



# British Columbia's Small Business Resources

*We've heard from the small business community around British Columbia and we've developed resources to support the success of small business — Small Business is Big Business in B.C.*

## HOW B.C. HELPS SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS

**Small Business Roundtable** – established in 2005 to engage in a dialogue with small business owners to identify key issues and opportunities facing small businesses, developing recommendations for small business and government on strategies to enhance small business growth and success. [www.smallbusinessroundtable.ca](http://www.smallbusinessroundtable.ca)

**Regulatory Reform** – Whether you're a business owner or a citizen accessing government programs or services, you don't want to spend a long time filling out forms and searching government websites. That's why the Government of British Columbia has been working steadily on Regulatory Reform since 2001 to streamline services and eliminate the burden of excessive and unnecessary regulatory requirements on B.C.'s citizens and businesses. [www.gov.bc.ca/regulatoryreform](http://www.gov.bc.ca/regulatoryreform)

**Small Business Accord** – The B.C. Government created the Small Business Accord to improve interactions with small business and ensure government initiatives and services consider the needs of small business to help foster a progressive business culture where government initiatives support current and future generations of small business owners across B.C. [www.gov.bc.ca/smallbusinessaccord](http://www.gov.bc.ca/smallbusinessaccord)

## ONLINE GUIDES AND PUBLICATIONS

**Starting a Small Business Guide** (in English and 4 translated languages)  
[www.resourcecentre.gov.bc.ca/pdf/Start\\_SmlBusiness.pdf](http://www.resourcecentre.gov.bc.ca/pdf/Start_SmlBusiness.pdf)

**Small Business Highlights Page**  
<http://www.resourcecentre.gov.bc.ca/pdf/SB-Highlights.pdf>

**A Guide to Doing Business with the Government of B.C.**  
[www.resourcecentre.gov.bc.ca/pdf/Guide.pdf](http://www.resourcecentre.gov.bc.ca/pdf/Guide.pdf)

**Import / Export Guide** (in English and 4 translated languages)  
[www.resourcecentre.gov.bc.ca/pdf/ImpptExptGuideEng.pdf](http://www.resourcecentre.gov.bc.ca/pdf/ImpptExptGuideEng.pdf)

**Starting a Restaurant in B.C.**  
[www.gov.bc.ca/startingarestaurant](http://www.gov.bc.ca/startingarestaurant)

**More publications and guides**  
[www.resourcecentre.gov.bc.ca/publications.html](http://www.resourcecentre.gov.bc.ca/publications.html)

## SMALL BUSINESS RESOURCES

-  Business Advisory Services
-  Government Service
-  Tools and Resources
-  Education
-  Financing
-  Online Registration
-  Permits and Licences
-  Mentorship
-  Export

### Small Business BC

B.C.'s key resource centre for comprehensive small business information and services. Funded by the provincial and federal governments, SBBC can assist you with business planning, financing, registration and any other topics related to starting and growing a business in B.C. [www.smallbusinessbc.ca](http://www.smallbusinessbc.ca)

### OneStop Business Registry

Complete the most commonly required business registrations and transactions online. Ph: 1 877 822-6727 [www.bcbusinessregistry.ca](http://www.bcbusinessregistry.ca)

### BizPaL

Offered in partnership by the provincial, federal and participating local governments, BizPaL is an online service that provides simplified access to information about business permits and licences that may be required for a particular business type and its related activities. [www.bcbizpal.ca](http://www.bcbizpal.ca)

## Community Futures British Columbia

Delivering a variety of services ranging from strategic economic and succession planning, technical and advisory services, loans, self-employment assistance, and services targeted to youth and entrepreneurs with disabilities. There are 34 offices in B.C. offering counselling and assistance for new and existing businesses.

Ph: 604 289-4222

[www.communityfutures.ca](http://www.communityfutures.ca)

## Futurpreneur

Provides mentoring services and loans to grow the economy one young entrepreneur at a time. Ph: 1 866 646-2922

[www.futurpreneur.ca](http://www.futurpreneur.ca)

## MentorshipBC

Created in response to demand from B.C. small business owners – if you've been looking for a mentor simply use the search tool on the MentorshipBC homepage to find a mentorship program that works for you.

