



British Columbia's Small Business Resources

HOW B.C. HELPS SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS

This handout (*available in English, Korean, Punjabi and Simplified Chinese at www.gov.bc.ca/resourcessmallbusiness*) provides information to support small business startup and growth highlighting services for entrepreneurs and small business owners. The list of services is not exhaustive, but it identifies some key resources to support your business startup and grow.

Regulatory and Service Improvement – When dealing with government, small businesses want understandable and predictable requirements, and accessible services. Check out recent improvements at: www.gov.bc.ca/regulatoryreform

ONLINE PUBLICATIONS AND RESOURCES

COVID-19 Supports for Business

www.gov.bc.ca/covid19bizsupports

Starting a Small Business Guide

(Available in English, Korean, Punjabi, Simplified and Traditional Chinese)

www.gov.bc.ca/resourcessmallbusiness

Import / Export Guide

(Available in English, Korean, Punjabi, Simplified and Traditional Chinese)

www.gov.bc.ca/resourcessmallbusiness

Indigenous Small Business Resource Handout

www.gov.bc.ca/indigenoussmallbusinessresources

Starting a Restaurant in B.C.

www.gov.bc.ca/startingarrestaurant

PreparedBC: Guide for Small Business

www.gov.bc.ca/preparedbc

Starting a Franchise in B.C.

www.gov.bc.ca/startingafranchise

Small Business Profile

www.gov.bc.ca/smallbusinessprofile

Civil Resolution Tribunal

www.civilresolutionbc.ca

More small business resources

www.gov.bc.ca/smallbusiness

SMALL BUSINESS RESOURCES



Business Advisory Services



Government Service



Tools and Resources



Education



Financing



Online Registration



Permits and Licences



Mentorship



Export

Small Business BC



B.C.'s premier resource centre for comprehensive small business information, products and services. Funded by the provincial and federal governments, Small Business BC can assist you with business planning, financing, registration and any other topics related to starting and growing a business in B.C.
www.smallbusinessbc.ca

OneStop Business Registry



Complete the most commonly required business registrations and transactions online.
www.bcbusinessregistry.ca

BizPaL



A free online service that provides simplified access to information about business permits and licences that may be required for a particular business type and its related activities from Provincial, Federal and local governments.
www.bcbizpal.ca

Mobile Business Licence Program



Allows certain types of businesses to operate across municipal boundaries. Please contact your local municipality to see if a Mobile Business Licence is available in your community.
www.gov.bc.ca/mobilebusinesslicence

Address Change BC

If you are moving within British Columbia, you can use Address Change BC to update your business records with provincial and local government organizations.
www.addresschange.gov.bc.ca

BCBid

Access, create, browse and compete on public sector business opportunities.
Enquiry BC line: 1 800 663-7867
www.bcbid.gov.bc.ca

BC Online

Access to e-government services for legal, business, government and professionals. Online information is available for the corporate registry, property assessments and court services.
www.bconline.gov.bc.ca

BritishColumbia.ca

Trade and Invest BC showcases the province to investors, providing information related to its sectors, communities and opportunities, while also providing resources for B.C. companies seeking to grow their export capabilities.
www.britishcolumbia.ca

Business Development Bank of Canada

Helps develop strong Canadian businesses through financing, advisory services and capital with a focus on small and medium-sized enterprises.
Ph: 1 877 232-2269
www.bdc.ca

Community Futures British Columbia

Delivers a variety of services ranging from strategic economic and succession planning, technical and advisory services, loans, self-employment assistance, counselling, assistance and services targeted to youth and entrepreneurs with disabilities.
Ph: 604 289-4222
www.communityfutures.ca

Corporate Online

Provides online filings to create and maintain companies in British Columbia.
www.corporateonline.gov.bc.ca

Employers' Advisers Office

Providing independent advice, assistance, representation and education to employers, potential employers and employer associations concerning workers' compensation issues.
Ph: 1 800 925-2233
www.gov.bc.ca/employersadvisers

eTaxBC

eTaxBC is a free convenient BC Government online tax application providing 24/7 secure access to manage your account, file returns and make payments.
Ph: 1 877 388-4440
gov.bc.ca/etaxbcinfo

FrontCounter BC

FrontCounter BC provides a single point of contact service to assist clients with licences, permits, registrations and other authorizations required to utilize the B.C.'s natural resources.
Enquiry BC line: 1 877 855-3222
www.frontcounterbc.gov.bc.ca

Futurpreneur

Provides mentoring services and loans to grow the economy one young entrepreneur at a time.
Ph: 1 866 646-2922
www.futurpreneur.ca

Innovation Canada

Provides a personalized list of funding, loans, tax credits, wage subsidies, internships and more in less than three minutes.
<http://innovation.canada.ca>

Investment Capital Programs

Offering tax credits to investors making equity capital investments in qualifying British Columbia based small businesses.
Ph: 1 800 665-6597
www.equitycapital.gov.bc.ca

Provincial Sales Tax (PST)

Have PST questions? Contact us for provincial sales tax information and assistance, including a helpline, email rulings support, videos, forms and publications to answer questions about PST.
Ph: 1 877 388-4440
gov.bc.ca/PST

Service BC

Province-wide access to government services including key government transactions for business – in person, online or over the phone.
Service BC Contact Centre: 1 800 663-7867
www.servicebc.gov.bc.ca

Société de développement économique

Provides business information, support, networking, training and mentoring for francophone and francophile business in British Columbia.
Ph: 604 732-3534
www.sdecb.com

Western Economic Diversification Canada

Working to diversify the western economy, by supporting business development through initiatives like the Western Innovation Initiative to assist small and medium sized enterprises to commercialize new and innovative technologies.
Ph: 1 888 338-9378
www.wd-deo.gc.ca/eng/home.asp

Women's Enterprise Centre

B.C.'s leading resource for women entrepreneurs, offering skills development, business loans, free business guidance, business resources, mentoring, networking and events.
Ph: 1 800 643-7014
www.womensenterprise.ca

WorkBC Employment Services Centres

With 84 main locations across B.C., WorkBC Centres support employees locating and retaining a job through two categories of service. Self-Service Services and Personal Services Support.
www.workbccentres.ca

WorkBC.ca

Learn about training programs, read success stories and access business and employment resources.
Ph: 1 877 952-6914
www.workbc.ca

WorkSafeBC

Employers must ensure the health and safety of their workers. WorkSafeBC can help you understand what's required to meet your legal obligations for a healthy and safe workplace.
www.worksafebc.com