**BUSINESS REGISTRATION AND LICENCING**

**🏢 Business Registration and Licensing Services**

Starting a business in India requires proper legal structure, registration, and the right licenses. As your **trusted service partner**, we help simplify the entire process — from choosing the right business entity to getting all necessary licenses and permits.

**📌 Start & Grow Your Business the Right Way — Legally Compliant from Day One**

Starting a business in India is an exciting journey — but ensuring you meet all the **legal and regulatory requirements** is crucial for long-term success. Whether you’re launching a café, running a factory, exporting goods, or managing an e-commerce platform, your business must be registered and licensed according to the nature of operations.

As a trusted **Chartered Accountant service provider**, we specialize in simplifying the complexities of **business registration and licensing**. From choosing the right business structure to securing mandatory approvals like **GST, FSSAI, EPF, ISO, Trade Mark**, and more — we offer end-to-end support to help your venture start, operate, and scale smoothly.

Explore our detailed guide below to understand the **types of registrations and licenses**, their **purpose**, **who needs them**, and **how we can assist you**.

✅ **Professional Guidance** | ✅ **Hassle-Free Filing** | ✅ **On-Time Approvals**

**✅ What We Offer**

We assist individuals, startups, MSMEs, and corporates in obtaining the required **registrations and licenses** including:

* Business Entity Registration (Proprietorship, Pvt Ltd, LLP, etc.)
* GST & PAN/TAN Registration
* FSSAI, Labour, Drug, Fire, Trade Licenses, and more
* Industry-specific & Environmental Licenses
* Intellectual Property Rights (IPR): Trademark, Copyright, Patent
* Government Compliances like MSME/Udyam, ESI, PF, etc.

**TYPES OF BUSINESS REGISTRATION / LICENSE**

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| License / Registration | Who Needs It | Purpose | Issuing Authority |
| Sole Proprietorship | Individual business owner | Basic business setup | Local Municipal Authority / Bank / Udyam |
| Partnership Firm | 2 or more partners | Partnership business setup | Registrar of Firms |
| LLP Registration | Professionals / consultants / startups | Flexible business structure with limited liability | Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) |
| Private Limited Company | Startups & growing businesses | Separate legal entity | MCA |
| OPC (One Person Company) | Solo entrepreneur wanting limited liability | Corporate structure for individuals | MCA |
| GST Registration | Businesses above threshold or doing interstate business | To collect and file Goods & Services Tax | Goods and Services Tax Network (GSTN) |
| FSSAI License | Food businesses (cafés, restaurants, cloud kitchens, food products) | Ensures food safety and hygiene standards | Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) |
| Drug License | Pharmacies, chemists, drug manufacturers | To sell/manufacture drugs/medicines | State Drug Controller |
| Trade License | Shops, cafes, commercial businesses | Permission to carry on trade in local limits | Local Municipal Corporation |
| Shop & Establishment Act Registration | Shops, offices, restaurants, small businesses | Regulates working hours, leaves, employment terms | State Labour Department |
| Labour License | Contractors, construction companies | Hiring contract labour legally | State Labour Department |
| Factory License | Manufacturing units | Legal operation of a factory with safety norms | Chief Inspector of Factories (State) |
| Fire Safety NOC | Cafes, hotels, factories, buildings | To ensure fire safety compliance | Local Fire Department |
| ESI Registration | Businesses with ≥10 employees earning <₹21,000/month | Employee medical & health benefit | Employees State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) |
| EPF (PF) Registration | Businesses with ≥20 employees | Provident Fund for employee retirement | Employees Provident Fund Organization (EPFO) |
| MSME / UDYAM Registration | Small and medium enterprises | Government benefits, subsidies & tenders | Ministry of MSME |
| Pollution Control Board NOC | Factories, hotels, food industries | Air/water pollution compliance | State Pollution Control Board |
| Import Export Code (IEC) | Businesses engaged in import/export | Mandatory for international trade | Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) |
| ISO Certification | Any business for quality assurance | Demonstrates quality & process compliance | ISO Certification Bodies |
| ISI Certification | Manufacturers of items like steel, cement, electric appliances | Compliance with Indian Standards | Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) |

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| Environmental Clearance | Infrastructure, mining, factories | To assess impact on environment | MoEF & State Pollution Board |
| Trademark Registration (™) | Any business with unique brand/logo | Protects brand identity | Controller General of Patents, Designs & Trademarks |
| Copyright Registration | Artists, writers, software developers | Protects original content (literary, music, software) | Copyright Office, India |
| Patent Registration | Inventors, R&D firms | Protects new inventions/processes | Indian Patent Office |
| SAN (Sanstha Aadhaar Number) | NGOs, Trusts, Societies | Unique Aadhaar ID for social organizations | UIDAI / NITI Aayog |
| Central Excise Registration | Manufacturing of excisable goods (where applicable) | Tax compliance for goods under Excise Duty | Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) |
| VAT & CST Registration *(Only in specific states like Lakshadweep or legacy cases)* | Pre-GST or Union Territories without GST | State-level indirect taxation | State Commercial Tax Departments |
| Fertilizer License | Fertilizer retailers or manufacturers | Ensure safety and quality in agri products | State Agriculture Department |
| Security Agency (PSARA License) | Security guard agencies | Legal permission for security business | State Police / PSARA Authority |

