One-stop business licensing for Washington

About BLS

- Business Licensing Service (BLS) is a self-funded state program providing efficient service with measurable results for your city's regulatory work.
- We process applications and renewals each year to serve state agencies and more than 140 cities.
- More than $50 million is collected and distributed to cities and state agency programs without expense for partners.
- Our web-based system lets you search for local business information and easily create custom reports.
- BLS offers local control, streamlined service and cost savings.

Business Licensing Service

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"The BLS 'one-stop shop' is an enterprising and evolving solution that we hope expands to other cities. Combining city licensing with agency registrations into one step saves businesses time so they can focus on what they do best – growing jobs and the economy."

-Gary Chandler, Vice President of Government Affairs, Association of Washington Business

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Partnering for better business licensing

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"We're building a world-class state and city licensing portal."

- Vikki Smith, Director, Department of Revenue

Make business licensing easier for your local business community.

One-stop online business licensing

BLS is the "one-stop shop" for business registrations and city licensing in Washington.

Benefits of BLS include:

- intuitive licensing wizard for applicants
- fast online application and renewal
- multiple payment options
- city limits locator (GIS) to ensure licensing with the appropriate city
- on-demand license printing
- no trip to city hall
- customer service from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. 360-705-6741

More than 90% of businesses apply for and renew their licenses online. Businesses pay a $80 application fee and an $10 renewal fee.

"We had twice as many applications coming in because it's so much easier. Our customers tell us they like it."

-Stephanie Tonellato, Customer Service Manager, City of Lacey

Ease the workload at city hall

BLS issues more than 400 Washington license endorsements, including support for more than 140 cities statewide.

Our team:

- processes all applications and renewals
- issues and mails licenses
- collects your licensing fees
- follows up on missing payments and information

Cities retain local control

As a BLS city partner, you will continue to:

- approve or deny endorsements
- close businesses that are out of compliance
- set fees and license types

"It is always a pleasure to work with your office."

- Tara Niemela, Accounting Clerk, City of Carnation

No cost for your city

There is no cost to join or participate. The service is provided at no charge to all local governments.

Learn more

Contact us today to learn more about the benefits of partnership!

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"Our revenues increased 15 percent in the first year. With BLS we're able to identify our businesses and their employees more easily."

- Carrie Lewellen, Business Manager, City of Vancouver