



## Entrepreneurship Clinic Selected Websites

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### **City of San Diego:**

Better Business Bureau / San Diego & Imperial Counties / <http://sandiego.bbb.org/>

Useful for established businesses which may seek BBB accreditation and/or customer dispute resolution.

Business Directory / City of San Diego / <http://www.sandiego.gov/directories/business.shtml>

See links for *Business Assistance*, including

*10 Key Steps to Starting a Business (For Businesses within San Diego City Limits)* <http://www.sandiego.gov/economic-development/pdf/10keysteps.pdf> and

*Business Start-Up Resources*, under *Contacts, News & Links*

See also link for and *Licenses, Permits & Taxes*, including

Business Tax Certificate (Business Licenses) / City of San Diego / <http://www.sandiego.gov/treasurer/businesstax/how.shtml>

San Diego Municipal Code / Office of the City Clerk /

<http://www.sandiego.gov/city-clerk/officialdocs/legisdocs/muni.shtml> ; Print: LRC Reserve KFX 2343 .A35 1990 (looseleaf)

SCORE / "Counselors to America's Small Business" / San Diego Chapter <https://www.score-sandiego.org/index.asp>

See *General Section*, below, for description of this organization.

Small Business Administration, San Diego District Office / <http://www.sba.gov/localresources/district/ca/sandiego/index.html>

Includes link to *San Diego Small Business Resource Guide: Helping Small Businesses Start, Grow & Succeed*

### **County of San Diego:**

Business Resources / County of San Diego / <http://www.sdcountry.ca.gov/cs/brindex.html>

Links to sites for Business Licenses, Fictitious Business Names, Permits, Small Business Development, Other Resources

*Other Resources* include many helpful links, including several for women- and/or minority-owned businesses

Municipal Codes of Cities in San Diego County (other than the City of San Diego) / FindLaw /

[http://california.lp.findlaw.com/ca01\\_codes/municode.html](http://california.lp.findlaw.com/ca01_codes/municode.html)

Permits & Inspections / County of San Diego, Department of Environmental Health / [http://www.co.san-diego.ca.us/deh/inspections\\_permits.html](http://www.co.san-diego.ca.us/deh/inspections_permits.html)

Lists establishments or activities which require inspection, permits, certification, registration or plan review by DEH.

San Diego County Code of Regulatory Ordinances /

[http://www.amlegal.com/sandiego\\_county\\_ca/](http://www.amlegal.com/sandiego_county_ca/) ; Print: LRC Reserve KFC 1199 .S26 A35 1993 (looseleaf)

Weights & Measures, Standards Enforcement / County of San Diego, Dept. of Agriculture, Weights & Measures /

[http://www.sdcountry.ca.gov/awm/standards\\_enforcement.html](http://www.sdcountry.ca.gov/awm/standards_enforcement.html)

Licenses and tests all commercially used devices such as scales, gas pumps, water vending machines, taximeters, privately owned utility meters, liquefied petroleum gas meters and price scanners.

### **State of California**

Business Entities: Filing Forms, Samples & Fees / Business Programs Division, California Secretary of State

[http://www.sos.ca.gov/business/bpd\\_forms.htm#be](http://www.sos.ca.gov/business/bpd_forms.htm#be)

Formation/Qualification Documents for:

- Corporations
- Limited Partnerships
- Limited Liability Partnerships
- Limited Liability Companies
- General Partnerships
- Miscellaneous Filings

Also includes many links, including to codes & regulations

California Business Portal / California Secretary of State / <http://www.sos.ca.gov/business/business.htm>

Business Permits Made Simple / CalGOLD / <http://www.calgold.ca.gov/>

- Search by business type provides links to detailed information on the business permit, license and registration requirements at all levels of government.
- Commonly requested info (PDF) has useful links / <http://www.calgold.ca.gov/CommonInfo.pdf>
- *Business Resources*, [http://www.sos.ca.gov/business/bpd\\_links.htm](http://www.sos.ca.gov/business/bpd_links.htm), lists other agencies a business entity may need to contact to ensure proper compliance.

