



FOR THE LIFE OF YOUR BUSINESS

Information for Starting or Staying in Business

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This document lists Business information with email and phone number that are vital to the success of Business Start-Up and Already In-Business Companies

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1. Starting Out – Reference Index

Raleigh SCORE – Mentors help clients to start or stay in business. Many Templates, Tools & List of Service Providers. <https://raleigh.score.org> Phone: 919-869-4151

Business Structure Sole Proprietorship and General Partnerships

Register with Wake County Register of Deeds:

<https://www.wakegov.com/departments-government/register-deeds>

For LLC or S-Corp and C-Corp register with the NC Secretary of State

Limited Liability Corporation - LLC File with the NC Secretary of State (Cost \$125) Phone: 919-814-5400

https://www.sosnc.gov/forms/by_title/Business_Registration_Limited_Liability_Companies

Employer Identification Number - EIN or FEIN File with the IRS (Free) Phone: 1-800-829-4933 (Business)

<https://www.irs.gov/businesses/small-businesses-self-employed/apply-for-an-employer-identification-number-ein-online>

Economic Development Partnership of NC

<https://edpnc.com/start-or-grow-a-business/start-a-business/business-structure/>

Wake Tech Small Business Center - Phone: 919-335-1007

<https://www.ncsbc.net/center.aspx?center=75540>

NC Women Business Center Durham Phone: 919-956-8889

<https://www.ncsbc.net/center.aspx?center=75180&subloc=5>

Small Business & Technology Development Center (SBTDC) Phone: 1-800-258-0862

<https://sbtcd.org>

Small Business Administration – SBA - NC

<https://www.sba.gov/local-resources/north-carolina>

Charlotte NC Main office Phone: 704-344-6563

Raleigh Office Phone: 919-532-5525

NC Department of Commerce - Raleigh Phone: 919-814-4600

<https://www.nccommerce.com>

SME Small Business Toolkit

<https://us.accion.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/Small-Business-Owners-Toolkit.pdf>

Register your Business Domain Name

<https://www.register.com/register-domain-names>

<https://www.godaddy.com/domains>

<https://www.namecheap.com/>

Small Business Resource Guide (Raleigh Chamber of Commerce & Wake County Economic Development)

http://raleighchamber2.org/downloads/SalesCurrent/flyersbrochures/Small%20Bus%20Resource%20Guide_2021.pdf

2. License & Permits

NC Department of Commerce – Phone 919-447-7777

<https://edpnc.com/start-or-grow-a-business/start-a-business/license-permits/>

NC Department of Revenue – Phone: 1-877-252-3052

<https://www.ncdor.gov>

County Permits & License Wake Co – Phone: 919-856-6222

<https://www.wakegov.com/departments-government/planning-development-inspections/inspections-permits>

City of Raleigh Permits & License – Phone: 919-996-3200

<https://raleighnc.gov/services/doing-business/permits-and-licenses-businesses>

3. Employer Obligation

NC Department of Labor – Phone: 919-996-5740

<https://www.labor.nc.gov>

Federal Employer Tax Guide – Phone: 1-800-829-4933

<https://www.irs.gov/publications/p15>

Steps for hiring your First Employee in North Carolina

<https://startingyourbusiness.com/steps-to-hiring-your-first-employee-in-north-carolina/>

4. Tax Obligation

NC Sales & Use Tax – Phone: 1-877-252-4052

<https://www.ncdor.gov/taxes-forms/sales-and-use-tax>

Unemployment Insurance Tax – Phone: 1-800-829-4933

<https://www.irs.gov/individuals/international-taxpayers/federal-unemployment-tax>

Business Privilege License and Tax – North Carolina – Phone: 1-877-252-3052

<https://www.ncdor.gov/taxes-forms/privilege-license-tax>

Business Privilege License and Tax – Raleigh – Phone: 1-800-679-3611

<https://www.businesslicenses.com/Licenses/NC/Durham/Raleigh-3706355000/Business-Privilege-License-45446/>

Business Privilege License and Tax – Wake County – Phone: 919-856-5400

<https://www.wakegov.com/departments-government/tax-administration>

Workers Compensation – NC Industrial Commission – Phone: 919-716-1700

<http://www.ic.nc.gov>

5. Resources for Minority – Owned Businesses

US Minority Business Development Agency - Phone: 202-482-2332

<https://www.mbda.gov>

NC Institute of Minority Economic Development – Phone: 919-956-8889

www.ncimed.com

City of Raleigh Minority & Women Owned Enterprise – Phone: 919-996-5740

<https://raleighnc.gov/services/doing-business/minority-and-women-owned-business-enterprise-mwbe>

6. Financing Loans

SBA Preferred Lenders – Phone – Raleigh: 919-532-5525

<https://www.sbalenders.com/top-sba-lenders-north-carolina/>

<https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/loans>

Self Help Credit Union – Phone: 1-800-476-7428 (Durham)

