New Company Setup Checklist

CHECKLIST		
	Choose type of business entity. Business entity type:	Sole-Proprietor, Partnership, Corporation, S Corporation, Non-Profit, LLC
	Apply for IRS Employer Identification Number (EIN), if applicable.	Online: <u>www.irs.gov</u>
	Verify the Business Name is Available	Online Business Search: sos.ca.gov
	Register with state as a business. If corporation, file letters of incorporation. If partnership, create and sign partnership agreement.	Online: Sos.ca.gov
	If, Non-Profit: File Form 1023 or 1023ez (if Gross Receipts less than \$50,000 and Assets less than \$250,000)	Online: Pay.gov Filing Fee \$275-\$600
	If Non-Profit: File Form FTB 3500 or 3500A to apply for CA Tax Exempt Status	Online: ftb.ca.gov Filing Fee \$0-\$25
	Register Business with County Recorder Office and Publish FBN	File FBN & Publish FBN \$70/\$50 = \$120
	If Corporation, LLC, File Statement of Information with Secretary of State within 90 days after business formation	Online: Sos.ca.gov Filing Fee \$30
	Create Bylaws that outline the operations of the organization	
	Choose Agent of Service to receive legal documents on organizations behalf.	
Additional Services:		
	Professional Business Email	Annual Fee \$75 and up depending on add-ons
	Domain Name Registration for website	Godaddy
	Website Builder: Basic with Template	Godaddy.com
The following are next steps for you to do:		
	Obtain county and city business licenses.	
	Purchase insurance plan(s).	
	Select end of fiscal year. Fiscal year-end:	December 31
	Choose an accounting method: [Cash/Accrual] Cash = Report Income & Expenses when received & paid Accrual = Report Income & Expenses when earned & accrued	Cash
	Open a business banking account.	
	Consider contracting with payroll processing firm and/or record-keeping firm.	
	Consult with Attorney. We are not Attorneys and cannot provide you with legal advice.	

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