



Free Programs, Information, and DIY Resources



for Vermont's Small Businesses

Vermont Law & Graduate School Entrepreneurial Legal Lab (VLSell)

- Free educational consults on legal topics
- Paid lawyer referrals (5-10 hours) for qualifying businesses
- <https://www.vermontlaw.edu/cnpp>

Community Legal Information Center (CLIC)

- Free legal information and resources
- Accessed either on VLGS' campus, or delivered to your local library
- <https://www.vermontlaw.edu/academics/library/CLIC>

Veterans Legal Assistance Project (VLA)

- Free legal assistance for veterans
- <https://www.vermontlaw.edu/academics/clinics-and-externships/south-royalton-legal-clinic/projects/vlap>

Vermont Small Business Development Center (VtSBDC)

- Free expert business assistance for small business owners and entrepreneurs
- <https://www.vtsbdc.org>

VtSBDC Community Navigator Pilot Program Webinars

- Past webinars on various legal topics
- <https://www.vtsbdc.org/cnpp-webinars/>

Center for Agriculture and Food Systems (CAFS)

- Free tools and resources for agriculture and food businesses
- <https://www.vermontlaw.edu/academics/centers-and-programs/center-for-agriculture-and-food-systems/projects>

Legal Food Hub

- Pro bono attorney referrals for income-eligible farmers, and food entrepreneurs
- <https://www.legalfoodhub.org>

Vermont Statutes Online

- Vermont laws and rules of court
- <https://legislature.vermont.gov/statutes/>

Vermont Secretary of State, Business Services Division

- Registration and resources for business entities
- <https://sos.vermont.gov/corporations/registration/>

IRS Tax Number

- Free registration for Federal Employer Identification Number (EIN)
- <https://www.irs.gov/businesses/small-businesses-self-employed/apply-for-an-employer-identification-number-ein-online>

IRS Tax Information for Businesses

- Tax and tax preparation information for business entities
- <https://www.irs.gov/businesses>

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)

- Patent and trademark registration, information, and database searches
- <https://www.uspto.gov/>

U.S. Copyright Office

- Copyright registration and information
- <https://www.copyright.gov>

Industry Associations

- Information on practices common to your industry
- Can include sample contracts, waivers, forms, and possibly attorneys experienced with your industry

Insurance Agents

- Free quotes, information about different policies, and possibly best practices

Local Zoning

- Information on what you can and can't do with your property, and how to get a permit
- Google your town name + VT + zoning