



Register as a Construction Contractor in Washington

Step 1: Choose Your Business Structure (Entity) & File Applications.

Corporate structures should first file with Secretary of State (SOS).

This includes corporations, Limited Partnerships, LLP, and LLCs:

Apply online: www.secstate.wa.gov/corps

All Business Structures must file a Business License Application with Department of Revenue Business Licensing Service (DOR) and a tax account:

- Apply online: dor.wa.gov or complete an application at your local L&I Office
 - Note: We cannot process your registration until we verify a business license application has been filed and open excise tax account.

Unless you are a sole proprietor with no employees, you must have an Employer Identification Number:

- Apply online: www.irs.gov, or contact the Internal Revenue Service at 1-800-829-4933.

Step 2: Register as a Construction Contractor

Submit your contractor registration application and required documents to an L&I office. For a list of office locations visit our website at www.Lni.wa.gov.

Your completed application

Each principal owner, corporate officer, member, and partner listed with DOR must complete the affidavit of Signature section of the application.

- **Each principal (Owner, member, partner, or corporate officer) must provide a social security number or ITIN.**
- If a principal has any unsatisfied final judgments for work subject to [chapter 18.27 RCW](#) or certain types of unpaid debt are owed to L&I, this application will be denied.

A Surety Bond or Assigned Savings Account

Bond/Savings Required Amounts	
General Contractor	\$30,000.00
Specialty Contractor	\$15,000.00

A Certificate of Liability Insurance listing L&I as the certificate holder.

(Use the address at the top left corner of application)

Insurance Required Amounts	
Property Damage	\$50,000.00
+ Bodily Injury	\$200,000.00
Total per Occurrence	\$250,000.00

The registration fee of \$132.60 (check or money order if mailing the application) All forms of payment accepted in person at any L&I office.

*The business name on the contractor registration application, certificate of liability insurance, and bond must be listed/registered with DOR. All documents must be signed originals.

It is the construction contractor's responsibility to be knowledgeable of Contractor Registration Laws: [Chapter 18.27 RCW](#) and Chapter [296-200A-WAC](#). For more information on the construction contractor rules/regulations and other general information, visit our website at <https://www.lni.wa.gov/RegisterAsAContractor>

Instructions for Completing the Application

- 1 **Select the type of contractor:**
 - General contractor – Requires a \$30,000.00 bond and may perform more than one construction trade
 - Specialty contractor – Requires a \$15,000.00 bond and may only perform the trade selected. Scope of work and additional requirements for each trade can be found in [WAC 296-200A-016](#).
- 2 **Select your business structure:** Structure under which your business operates. Corporate structures should contact the WA Secretary of State before completing this application.
- 3 **Select the type of work you will perform:** This information is for statistical reasons only.
- 4 **Will you have employees?:** Select 'yes' if you plan on hiring in the next 90 days. You will also need to open a Worker's Compensation account with L&I through [DOR](#).
- 5 **Business/Trade Name:** The name you are doing business as (DBA) must be registered with [DOR](#) and match the DBA listed on your bond and certificate of liability insurance. If you do not have a DBA, use your personal or corporate name registered with SOS. See [RCW 18.27.100](#) for advertising regulations. Business names over 30 characters in length will be abbreviate on your contractor registration.
- 6 **The Unified Business Identifier (UBI)** - a 9-digit number issued to individuals and companies doing business in the State of Washington.
- 7 **Parent Company:** Enter the corporate name registered with SOS, if different than business name.
- 8 **Business Mailing address:** The address where your business mail is received. This may be a PO Box.
- 9 **Physical/Street Address:** Provide the physical location of your business. PO Boxes are not accepted.
- 10 **Business Phone Number:** Provide the primary telephone number of the business.
- 11 **Email:** To be notified of upcoming contractor training events and changes to contractor laws.

Instructions for Completing the Principal Affidavit

- 1 **What is your role in this company:** Select the position you hold at the company. Each owner, member, partner or corporate office (title required – e.g. President, Secretary) must complete an affidavit and their signature individually notarized.
- 2 **Full legal name as shown on your government-issued photo ID (Last, First, Middle):** Enter the legal name **exactly as shown** on your legally issued government photo identification.
- 3 **Driver's license/government-issued ID number:** Enter the driver's license number or the ID number from your government-issued photo identification.
- 4 **Social Security Number or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number:** The contractor registration law ([RCW 18.27.030\(1\)\(a\)](#)) requires you to provide your social security number or ITIN.
- 5 **Date of Birth:** Each individual must provide their date of birth. Enter as MM/DD/YYYY. Applicants must be age 18 or older.
- 6 **Residential Address:** The physical location where you reside. PO Boxes are not accepted.
- 7 **Have you or your spouse/registered domestic partner ever been registered as a construction contractor in WA:** If you mark **No**, and you or your spouse/registered domestic partner have been previously registered, you may be fined up to \$10,000 for falsification of this application. If you selected **Yes**, list the UBI and contractor registration number for any previous registrations. Will the company continue to do business? If you select **No**, we will place the registration in a relicensed status.
- 8 **Has anyone with common ownership, management or control within this company ever been registered as a contractor in WA?**

If you mark No, and the department finds that to be false, you may be fined up to \$10,000 for falsification of this application.

