

**Internal Revenue Service**  
**United States Department of the Treasury**  
[www.irs.gov/businesses/small/](http://www.irs.gov/businesses/small/)

A new business venture usually will need to obtain an **"Employer Identification Number" (EIN)**, also known as a **Federal Taxpayer Identification Number**, which is issued by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). In most instances, this is the first application an entrepreneur may need to complete. The EIN could be required on many of the subsequent applications completed when starting a business.

The IRS offers a wide range of information for the entrepreneur or the established business owner. Through the "Small Business/Self Employed" section of the IRS website, a business owner can obtain information on the following:

- Checklist for Starting a Business
- Selecting a Structure
- Writing a Business Plan
- Copyright and Patent Issues
- Licenses and Permits
- Tax Assistance

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**Website: [www.irs.gov/businesses/small/](http://www.irs.gov/businesses/small/)**  
**Main Telephone Number: 1-800-829-1040**  
**EIN Information Telephone Number: 1-800-816-2065**  
**EIN Information Telephone Number: 1-800-829-3676 (forms only)**  
**Non-profit Status (501-c3) Telephone Number: 1-877-829-5500**