every Month
Communications Users
Gas Users
Electricity Users
  • Residential
  • Commercial

Last Day of Every Month
Commercial Cannabis
Remember to renew timely so you can take advantage of tax exemptions. Renewal forms and related payment, if any, are due every year by the last day in February, regardless of when you first registered. We encourage you to renew online, though the paper form is available.

The renewal process includes 7 areas:
1. Taxpayer Information
2. Tax Reform & Incentives
3. Tax Worksheet
4. Certifications
5. Payment Info
6. Information Update
7. Vendor / Subcontractor / Commercial Tenant Listing

Please keep in mind a few things:
Include your Account Number, current Legal Name, DBA (if applicable) Business Address and Mailing Address originally used in your registration.

Please note: This service is only for business activities you are currently registered for. To add a new business activity, contact customer service and/or fill out another BTRC application.

Taxes due are largely based on gross receipts generated in the City of Los Angeles. Global gross receipts will be used to calculate exemption status.
BUSINESS SUPPORT SERVICES

Coffee by Kofi, est 2016
Los Angeles, CA
The Economic and Workforce Development Department offers personalized support through their BusinessSource Centers and the Business Response Unit.

Receive hands-on guidance on business planning, taxes, marketing, navigating city processes, and more.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:**
Visit: business.lacity.org/resources/service-centers
or
Contact: The Business Response Unit at 213-744-7150 or labusinessresponse@lacity.org

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The City Attorney’s Business Support Program helps business owners navigate the at-times complex and frustrating bureaucracy of local government and assist them with issues impacting us all. The specialized division is the direct link between L.A’s business community and the City Attorney’s Office. Some of the services offered are:

- Serve as the liaison to Business Improvement Districts and chambers of commerce
- Engage local business councils
- Coordinate visits and tours with business groups and City Attorney Mike Feuer
- Create programs to connect businesses to social services, agencies, and more
- Coordinate with city staff to resolve business-related issues
- Present updates on City Attorney projects to business leaders
- Update City Attorney Mike Feuer on the needs of the business community
- Coordinate trainings for business leaders on select laws and initiatives

Please contact:

City Attorney Settlement Bureau
James K. Hahn City Hall East, Suite 920
Los Angeles, CA 90012 | 213-978-7700
CONTRACTING WITH THE CITY

The Parlor Room Grooming Lounge, est 2017
Los Angeles, CA
Businesses and vendors that contract with the City must comply with federal, state, and local laws and requirements.

To access City business opportunities, you are required to meet these expectations:

➔ **Equal Benefits to All Employees and their Spouses/Partners:** Requires that contractors offer the same health and other benefits to their employees with domestic partners as offered to employees with spouses (regardless of gender or sex).

➔ **Pay a Living Wage and Provide Benefits to Employees:** Requires that contractors comply with all provisions of the Living Wage Ordinance, including paying their employees a minimum “living wage” with health benefits and compensated days off. The “living wage” changes yearly and is updated July 1st of every year.
CITY CERTIFICATION TYPES

Benefits of the Certifications

➔ MBE, WBE, SBE, EBE, DVBE
Provides free marketing exposure as prime contractors are required to reach out to and negotiate in good faith with MBEs, WBEs, SBEs, EBEs, and DVBEs on City contracts.

➔ DBE
The selection of DBE’s is incentivized for prime contractors pursuing Federally funded contracts due to the U.S. Department of Transportations DBE requirements.

➔ ACDBE
Incentivizes the selection of ACDBEs by prime contractors for funded awards related to the airports.

➔ SLBE
Provides preference for SLBEs bidding as a prime contractor on City contracts worth $100,000 or less.

➔ LBE
Provides preference for LBEs bidding as a prime contractor on City contracts in excess of $150,000. Preference may also be granted to non LBE primes utilizing LBE subs.

➔ TJOP
Provides preference for TJOPs bidding as a prime contractor on City contracts which do not exceed $100,000.

➔ GB
Free business support to help “go green,” becoming more efficient, profitable and sustainable.

Certification Types

1. Minority Business Enterprise (MBE)
2. Women Business Enterprise (WBE)
3. Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE)
4. Airport Concession Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (ACDBE)
5. Small, Local Business Enterprise (SLBE)
6. Small Business Enterprise - City (SBE-City)
7. Small Business Enterprise - Proprietary (SBE-Proprietary)
8. Emerging Business Enterprise (EBE)
9. Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (DVBE)
10. Local Business Enterprise (LBE)
11. Transitional Job Opportunities Program (TJOP)

Get certified at: bca.lacity.org/certification and greenbizla.org.
CHANGING OWNERSHIP or CLOSING BUSINESS
Business closures or changes of ownership happen. If you need to sell, close, or discontinue business operations within Los Angeles, you must notify the City of Los Angeles, Office of Finance.

Please note that you may also need to contact and inform the County, State, Federal, and other Local government agencies.

**Step 1.**

Complete the Taxpayer Information Update Form with the new information. You can find it at:

finance.lacity.org/changing-or-closing-your-business

**Step 2.**

Mail **OR** email form to us at:

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Los Angeles, CA 90012  
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