



Nash County

North Carolina

Where Business meets Opportunity

Small Business Resource Guide

Small businesses are a critical component of economic strength. Nash County is committed to helping existing businesses and budding entrepreneurs grow and thrive by connecting you with the resources you need to succeed.

If you need additional assistance or help finding a business location, visit [Nash County Economic Development](#)

Links to Resources

[Nash County Tax Department](#): business property taxes

[Nash County Planning & Zoning Department](#): permit application forms

[Nash County Health Department](#): food and restaurant businesses

[U.S. FDA](#): Food production

[City of Rocky Mount](#): Documents and forms

[Nash Community College Small Business Center](#): free business counseling, business plan format

[U.S. Small Business Administration](#): business plan format, funding, federal and state ID numbers

[Thread Capital](#): nonprofit resource for NC small businesses and entrepreneurs

How to Start a Business

1. Conduct market research

Gather info about potential customers and businesses in your area.

2. Write your business plan

This is the roadmap for how to structure, run, and grow in your new business.

[NCC Small Business Center: How to Start a Business Plan](#)

3. Fund your business

If you don't have the amount of money on hand needed to start your business, you'll need to either raise or borrow the capital.

[Small Business Administration: Fund Your Business](#)

4. Pick your business location

Whether online or brick-and-mortar, location can affect taxes, legal requirements, and revenue

[See what sites are available at Nash County Economic Development](#)

5. Choose a business structure

The legal structure will impact your business registration requirements, amount you pay in taxes, and personal liability.

[Small Business Administration: Choose a Business Structure](#)

6. Choose your business name

Your name will reflect your brand. You'll want to make sure your name isn't already being used by someone else.

[NC Secretary of State: Business Registration Search](#)

7. Register your business

If doing business under a name different than your own, register with the federal government and possibly state government.

[Federal government business registration](#)

[North Carolina business registration](#)

8. Get federal and state tax IDs

Your employer identification number (EIN) is important for opening a bank account and paying taxes.

[Get your EIN here](#)

[NC Department of Revenue](#)

[Nash County Tax Department: business property taxes](#)

9. Apply for licenses and permits

Licenses and permits will vary by industry, state, location, and other factors

[If your business is in Rocky Mount](#)

[If your business is in Nash County and outside of Rocky Mount](#)

10. Open a business bank account

Handle legal, tax, and day-to-day issues

Business Networking Resources

[Rocky Mount Chamber of Commerce](#)
[Nashville Chamber of Commerce](#)

[Spring Hope Chamber of Commerce](#)
[Bailey Chamber of Commerce](#)