

How to open your business in Canada

1. Get Certified

Take a certified course from us in the fields that you would like to open your business in.

2. Choose a Business Name

Pick a name that you would like for your business.

3. Register on Canada.ca

Register your business name.

Register for a Business Number (BN).

Register for an HST number (if applicable).

4. Pick Your Location

Find a location for your store. Verify that the location allows the type of business you want to open.

Do a zoning search through your city to confirm usage permissions.

5. Set Up Your Store

Furnish and equip your business space according to your needs and regulations.

Set up utilities.

6. Create Your Online Presence

Set up your social media accounts.

Build and launch your website.

7. Decide on Staffing

Decide whether you will hire employees.

Contact the Government of Canada for employer registration and payroll setup.

8. Public Health Inspections

Contact public health for a pre-inspection checklist.

Follow setup guidelines for legal compliance.

Schedule the final inspection.

If passed, you'll receive official documentation.

9. Insurance

Contact a licensed insurance provider to obtain business coverage.

10. City Business Licence

Call your city to apply for a business licence.

Submit all required documents including inspection reports and proof of insurance.

11. Open a Business Bank Account

Visit your preferred bank to open a business account.

12. Set Up services & Marketing

Choose a business Interac/payment provider.

Call your internet and phone service providers.

Contact sign/advertising companies.

Reach out to marketing professionals.