

APPLICATION FOR BUSINESS TAX LICENSE INSTRUCTIONS

1. Select the classification under which your dominant business activity falls. "Dominant business activity" means the business activity that is the major and principal source of taxable gross sales of the business. If you need assistance in determining the appropriate business tax classification, please ask your county clerk or the designated city business tax official. You may also wish to refer to the document "Determining Your Business Tax Classification," which is available at tn.gov/revenue. Enter the month on which the taxpayer's fiscal year ends.

Entities having less than \$10,000 in annual gross receipts may either select the option for "Minimal Activity License" or register for a regular business license in the appropriate business classification. Minimal Activity Licenses are valid for only the fiscal year selected. Each year in which the taxpayer will have less than \$10,000 in annual gross receipts, a new Minimal Activity License must be obtained.

2. Select the reason for which the application is being filed - new business, additional location, or the purchase of an existing business.
3. Enter the date on which the applicant began or will begin conducting business activities at the location for which registration is being made.
4. Enter the name and exact location address of the business being registered. Include the business name, street address, city, state, and zip code.
5. Enter the mailing address of the business being registered. Enter the legal name (if different from location name), street address or post office box number, city, state, and zip code. **If the legal name and mailing address are identical to the information in Item 4, leave Item 5 blank.**
6. Enter the name of the county in which the business is located. Indicate whether the business is located within the limits of a city in the county. If the business is located within the limits of a city, enter the name of the city. **Note: A business located within the limits of a city may have a business tax obligation for both the county and the city. If so, the business must obtain a business license from both the county and the city.**
7. Enter the telephone number and, if applicable, the fax number of the business being registered.
8. Enter the name of a contact person for the business being registered. Enter the contact person's email address.
9. Enter the Federal Employer's Identification Number (FEIN) of the business being registered. If the business has applied for but not received an FEIN, so indicate. If no FEIN is required, so indicate.
10. If the business being registered currently has a sales and use tax account with the Tennessee Department of Revenue, enter the sales and use tax account number. If the business has applied for but not received a sales and use tax account number, so indicate. If no sales or use tax account number is required, so indicate.
11. Select the legal structure type of the business being registered.
12. Enter the Tennessee Secretary of State identification number of the business being registered, if applicable.
13. Enter a description of the business activities being performed by the business at the location being registered. Indicate the main products and services sold at this business location. Please be as detailed as possible.
14. Enter the names, home addresses, and home telephone numbers of two owners, officers, or partners in the business being registered. **If the owner is an individual, enter the owner's social security number and check the appropriate box.** If the owner is a business entity, enter the owner's FEIN and check the appropriate box. Finally, check the box to indicate whether the person is an individual or business entity owner, partner, officer, or member. This information is critical. It will allow us to identify persons with whom we may discuss the business tax account when needed.
15. The application must be signed by an individual owner, partner, or officer of the business being registered. The person who signs the application must be listed in Item 14 on the application form. Indicate the title of the person signing the application (i.e., owner, partner, officer) and the date on which the application is signed.



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USE OF SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS

Tennessee Code Annotated Section 67-6-602(a) provides that applications for certificate of registration shall be on forms provided by the Department of Revenue and shall include the applicants name, business address and *"such other information as the commissioner requires"*.

42 United States Code Section 405 (c)(2)(C) provides: It is the policy of the United States that any state (or political subdivision thereof) may, in the administration of any tax, general public assistance, driver's license or motor vehicle registration law within its jurisdiction, utilize the social security account numbers issued by the Commissioner of Social Security for the purpose of establishing the identification of individuals affected by such law and may require any individual who is or appears to be affected by such State (or political subdivision thereof) any agency thereof having administrative responsibility for the laws involved, the social security account number (or numbers, if he has more than one such number) issued to him by the Commissioner of Social Security.

The combination of the above laws is the basis for our department requiring social security numbers. Tennessee Code Annotated Section 67-1-1701 et seq. prohibits employees of the Department of Revenue from disclosing tax information, including taxpayers' social security numbers for purposes other than tax administration or other limited purposes provided in that law. Failure to comply with this request could result in denial of a registration application.