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## **Kennewick joins state's business licensing partnership**

**OLYMPIA** – May 8, 2015 – The largest city in southeast Washington is joining the state's Business Licensing Service (BLS). Kennewick is the newest of 66 city partners in the BLS, a streamlined one-stop shop offering business licensing and renewal services through the Washington State Department of Revenue (Revenue).

Starting May 7, Kennewick businesses will use the BLS to register or renew their licenses. The service brings the city requirements together with state registrations that a business may need to operate, such as a liquor license.

The service is a clearinghouse for business licensing, offering nearly 400 licenses, registrations and endorsements from 11 state agencies and partner cities. Revenue manages the BLS, one of the few systems in the country that allows a business to become licensed with cities at the same time it registers with state agencies.

Richland, West Richland, Prosser and College Place are existing BLS partners, which may help streamline future license applications and renewals for Kennewick businesses working in those cities.

Kennewick businesses located inside city limits and currently registered with Revenue will be sent letters this month notifying them that the city registration has been added to their state business license.

To learn more about the BLS, visit [bls.dor.wa.gov](http://bls.dor.wa.gov).

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