<https://www.self-help.org/who-we-are/self-help-family/self-help-credit-union>

SBA for Women Owned Businesses & Many Other Websites

<https://www.sba.gov/business-guide/grow-your-business/women-owned-businesses>

Small Business Financing Options

<https://digital.com/small-business-financing/>

Veterans Loans

<https://www.vafinancial.com/business-loans/>

7. Angel Investors

Angel Capital Association – Phone: 913-894-4700

<https://www.angelcapitalassociation.org/>

Inception Micro Angel Fund Sandhills, NC – Phone: 914-483-8133

<http://www.imaf-sandhills.com>

8. Venture Capital - Equity Investors

The Aurora Funds – Phone: 919-484-0400

<https://aurorafunds.com>

Intersouth Partners – Phone: 919-493-6640

www.intersouth.com

SJF Ventures – Phone: 919-530-1177 (Durham)

www.sjfventures.com

Southern Capitol Ventures – Phone: 919-858-7580

www.southcap.com

9. Grants for Women Owned Businesses

Grants from: Amber Grant, Cartier Women's Initiative, Tory Burch Foundation, Boston Women's Fund, Asian Women Giving Circle.

<https://www.business.org/finance/loans/small-business-grants-for-women/>

Merchant Maverick Opportunity Grant - Minority

<https://www.merchantmaverick.com/grant-application-page>

Emma Johnson Single Mother Grant

<https://www.wealthysnglemothermommy.com/single-mom-grant>

10. Grants General

NC Idea Grant – Micro & Seed

<https://ncidea.org>

FedEx Small Business Grant

<https://smallbusinessgrant.fedex.com>

National Association of the Self Employed Grant

<https://www.nase.org/become-a-member/member-benefits/business-resources/growth-grants>

FedEx Small Business Grants

<https://www.fedex.com/en-us/small-business/grant-contest.html>

Federal Grants

<https://www.grants.gov>

Walmart Small Business Grant

<https://walmart.org/how-we-give/local-community-grants>

Black Founder Start-Up Grant

<https://www.iamsogal.com/black-founder-startup-grant/>

Patagonia Grant

<https://www.patagonia.com/how-we-fund/>

Verizon Small Business Grant

<https://www.verizon.com/about/responsibility/grant-requirements>

Veterans Grants - Small Business

<https://www.merchantmaverick.com/business-grants-veterans/>

<https://www.usgrants.org/veteran-grants.htm>

<https://freegrantsforveterans.org/grants-for-veterans-in-north-carolina/>

11. Crowdfunding

4 Crowdfunding Platforms

1. Non Profit (sample sites)

www.Razoo.com

www.Crowdrise.com

www.Gofundme.com

2. Peer to Peer Lending Debt (sample sites)

www.Prospect.com

www.Somaolend.com

www.Lendingclub.com

3. Reward Based Crowdfunding (sample sites)

www.Kickstarter.com

www.Indigogo.com

www.Fundable.com

4. Equity Crowdfunding (sample sites)

www.Fundinglauchpad.com

www.Wefunder.com

www.Relayfund.com

Crowdfunding Websites (sample)

iFund Women Raleigh

<https://ifundwomen.com>

Fundly – Funding for Cause

<https://blog.fundly.com>

Comparison of Crowdfunding Websites – Inc Magazine

<https://www.inc.com/magazine/201111/comparison-of-crowdfunding-websites.html>

Crowdfunding Bible – Book

<http://crowdfundingguides.com/The%20Crowdfunding%20Bible.pdf>

Crowd-Funders Strategy - Book

<https://books.apple.com/us/book/a-crowdfunders-strategy-guide/id997088115>

57 Secrets of Crowdfunding - Book

<https://www.amazon.com/57-Secrets-Crowdfunding-Step-Strategy-ebook/dp/B00XQARRX4>

The Crowdfunding Revolution – Book (How to Raise Capital using Social Media)

<https://www.amazon.com/Crowdfunding-Revolution-Venture-Capital-Social/dp/0071790454>

12. Personal Credit Score & Resources

Credit Freeze Information NC Attorney General – Phone:

<https://ncdoj.gov/protecting-consumers/protecting-your-identity/free-security-freeze/>

Equifax – Phone: 1-800-685-1111

<https://www.equifax.com>

Experian – Phone: 1-888-397-3742

<https://www.experian.com>

TransUnion – Phone: 1-800-888-4213

<https://www.transunion.com/>

Annual Credit Report Request Service – Phone: 877-322-8228

<https://www.annualcreditreport.com/index.action>

13. Webhosting

<https://www.quicksprout.com/best-web-hosting/>

14. Social Networks

<https://aelieve.com/rankings/websites/category/online-communities/top-social-networking-sites/>

15. Credit Card Processors

<https://www.investopedia.com/best-credit-card-processing-companies-5080522>

16. Accounting Software

<https://www.thebalancesmb.com/best-accounting-software-4160269>

17. Trademarks

TM™ vs. R® - Which one is Right for your Trademark?

