

03 Get your tax IDs in order

An Employer Identification Number (EIN) is an important step in your business setup, even if you don't have employees. This is your federal tax ID. Think of it as your business's Social Security number. Some Connecticut businesses must also register for a State Tax ID.

Employer Identification Number (EIN)

IRS

An EIN is issued by the IRS and used to identify your business for tax and banking purposes. Your business needs an EIN for: hiring employees; filing federal and state taxes; opening a business bank account; and applying for business licenses and permits.

Depending on your business, you may need an EIN to:

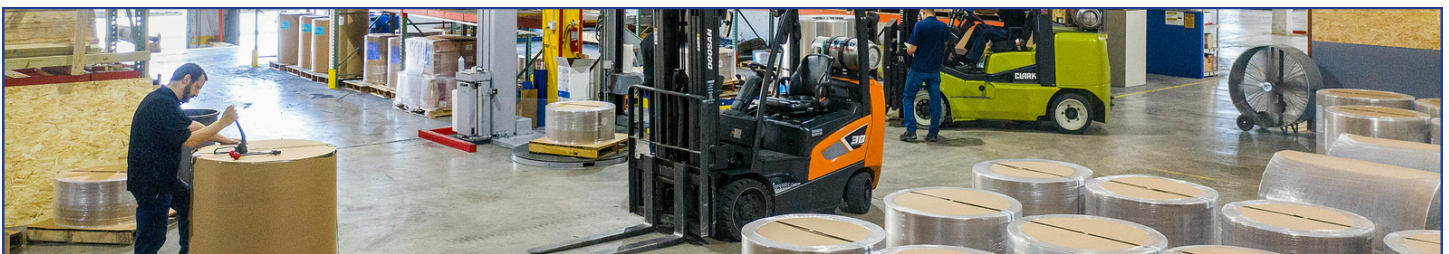
- Hire employees.
- File federal and state taxes.
- Open a business bank account.
- Apply for business licenses and permits.

You can apply for an EIN online directly through the IRS using its [official EIN application page](#). There is no fee to apply. The IRS issues your EIN immediately [after you finish the form](#).

START HERE → [IRS.gov/EIN](https://irs.gov/EIN)

Know before you apply: IRS business name requirements

When applying for an EIN, keep in mind that the IRS's online registration has strict character limits. Business names cannot exceed 69 characters and can only include hyphens (-) and ampersands (&)—no commas (,) or periods (.) are allowed. Because of this, your IRS-recorded name may differ from the legal name registered with the Secretary of the State. While your state-registered name remains your official legal name, we strongly recommend choosing an IRS-compliant name from the start to prevent any difficulties when opening a business bank account.



Connecticut State Tax ID or Tax Registration Number

CT Department of Revenue Services

A Connecticut State Tax ID, also called a Connecticut Tax Registration Number, is issued through the Connecticut Department of Revenue Services (DRS) using the online MyConneCT system.

Not every Connecticut business needs to register with DRS. Whether yours does depends on your business activities. MyConneCT will make it clear whether you need a Connecticut State Tax ID, but only after you start the registration process and answer a few questions about your business activities, because whether you need to register with DRS depends on what your specific business plans to do.

Visit MyConneCT and follow the registration process to determine the tax registration requirements that apply to your business.

START HERE → portal.CT.gov/DRS/MyConneCT

