



British Columbia's Small Business Resources

HOW B.C. HELPS SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS

This handout lists resources available to help entrepreneurs and small business owners start and grow successful businesses. Note, this list is not exhaustive. Contact program areas for more information.

ONLINE PUBLICATIONS AND RESOURCES

Starting a Small Business Guide

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

www.gov.bc.ca/startingasmallbusinessguide

Indigenous Small Business Resource Handout

www.gov.bc.ca/indigenoussmallbusinessresources

Small Business Rebate Program

This program provides small businesses with funds for vandalism repairs and preventative measures. Applications will be accepted until January 31, 2025.

bcchamber.org/securing-small-business-rebate

Starting a Restaurant in B.C.

www.gov.bc.ca/startingarestaurant

Provincial Sales Tax (PST)

Information and assistance, including a helpline, email rulings support, videos, forms and publications to answer questions about PST.

gov.bc.ca/PST

PreparedBC: Guide for Small Business

www.gov.bc.ca/preparedbc

Starting a Franchise in B.C.

www.gov.bc.ca/startingafranchise

Small Business Profile Dashboard

www.gov.bc.ca/SBDashboard

Civil Resolution Tribunal

Resolve a small claim related to employment, buying or selling goods and services, injuries, insurance, or property

www.civilresolutionbc.ca

Business Benefit Finder

A customizable search tool for information on grants, funding, programs and services

www.canada.ca/en/services/business/grants.html

More small business resources

www.gov.bc.ca/resourcessmallbusiness

SMALL BUSINESS RESOURCES



Business Advisory Services



Government Service



Tools and Resources



Education



Financing



Online Registration



Permits and Licences



Mentorship



Export

Small Business BC



A nonprofit resource centre for entrepreneurs providing key resources, business inspiration, and expert guidance on business planning, financing, registration and many other topics related to starting and growing a business.

www.smallbusinessbc.ca

BC Business Registry



Online portal for name requests, registration and maintenance of sole proprietorships and general partnerships, and business address changes if you are moving within British Columbia.

www.bcregistry.ca/business/auth

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 local government boundaries. Please contact your local municipality to see if a Mobile Business Licence is available in your community.

www.gov.bc.ca/mobilebusinesslicence

BCBid

Access, create, browse and compete on public sector business opportunities.

Enquiry BC line: 1 800 663-7867

www.new.bcbid.gov.bc.ca

BCeID

Provides secure online access to services that accept Business BCeID. It proves who you are and which business you're associated with.

www.bceid.ca/

BC OnLine

Access to e-government services for legal, business, government and professionals.

www.bconline.gov.bc.ca

BC Services Card App

Provides secure online access to services that accept the BC Services Card by proving who you are when you log in. It's not associated with a business and doesn't record which business you work for.

www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/governments/government-id/bcservicescardapp/download-app

Black Business Association of BC

Supports Black entrepreneurs with loan and grant applications, leadership development, strategic growth planning, mentorship programs and networking opportunities.

www.blackbusinessbc.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

Canada Revenue Agency

My Business Account is a secure portal that allows business owners to interact online with the CRA on various business accounts, including GST/HST, payroll, corporation income taxes, excise taxes, excise duties, and more.

Canada.ca/taxes

Community Futures British Columbia

Provides business financing, advisory services, business continuity planning and training to small- and medium-sized enterprises in rural and Indigenous communities, and targeted services for youth and entrepreneurs with disabilities.

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

A free and convenient online tax application providing 24/7 secure access to register and manage your account, file returns and make payments.

Ph: 1 877 388-4440

gov.bc.ca/etaxbcinfo

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.

FrontCounter BC Contact Centre 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

Immigrant Services Society of BC

Provides resettlement, language education, employment services, and entrepreneurship programs for newcomers.

<https://issbc.org>

Investment Capital Programs

Offering tax credits to investors making equity capital investments in qualifying British Columbia based small businesses.

Ph: 1 800 665-6597

www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/employment-business/investment-capital/venture-capital-programs

Pacific Economic Development Canada (PacifiCan)

The new federal economic development agency dedicated to British Columbia. Promotes growth and diversification in B.C.'s economy by enhancing innovation, improving business competitiveness, and promoting inclusive growth.

Ph: 1 888 338-9378

www.pacifican.gc.ca

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 B.C.

Ph: 604 732-3534

www.sdecb.com

Trade and Invest BC

Offers resources to help B.C. entrepreneurs looking to grow their business by developing their exporting capabilities.

www.britishcolumbia.ca

WeBC

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.we-bc.ca

WorkBC

Learn about training programs, read success stories and access business and employment resources.

Ph: 1 877 952-6914

www.workbc.ca

WorkSafeBC

Helps employers understand what is required to meet their legal obligations to ensure a healthy and safe workplace.

www.worksafebc.com