

# STARTING A BUSINESS IN CERRITOS

If you are planning to start a business in Cerritos, please contact the City's Current Planning Division at (562) 916-1201 to ensure your business is a permitted use within the City. Additionally, you will need to obtain a City of Cerritos Business License. You can apply for a City business license online at [www.permits.cerritos.us](http://www.permits.cerritos.us). For more information, please call (562) 916-1236.

## A complete business license application must be submitted:

- When an individual, partnership or corporation conducts or intends to conduct business in the City of Cerritos.
- When a business moves from one location in Cerritos to another.
- When a business changes ownership.
- For each location a business occupies.
- For each type of business at a given location.

## Fees:

- Most license fees are based on a flat rate. Some fees are based on the number of employees, square footage and number of units. For more information, please contact the Business License Division at (562) 916-1236.
- The license fee for a new business is due on or before commencement of any business activity.
- A renewal fee is due on the day the license expires. Business licenses can be renewed online at [www.permits.cerritos.us](http://www.permits.cerritos.us).
- License fees are increased every July 1st. The increase is based on the March 31st Consumer Price Index. Fees cannot increase more than 10% each year.

## Are there any other licenses or permits required?

Depending on the type of business, you may need a license or permit from one or more of the following:

### L.A. County Fire Dept.

19030 S. Pioneer Blvd.  
Cerritos CA 90703  
(562) 865-3714

### State Board of Equalization

12750 Center Court,  
Suite 400  
Cerritos, CA 90703  
(562) 356-1102

### State Contractors Board

12501 E. Imperial Hwy., #600  
Norwalk, CA 90650  
(800) 321-CSLB (2752)

### Environmental Public Health

12440 E. Imperial Hwy.,  
Suite 519  
Norwalk, CA 90650  
(562) 345-6800

### Alcoholic Beverage Control

3950 Paramount Blvd., #250  
Lakewood, CA 90712  
(562) 982-1337

### Building & Safety Dept.

18125 Bloomfield Ave.  
Cerritos, CA 90703  
(562) 916-1209

## Other Agency Contacts

The following agencies may be of assistance to you:

### Cerritos Sheriff's Station/ Community Safety Center

18135 Bloomfield Ave.  
Cerritos, CA 90703  
(562) 860-0044

### Cerritos Community Development Dept.

18125 Bloomfield Ave.  
Cerritos, CA 90703  
(562) 916-1201

### Internal Revenue Service

501 W. Ocean Blvd.,  
Suite 2100  
Long Beach, CA 90802  
(562) 491-7551

### Secretary of State

300 S. Spring St., Room  
12513, South Tower  
Los Angeles, CA 90013  
(213) 897-3062

### Franchise Tax Board

300 S. Spring St., Suite 5704  
Los Angeles, CA 90013  
(800) 852-5711

### LA County Clerk

12400 Imperial Hwy.  
Norwalk, CA 90650  
(800) 201-8999

### Dept. of Industrial Relations

### Division of Workers' Comp.

300 Oceangate, Suite 200  
Long Beach, CA 90802  
(562) 590-5240

### Cerritos Regional Chamber of Commerce

13259 E. South St.  
Cerritos, CA 90703  
(562) 467-0800

