

GoForth's Guide to Registering Your Business

Before Registering: Make sure you determine what type of business structure you will be using (sole-proprietorship, partnership or corporation) and what the name of your business is going to be. For more information on these topics check out GoForth's [Entrepreneur Library](#).

If you're all set to register your business follow the steps below:

Step 1: Register with Canada Revenue Agency.

In order to run a business in Canada, most businesses are required to register with Canada Revenue Agency. Once you've registered your business, you will receive a [business number](#) to be used for these and other accounts:

- GST/HST
- Payroll deductions
- Corporate income tax
- Import/Export account

Click to register now: <http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/tx/bsnss/tpcs/bn-ne/rgstr/menu-eng.html>

Step 2: Your business may also require additional registrations with different government departments, depending on the type of business you own. Visit www.canadabusiness.gc.ca and follow the steps below:

1. Select **Starting a Business** from the list of topics, which will appear at the left-hand side of your screen.
2. Next, select **Business name and registration** from the list provided.
3. Click on **Registering your business** and scroll down the page to **Provincial and territorial business registration**

Quick link: <http://www.canadabusiness.ca/eng/guide/1282/>

4. Read through the organizations listed and determine if your business should be registered with them as well
5. Select any organizations that apply. At the bottom of each page you'll see a link to **Learn more, Find contacts** and **Access application form(s)**. All of these link you directly to the organization's home site.