<https://www.clickandcopyright.com/blog/tm-vs-r-which-is-right-for-my-trademark/>

<https://esquiretrademarks.com/proper-use-of-trademark-symbol/>

United States Patent & Trademark Office

<https://www.uspto.gov>

18. Demographics

United States Demographics

<https://www.worldometers.info/demographics/us-demographics/>

United States Census

<https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/fact/table/US/AGE295219>

US Census North Carolina

<https://www.census.gov/library/stories/state-by-state/north-carolina-population-change-between-census-decade.html>

Wake County NC Demographics

<https://www.wakegov.com/departments-government/planning-development-inspections/planning/census-demographics>

US Labor & Wage Statistics North Carolina

https://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes_nc.htm

NC Government Data Analytic Center

<https://it.nc.gov/services/nc-government-data-analytics-center>

19. Wake County Library Business Section

To research Wake County Library databases, you need a Wake County Library Card and a Password. You can get both by visiting your local library.

To access the databases, go to:

www.wakegov.com/departments-government/libraries/research-learn and select “Library Databases”.

Databases include:

ABI/INFORM Collection

Business research from journals, trade publications, market research reports, dissertations, and working papers.

Business Market Research Collection

This database contains company, industry, economic and geopolitical market research from three sources, including Hoover's Company Profiles, OxResearch from Oxford Analytica, and Snapshots.

Data-Axle Reference Solutions (formerly known as ReferenceUSA)

Reference and research tool providing instant, real-time access to accurate, in-depth information on 24 million U.S. businesses and 235 million U.S. residents. Data-Axle makes it faster and easier to find new business opportunities, research executives and companies, find news articles, conduct job searches, research papers, locate addresses and phone numbers, conduct market research and much more.

Entrepreneurship Database

Information for entrepreneurs and researchers that includes business start-up plans, video clips, journals, business cases, and more.

Wall Street Journal

Premier business newspaper articles from 1984 to present.

You can also access the online Business Resources Information Guide by going to guides.wakegov.com/business.

20. Exporting

What are the INCO-Term's (International Commercial Terms for Shipping Products)

<https://incodocs.com/blog/incoterms-2020-explained-the-complete-guide/>

<https://www.trade.gov/know-your-incoterms>

U.S. Export Commercial Service North Carolina

<https://2016.export.gov/northcarolina/>

A Basic Guide to Exporting

<https://grow.exim.gov/basic-guide-to-exporting>

Export Planner - SBA

<https://www.sba.gov/sites/default/files/SBA%20Export%20Business%20Planner.pdf>

Trade Statistics (Census Bureau Foreign Trade Division)

<https://www.census.gov/foreign-trade/reference/products/catalog/usatradeonline.html>

Export Credit Insurance EXIM

<https://www.exim.gov/what-we-do/export-credit-insurance>

BIS Export Licenses (Bureau of Industry and Security)

<https://bis.doc.gov>

Economic and Trade Sanctions

<https://home.treasury.gov/policy-issues/office-of-foreign-assets-control-sanctions-programs-and-information>

Letter of Credit and other Payment from a Foreign Buyer.

<https://www.investopedia.com/terms/l/letterofcredit.asp>

<https://www.trade.gov/methods-payment>

Managing Across Borders The Transnational Solution - Book

<https://www.amazon.com/Managing-Across-Borders-Transnational-Solution/dp/1578517079>

The Cultural Environment Of International Business - Book

<https://www.amazon.com/Cultural-Environment-International-Sb-Principles-Marketing/dp/0538800038>

Managing Cultural Differences – Book

<https://www.amazon.com/Managing-Cultural-Differences-Robert-Moran/dp/1856179230>

21. SCORE Information

For more SCORE information check [score.org](https://www.score.org) click on “Browse the Library”
You can narrow your search to “Business Stage, Topic, Format” and several other options.

Below are some samples of SCORE Information in blog format.

Women owned Business

<https://www.score.org/blog/overcoming-financial-challenges-women-business-owners>

<https://www.biz2credit.com/research-reports/women-owned-business-study-2022>

<https://www.score.org/blog/11-funding-options-female-entrepreneurs>

<https://www.score.org/blog/overcoming-financial-challenges-women-business-owners>

Black Business Owners

<https://www.score.org/blog/9-ways-be-ally-black-professionals-and-business-owners>

<https://www.score.org/blog/13-black-business-owners-share-their-secrets-success>

Veterans Business Owners

<https://www.score.org/blog/best-funding-sources-veteran-entrepreneurs>

<https://www.score.org/blog/8-resources-help-veteran-entrepreneurs-small-businesses>

<https://www.score.org/blog/how-veterans-who-want-help-other-veterans-can-start-non-profit>

General Business Information

<https://www.score.org/blog/understanding-differences-between-angel-investors-and-venture-capitalists>

<https://www.score.org/blog/my-loan-application-was-rejected-what's-next>

<https://www.score.org/resource/6-negotiating-tips-startups-seeking-funds>

<https://www.score.org/resource/business-loan-estimator-tool>

<https://www.score.org/blog/how-get-small-business-grant>

<https://www.score.org/blog/10-critical-numbers-determine-health-your-business>

<https://www.score.org/blog/4-reasons-you're-not-getting-approved-business-financing>

<https://www.score.org/blog/11-steps-protect-your-business-name>