“Successor” means an applicant operating with all or part of the assets of another entity previously registered under this chapter, where the applicant is under substantially common ownership, management, or control of the other entity.



Application For Construction Contractor Registration

Application Fee: \$132.60

UBI

For L&I Use Only:

Entered by: _____	Verified by: _____	Validate:
Effective Date: _____	Reg. #: _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> BLS-business license	<input type="checkbox"/> Tax Warrants	
<input type="checkbox"/> DOR-excise tax account	<input type="checkbox"/> Bond Judgement(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Relicensing
<input type="checkbox"/> Infractions	<input type="checkbox"/> Name Change	
<input type="checkbox"/> Age Verification	<input type="checkbox"/> Successorship	

Falsifying information on the application is a violation of [RCW 18.27.100\(7\)](#). You may be fined up to \$10,000 and L&I could revoke or deny the application.

1. Type of Contractor (select one)

General Contractor – May perform more than one construction trade. \$30,000 bond is required

Specialty Contractor – Can perform only **one** trade. If you selected Specialty Contractor, you must list your specialty trade. (Trade types are listed at the end of the application.) \$15,000 bond is required

Specialty Trade: _____

2. Business structure: (select one)

Sole Proprietor Partnership Corporation*

LLP* LLC* Other _____

**Corporate structures should contact SOS before applying*

3. Type of work performed (select one)

Commercial Residential Both

Question is for statistical reasons and you will not be held to the type you choose.

4. Will you hire employees?

Yes Account number if available : _____ No

5. Business Name (DBA)	6. UBI Number:
7. Parent Company Name (Entity Name)	
8. Business Mailing Address	City State Zip Code
9. Business Physical Location (if different - no PO Boxes)	City State Zip Code
10. Business Phone Number	11. Email address (required)



Specialty Contractor Trade Types

For definitions of specialty codes, please visit the L&I web site at www.Contractors.Lni.wa.gov.
Lni.wa.gov/RegisterAsAContractor

BG	Appliances, equipment	HM	Handyman	SY	Steel erectors
XX	Asbestos and lead	BR	House moving	SZ	Structural pest control
SA	Awnings, canopies, patio covers and exterior screens	SM	Heating, ventilation, air-conditioning and refrigeration (HVAC/R)	RA	Suspended ceilings and acoustical tile
AC	Boiler, steam fitting, process piping	SN	Industrial equipment/machines	RB	Swimming pools, spas and hot tubs
SB	Cabinets, millwork and finish carpentry	BT	Institutional equipment, stationary furniture, lab tables, lockers	RC	Tanks and tank removal
SC	Central vacuum systems	SO	Insulation, moisture control and acoustical	RE	Tile, ceramic, mosaic and natural and manufactured stone
SD	Closets	BV	Irrigation sprinkler systems	RF	Tree removal
AB	Commercial/industrial refrigeration	BW	Landscaping	RG	Utilities and telecommunications
BI	Concrete	SP	Lathing and plastering	RH	Window coverings
SE	Construction, fire or water damage clean-up	SQ	Locks, security alarms and warning systems	CP	Water conditioning equipment
SF	Demolitions and salvage	BZ	Masonry	RI	Welding and ornamental metal
SG	Doors, gates and activating devices	SR	Manufactured/mobile home set up	RJ	Wood/pellet and gas stove
RK	Drain cleaning and snaking	CG	Metal Fabrication/ sheet metal	WD	Well Drilling
BK	Drywall	OG	Overhead/Garage doors		
Electrical: Please see RCW 19.28		CB	Painting and wall covering		
BL	Elevator	SS	Paving/stripping/seal coating		
SI	Excavation, grading and land clearing	PW	Pressure washing		
BN	Fencing	CD	Roofing		
SJ	Fireproofing and coating	ST	Sandblasting		
BO	Fire protection	SU	Sanitation systems and/or side sewers		
SK	Floor covering and counter tops	SV	Scaffolding and safety railings		
SL	Framing and rough carpentry	CF	Service station equipment and maintenance		
BP	Glass and glazing	SW	Siding		
CV	Gutters and downspouts	SX	Signs		