

2011 Survey of States with One Stop Business Licensing

In 2011, Kentucky reviewed all state websites to identify which states operate one stop business portals. At that time, 12 states operated such portals. The Department of Revenue recently reviewed the previously identified state portals to determine if the online ability to obtain state business licenses includes an ability to obtain local business licenses.

State	State Only	State & Local	Website	Comments
Delaware	✓		https://onestop.delaware.gov/osbrlpublic/	Includes discussion about licenses and permits. The site suggests contacting local officials for information about county and city business licenses. http://revenue.delaware.gov/information/faqs_lic.shtml
Kentucky	✓		http://kentucky.gov/business/Pages/default.aspx#startABusinessInKentucky	Includes discussion about licenses and permits. The site suggests contacting local officials for information about county and city business licenses and provides a link to search by locality.
Maryland	✓		https://egov.maryland.gov/businessexpress	Maryland Business Express portal. Clerk of Circuit Court for county licenses. Includes database of county level licenses and who to contact for information
Michigan	✓		http://www.michigan.gov/business/	Michigan Business One Stop
Nebraska	✓		https://www.nebraska.gov/osbr/index.cgi	Nebraska One-Stop Business. <i>“Most cities in Nebraska do require you to apply for a local business license while conducting business within the city or county limits. This can easily be applied for by visiting your city or counties website online or in person.”</i> http://www.cityapplications.com/business-licenses/NE-Nebraska/biz-Nebraska.html
Nevada	✓		https://nvsilverflume.gov/home	SilverFlume – Nevada’s Business Portal. New Business Checklist provides 5 steps, one of which is to assess local licensing and zoning requirements (no links to other sites). https://nvsilverflume.gov/checklist
New Jersey	✓		http://www.nj.gov/njbusiness/	Starting a Business Checklist <i>“All businesses should contact the municipality and county in which the business is located to determine if there are any local regulations to which the business must adhere. Also check whether any permits are required for your business to operate.”</i>
New York City			http://www.nyc.gov/portal/site/businessexpress	NYC Business Express. City licenses only

Ohio	✓		http://business.ohio.gov/	Ohio Business Gateway. Includes search function for local municipal net profit tax info. Google search for Ohio local business license brought up City Applications (http://www.cityapplications.com/business-licenses/OH-Ohio/biz-Ohio.html) with links nine cities.
South Carolina	✓		https://www.scbos.sc.gov/	South Carolina Business One Stop (SCBOS). Landing page with link to local resources page that provide links to local information
Tennessee	✓		https://tnbear.tn.gov/NewBiz/ https://apps.tn.gov/bizreg/	Smart Startup Guide explains that businesses likely need to obtain local business license through the county clerk office.
Utah	✓		http://corporations.utah.gov/online_bus_reg.html	OneStop Online Business Registration. For new businesses only. Frequently Asked Questions guide provides contact information and links if the city has a website.
Virginia	?		http://businessonestop.virginia.gov/Business	Business One Stop. Steps to launching a business notes that the online registration system can provide many local business licenses, but also recommends contacting towns, cities, and counties for business license requirements.
Others since Kentucky's 2011 report				
Hawaii	✓		https://portal.hawaii.gov/business/register-a-business-online	Hawai'i Business Express. Steps to Starting a Business provides links to four county sites.
Missouri			No online licensing	
New York			http://licensecenter.ny.gov/business-licenses	License wizard provides a summary of requirements and limited links to apply on line.

Suggested improvement from the report Innovation in Government: [The Kentucky Business One Stop Portal Assessment](#)

“The biggest issue mentioned was the inability of state business one-stop websites to link users to the appropriate level of local government to determine the need to comply with local requirements. Sites should be expanded to include local government agencies to fully meet the definition of “one-stop” for businesses dealing with government. At a minimum, links to local governments should be provided based on the address/zip code and type of business being licensed/registered by the user.”