Businesses / California Franchise Tax Board (FTB) / <http://www.ftb.ca.gov/businesses/index.shtml>

- Business Structures: Brief explanations of each of eight common structures
- Filing Requirements & Assistance
- Paying Tax or a Bill
- Tax Forms
- Starting, Running or Closing Your Business

California Business Portal / California Economic Development Partnership / <http://www.calbusiness.ca.gov/>

Tabs provide a portal to a number of resources for starting, growing, financing, expanding or relocating a business in California.

California Code of Regulations / California Office of Administrative Law

<http://ccr.oal.ca.gov/linkedslice/default.asp?SP=CCR-1000&Action=Welcome> ; Print: LRC California KFC 35 1990 .A22 (looseleaf)

Employer Registration (State Employment Tax) / California Employment Development Dept. (EDD) / <http://www.edd.ca.gov/taxrep/taxreg.htm>

Includes useful links to tax information

Small Business Development Centers (California) / [http://www.sba.gov/aboutsba/sbaprograms/sbdc/sbdclocator/SBDC\\_LOCATOR\\_MAP\\_CAL.html](http://www.sba.gov/aboutsba/sbaprograms/sbdc/sbdclocator/SBDC_LOCATOR_MAP_CAL.html)

- Provides free start-up advice, training and counseling services to entrepreneurs and small business throughout the state. Supported by the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA)

State Agencies Directory (California) / <http://ca.gov/About/Government/agencyindex.html#agency-C>

- Links to the homepages of every state agency/board

State Bar of California, Business Law Section / [http://calbar.ca.gov/state/calbar/calbar\\_sections\\_generic.jsp?cid=10701&id=7341](http://calbar.ca.gov/state/calbar/calbar_sections_generic.jsp?cid=10701&id=7341)

Can search site for articles, publications, links and Section Committees.

State Board of Equalization (California) / <http://www.boe.ca.gov/info/reg.htm>

- Resale Permits
- Sales & Use Tax
- Special Taxes & Fees
  - Environmental Fees
  - Excise Taxes (e.g., alcohol/cigarette sales)
  - Fuel Taxes

Tax Service Center (California) / <http://www.taxes.ca.gov/index.shtml>

- Tabs for:
  - Income Tax
  - Payroll Tax
  - Sales & Use Tax
  - Other Taxes & Fees
- Employer Poster Requirements / [http://www.taxes.ca.gov/Payroll\\_Tax/postingreqbus.shtml](http://www.taxes.ca.gov/Payroll_Tax/postingreqbus.shtml)

Taxation (Both State & Federal)

*Striking Gold in California: What You Need to Know About Taxes & Your Small Business* / <http://www.taxes.ca.gov/striking.pdf>

## **General (Not Specific to California):**

ABA Section of Business Law / <http://www.abanet.org/buslaw> / Site can be searched to retrieve articles and links.

ADA Guide for Small Businesses (Americans with Disabilities Act) / U.S. Small Business Administration Office of Entrepreneurial Development & the U.S. Dept. of Justice, Civil Rights Division / [http://www.sba.gov/idc/groups/public/documents/sba\\_homepage/home\\_ada\\_smbusgd.pdf](http://www.sba.gov/idc/groups/public/documents/sba_homepage/home_ada_smbusgd.pdf)

- See also, SBA's Guide for Small Businesses and Other ADA Information / <http://www.sba.gov/ada/>
- See Also, ADA Business Connection / U.S. Dept. of Justice / <http://www.usdoj.gov/crt/ada/business.htm>

Business.Gov / <http://www.business.gov/> Official business site of the U.S. government includes guides & resources that help businesses comply with laws and regulations. *Good starting point*