[www.mentorshipbc.ca](http://www.mentorshipbc.ca)

## Address Change BC

If you are moving within British Columbia, you can use Address Change BC to update your business records with provincial and local government organizations.

[www.addresschange.gov.bc.ca](http://www.addresschange.gov.bc.ca)

## BCBid

Access, create, browse and compete on public sector business opportunities. A simplified two-page request for proposal form allows business owners to quickly and easily bid for government contracts and increase opportunities to grow their business.

Enquiry BC line: 1 800 663-7867

[www.bcbid.gov.bc.ca](http://www.bcbid.gov.bc.ca)

## eTaxBC

Provincial sales tax help, including tools and services for business operators, a toll-free helpline and online support for questions or webinars about sales tax. Ph: 1 877 388-4440

[www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/taxes/sales-taxes/pst](http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/taxes/sales-taxes/pst)

## Employers' Advisers Office

Providing independent advice, assistance, representation and education to employers, potential employers and employer associations concerning workers' compensation issues. Ph: 1 800 925-2233

[www.labour.gov.bc.ca/eao/](http://www.labour.gov.bc.ca/eao/)

## BritishColumbia.ca

The Province's trade and investment website is the digital hub for promoting B.C. internationally. The website helps communities showcase their strengths and highlights business opportunities on the global stage.

[www.britishcolumbia.ca/invest](http://www.britishcolumbia.ca/invest)

## Investment Capital Programs

Offering tax credits to investors making equity capital investments in British Columbia based small businesses. Ph: 1 800 665-6597

[www.equitycapital.gov.bc.ca](http://www.equitycapital.gov.bc.ca)

## Women's Enterprise Centre

B.C.'s leading resource for women entrepreneurs, offering skills development, business loans, free business guidance, business resources, mentoring, networking and events. Ph: 1 800 643-7014

[www.womensenterprise.ca](http://www.womensenterprise.ca)

## Aboriginal Business Service Network

A collective of Aboriginal business service providers in B.C. who enhance access to business information and resources for Aboriginal entrepreneurs.

[www.absn.ca](http://www.absn.ca)

## Service BC

Province-wide access to government services including key government transactions for business – in person, online or over the phone.

Service BC Contact Centre: 1 800 663-7867

[www.servicebc.gov.bc.ca](http://www.servicebc.gov.bc.ca)

## BC Online

Access to e-government services for legal, business, government and professionals. Online information is available for the corporate registry, property assessments and court services.

[www.bconline.gov.bc.ca](http://www.bconline.gov.bc.ca)

## Corporate Online

Provides online filings to create and maintain companies in British Columbia.

[www.corporateonline.gov.bc.ca](http://www.corporateonline.gov.bc.ca)

## FrontCounter BC

A single window service for natural resource clients of provincial resource ministries and agencies to obtain all the information and authorizations they need to start or expand a business.

Enquiry BC line: 1 800 663-7867

[www.frontcounterbc.gov.bc.ca](http://www.frontcounterbc.gov.bc.ca)

## WorkBC.ca

WorkBC is committed to help British Columbian's successfully navigate B.C.'s labour market. Search the comprehensive job board or use up-to-date labour market information to help guide your education and career path. Ph: 1 877 952-6914

[www.workbc.ca](http://www.workbc.ca)

## LNG-Buy BC

Created to connect LNG project proponents with B.C. companies large and small in every corner of British Columbia. The government of British Columbia is working to ensure the entire B.C. business community can participate fully in LNG and other major project opportunities; LNG-Buy BC where buyers connect with suppliers.

<https://lngbuybc.force.com/>

## Western Economic Diversification Canada

Working to diversify the western economy, by supporting business development through initiatives like the Western Innovation Initiative to assist small and medium sized enterprises to commercialize new and innovative technologies. Ph: 1 888 338-937

[www.wd-deo.gc.ca/eng/](http://www.wd-deo.gc.ca/eng/)