

STARTING A BUSINESS IN CERRITOS

If you are planning to start a business in Cerritos, you may obtain the application forms on the City of Cerritos website at cerritos.us. For your convenience, the following forms can be filled out by either inputting the information on your computer, or by printing them out and filling them out by hand. Once you have completed the forms, you can mail or bring them into City Hall. The Business License Office is on the second floor of City Hall, located at the corner of Bloomfield Avenue and 183rd Street. Please call (562) 916-1236 for any additional information.

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.

When will I receive my license?

A license certificate will be printed and mailed to you approximately two weeks after your application is approved and we have received payment of the license fee.

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, contact the Business License Division.
- 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.
- License fees are increased every July 1. The increase is based on the March 31 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

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

State Board of Equalization
12750 Center Ct.,
Suite 400
Cerritos, CA 90703
(562) 356-1102

Alcoholic Beverage Control
3950 Paramount #250
Lakewood, CA 90712
(562) 982-1337

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

Building & Safety Dept.
18125 Bloomfield Ave.
Cerritos, CA 90703
(562) 916-1209

For your assistance:

The following may also assist your business:

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