- *Resources For . . .* section includes links to:
  - Home-Based Businesses
  - Specific Industries
  - Minority-Owned Businesses
  - Non-Profits
  - Self-Employed
  - Veteran-Owned Businesses
  - Woman-Owned Businesses
- Tabs include:
  - Small Business Guides
  - State & Local Info
  - Government Forms (includes I-9)

Business Law Lounge / 'Lectric Law Library / <http://www.lectlaw.com/bus.html>

The Lounge is divided into sections:

- “Money Matters: Capital, Credit, Securities, Taxes & the like”
- “Business Organizations: Corporations, Partnerships, Limited Liability Companies, etc.”
- “Laws, Rules & Regulations” (including a *Small Business Handbook*)
- “Employer/Employment Issues”
- “General Business Materials: Contracts, Cases, Scams, News & Other Assorted Treats”

Employment Eligibility Verification (I-9) / U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services

<http://www.uscis.gov/portal/site/uscis/menuitem.5af9bb95919f35e66f614176543f6d1a/?vgnextoid=31b3ab0a43b5d010VgnVCM10000048f3d6a1RCRD&vgnnextchannel=db029c7755cb9010VgnVCM10000045f3d6a1RCRD> (or obtain through Business.Gov link, above)

FindLaw for Small Business / <http://smallbusiness.findlaw.com/>

Small Business Topics include:

- Starting a Business
- Incorporation & Legal Structures
- Business Law & Regulations
- Finance & Taxes
- Forms & Contracts
- Business Operations
- Employment Law & HR
- Immigration
- Workers' Compensation
- Closing a Business

Federal Employer Identification (EIN) / U.S. Dept. of Treasury / (Functions as the business' SSN) / <http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fss4.pdf> .

Small Business & Self-Employed One-Stop Resource / IRS, U.S. Dept. of the Treasury / <http://www.irs.gov/businesses/small/index.html>

*Good starting point*

More than a repository of federal tax information for business, this resource has a wealth of information and links for all levels of government, all the way down to the local level. It might really live up to its billing as a “One-Stop Resource.” There are a variety of paths to the information you will need, but a good one is *A-Z Index for Business*. This, for example, takes you to

- *Business Types*, which provides links to brief explanations of each of the business entities along with links to IRS publications and required forms.
- *By Subject*, includes *Starting a Business* and *EINs* (Employer Identification Number, which functions as the business' SSN).
- *A-Z Business Topics*,
  - Clicking *C*, then *California*, provides links to *Permits & Licenses*, various state websites (such as Secretary of State), and individual City and County web sites.
  - *N* takes you to *Non-Profits*, etc.
  - *H* takes you to *Home Office Deduction*, for example, which provides the rules for home-based businesses.

National Association for the Self-Employed (NASE) / <http://www.nase.org> / Non-members can access some useful information via the Site Map.

SCORE / “Counselors to America’s Small Business” / <http://www.score.org/>

A resource partner with the U.S. Small Business Administration, this non-profit organization provides free and confidential small business advice for entrepreneurs since 1964 by volunteers who are working or retired business owners, executives or corporate leaders who share what they learned in business. Home page provides useful links and guides.

- San Diego Chapter <https://www.score-sandiego.org/index.asp>

Small Business Administration (SBA) / <http://www.sba.gov/>

*Small Business Planner* tab provides links for topics such as

*Write a Business Plan*

*Choose a Structure*: Various business entities in Advantages/Disadvantages format.

*Get Licenses & Permits*: Federal & state requirements

*Buy a Business*: Includes Determining Value; Sales Agreement; Closing Checklist

*Local Resources* tab provides a path to resources available in San Diego

See also, the SBA's *Outside Resources & Great Business Hotlinks* / <http://app1.sba.gov/hotlist/default.cfm>

Small Business Advancement National Center (SBANC) / University of Central Arkansas / <http://www.sbaer.uca.edu/>

A few useful links.

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