

How to start, maintain and search for businesses is changing in British Columbia

BC Registries and Online Services launched a phased [modernization initiative](#) to keep pace with technology and an increasing demand for online services. Our vision is to create a more secure, user-friendly experience and make it easier and faster to start and do business in British Columbia.

With this initiative, a new self-serve [BC Registry Application](#) was launched with services for: name requests, filings for cooperative associations and benefit companies and the Personal Property Registry application.

What's the next phase?

On **October 24**, the next phase of the initiative will be expanded to include:

- The **provincial registration and maintenance of sole proprietorships and general partnerships (SP/GP)** in the new [Business Registry](#), replacing the [OneStop](#) & [Address Change BC](#) (ACBC) applications.
- A **new Business Search** for existing [BC OnLine](#) clients, providing access to business information and filings for **cooperative associations, benefit companies, sole proprietorships and general partnerships**, with other entities to be added at a later date.
 - The new Search will be available to existing BC OnLine users in the first phase and will open up to others at a later date.

Who is impacted?

- BC OnLine, OneStop and ACBC users – you will register and maintain SP/GP in the new Business Registry and search for the above entities in the new Business Search.
- Users will register directly with federal, provincial and local government agencies (e.g., CRA, WorkSafeBC, etc).

How will the new Business Registry and Business Search benefit businesses in British Columbia?

- Immediate online, self-serve business registration and access to view and update information.
- SP/GP's will be able to retrieve copies of their documents, including a firm summary, free of charge.
- Ability to provide account access to other staff members or professionals (e.g. accountants and lawyers) to submit changes on a user's behalf.

Getting users ready for the late summer launch of our new services

- BC OnLine clients must be set up a [Premium account](#) by **September 30**. Please take action now if you do not have a new account in the BC Registry application so that you are ready for the launch of these new services; view our [Resources](#) for help or sign up for an [upcoming Info Session](#) on account creation.
- British Columbians can view the [user guide](#) to learn how to create an account (Basic account is recommended) which is needed to start and maintain a business. If you do not need to make updates to your business at this time, no action is required.
- Preview the new [Business Search](#) and how to [register a SP/GP](#).
- Keep up to date and subscribe now to our [modernization updates](#).

Getting your organization prepared for the late summer new launch

- If your website and resources contain references to "OneStop" or "Address Change BC", update them to list "the Business Registry" (<https://www.bcregistry.ca/business/auth/>) in time for the launch.
- If you are using your own internal applications to access BC Registry application (via third-party app) or automation tools like robotics or screen scraping to process high volume transactions in BC OnLine, read more about [API services here](#).