

## **Guide to Starting a Business in Canada**

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There are several services available on starting a business in Canada through the City of Toronto, the Province of Ontario and the federal government of Canada.

### **Starting a Business in Ontario**

The Government of Ontario offers services on starting a business in the province.

For more information, please contact:

<b>Ministry of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade</b>	
Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade Communications Branch College Park 777 Bay Street, 21 <sup>st</sup> Floor Toronto, ON M5G 2N4	Email: <a href="mailto:info.mailbox@ontario.ca">info.mailbox@ontario.ca</a> Phone: 416-326-8475 TTY: 416-325-3408 TTY Toll-Free: 1-800-267-8097

### **Small Business Enterprise Centre and Community-Based Provider Locations**

There are Small Business Enterprise Centres available around Ontario. These centres offer entrepreneurs the tools and resources to start and grow their businesses such as the following:

- Consultations provided by a business consultant, mentoring and networking opportunities
- Review of business plans and access to directories, trade indexes and books
- Consultations through a lawyer or accountant referral service
- Up-to-date information for entrepreneurs
- Guidance on licenses, permits, registration and other regulations and documents to be completed
- Import and Export information
- Information on patents, copyrights and trademarks

**Source:** Government of Ontario. Small Business Enterprise Centres, June 2019, <https://www.ontario.ca/page/small-business-enterprise-centre-and-community-based-provider-locations>.

Please visit their website for more information and to find the nearest Small Business Enterprise Centre in your area:

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/small-business-enterprise-centre-and-community-based-provider-locations>

### **Small Business Support and Advice**

There is a dedicated web page on how small business can get advice, support, and information on government regulations. Information on getting funding, business advice, applying for grants, growing your business, helping pay for training costs and getting free legal advice is available.

Kindly access the web page by visiting the following link:

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/small-business-access>

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### **Starting a Business in the City of Toronto**

The City of Toronto also offers services for entrepreneurs interested in starting a business in the city. There are various business incubators strategically located around Toronto that provide support in different sectors that include healthcare, retail, digital media and food processing.

For more information, please contact:

#### **Enterprise Toronto**

Telephone: 416-392-6646

You can also submit an inquiry by filling out a form through this link:

<https://enterprisetoronto.desk.com/customer/portal/emails/new>

The following services are available with the City of Toronto:

- **Small Business Centres**  
Receive help from small business advisors on starting and growing your business  
<https://www.toronto.ca/business-economy/business-start-ups/small-business-centres/>
- **Programs and Advice**  
Receive advice on business plans, business registration, expansion and mentoring  
<https://www.toronto.ca/business-economy/business-start-ups/programs-advice/>
- **Training**  
Receive information on online training, running your own business and seminars  
<https://www.toronto.ca/business-economy/business-start-ups/training/>
- **Resources**  
Tools and resources available to start and grow your business  
<https://enterprisetoronto.desk.com/>
- **Success Stories and Newsletter**  
Latest news and events in the city  
<https://www.toronto.ca/business-economy/business-start-ups/success-stories-newsletter/>

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### **Starting a Business in Canada**

The Government of Canada provides services and information on starting a business, business taxes, business grants and financing, incorporating a business, permits and licenses, protecting your business and information on international trade and investment and business support from the government.

For more information, please check out the following links:

- **Search for a Federal Corporation**  
There is a database available where you can search for a Federal Corporation  
[https://www.ic.gc.ca/app/scr/cc/CorporationsCanada/fdrlCrpSrch.html?locale=en\\_CA](https://www.ic.gc.ca/app/scr/cc/CorporationsCanada/fdrlCrpSrch.html?locale=en_CA)
- **Find Corporations created under the provincial/territorial legislation through Canada's Business Registries.**  
<https://beta.canadasbusinessregistries.ca/search>
- **Information and steps to consider before starting a business in Canada**  
<https://www.canada.ca/en/services/business/start.html>
- **Business Grants and Financing**  
Information on loans and public sector financing  
<https://www.canada.ca/en/services/business/grants.html>
- **Business Taxes**  
Information on income tax, GST/HST, payroll, business numbers and customs rates  
<https://www.canada.ca/en/services/business/taxes.html>
- **International Trade and Investment**  
Information on import, export and investing in Canada and foreign markets  
<https://www.canada.ca/en/services/business/trade.html>
- **Permits, Licenses and Regulations**  
Information on regulations, permits and licenses for your business  
<https://www.canada.ca/en/services/business/permits.html>
- **Checklists and Guides for Starting a Business**  
Access to guides and checklists for starting various businesses written by Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada  
<https://canadabusiness.ca/starting/checklists-and-guides-for-starting-a-business/>

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<https://www.canada.ca/en/services/business.html>