**Comprehensive Guide to Business Registrations & Licenses in India**

**1. Business Entity Registration**

* **Need: Legal identity for business**
* **Purpose: Structure, compliance, taxation**
* **Authority: MCA (Ministry of Corporate Affairs), Registrar of Firms**
* **Types/Levels:**
  + **Sole Proprietorship**
  + **Partnership Firm (Registered/Unregistered)**
  + **LLP (Limited Liability Partnership)**
  + **Private Limited Company**
  + **One Person Company (OPC)**
  + **Public Limited Company**
* **Who Needs This: Every new business**
* **Who Is It Required For: Entrepreneurs, startups, firms, companies**

**2. GST Registration**

* **Need: To collect and remit GST**
* **Purpose: Indirect tax compliance**
* **Authority: GSTN (Goods and Services Tax Network)**
* **Types/Levels:**
  + **Regular Taxpayer**
  + **Composition Scheme**
  + **Casual Taxable Person**
  + **Input Service Distributor**
* **Who Needs This: Turnover > Rs. 40 lakh (Rs. 20 lakh for services)**
* **Who Is It Required For: Traders, manufacturers, service providers, e-commerce sellers**

**3. FSSAI Registration (Food License)**

* **Need: Legal approval for food businesses**
* **Purpose: Food safety and hygiene compliance**
* **Authority: FSSAI (Food Safety and Standards Authority of India)**
* **Types/Levels:**
  + **Basic (Turnover < Rs. 12 lakh)**
  + **State License (Rs. 12 lakh - 20 crore)**
  + **Central License (> Rs. 20 crore or interstate)**
* **Who Needs This: All food-related businesses**
* **Who Is It Required For: Cafes, restaurants, food manufacturers, food trucks, cloud kitchens**

**4. Drug License**

* **Need: Sale/manufacture of drugs**
* **Purpose: Ensure regulated use and distribution**
* **Authority: State Drug Control Department**
* **Types/Levels:**
  + **Retail License**
  + **Wholesale License**
  + **Manufacturing License**
* **Who Needs This: Pharmaceutical businesses**
* **Who Is It Required For: Chemists, pharmacies, drug wholesalers, manufacturers**

**5. Fire Safety NOC**

* **Need: Fire safety compliance**
* **Purpose: Protection from fire hazards**
* **Authority: Local Fire Department**
* **Types/Levels:**
  + **Fire NOC (based on building type and area)**
* **Who Needs This: Businesses with large premises or high occupancy**
* **Who Is It Required For: Restaurants, factories, hospitals, educational institutions**

**6. Labour Registration**

* **Need: Labour law compliance**
* **Purpose: Workers’ rights and protection**
* **Authority: State Labour Department**
* **Types/Levels:**
  + **Contract Labour (CLRA)**
  + **Building & Construction Workers (BOCW)**
* **Who Needs This: Labour-intensive businesses**
* **Who Is It Required For: Contractors, builders, factories, service providers**

**7. Factory License**

* **Need: To run a manufacturing unit**
* **Purpose: Safety, health, and welfare of workers**
* **Authority: Inspector of Factories (State)**
* **Types/Levels:**
  + **Based on number of workers and power usage**
* **Who Needs This: Manufacturing units**
* **Who Is It Required For: Industrial and factory owners**

**8. EPF Registration**

* **Need: Social security for employees**
* **Purpose: Provident fund contribution**
* **Authority: EPFO (Employees' Provident Fund Organisation)**
* **Types/Levels:**
  + **Compulsory for establishments with 20+ employees**
* **Who Needs This: Businesses employing staff**
* **Who Is It Required For: Companies, organizations, NGOs**

**9. ESI Registration**

* **Need: Medical benefits for employees**
* **Purpose: Health insurance coverage**
* **Authority: ESIC (Employees’ State Insurance Corporation)**
* **Types/Levels:**
  + **Applicable for employees earning < Rs. 21,000/month**
* **Who Needs This: Businesses with 10+ employees**
* **Who Is It Required For: Employers in factories, offices, shops**

**10. MSME/Udyam Registration**

* **Need: To avail government schemes**
* **Purpose: Formal recognition as MSME**
* **Authority: Udyam Registration Portal**
* **Types/Levels:**
  + **Micro**
  + **Small**
  + **Medium (based on turnover & investment)**
* **Who Needs This: Small & Medium businesses**
* **Who Is It Required For: Traders, manufacturers**

**11. Pollution Control NOC**

* **Need: To control industrial pollution**
* **Purpose: Environmental compliance**
* **Authority: State Pollution Control Board**
* **Types/Levels:**
  + **Consent to Establish (CTE)**
  + **Consent to Operate (CTO)**
* **Who Needs This: Industries causing pollution**
* **Who Is It Required For: Factories, processing units**

**12. Import Export Code (IEC)**

* **Need: For international trade**
* **Purpose: Track and regulate imports/exports**
* **Authority: DGFT (Director General of Foreign Trade)**
* **Types/Levels:**
  + **One-time 10-digit code**
* **Who Needs This: Businesses trading abroad**
* **Who Is It Required For: Exporters and importers**

**13. ISI Certification**

* **Need: Product quality assurance**
* **Purpose: Mandatory for some products**
* **Authority: BIS (Bureau of Indian Standards)**
* **Types/Levels:**
  + **Based on product category**
* **Who Needs This: Product manufacturers**
* **Who Is It Required For: Electronics, appliances, cement manufacturers**

**14. ISO Certification**

* **Need: To assure quality and standards**
* **Purpose: Process & service certification**
* **Authority: ISO Accredited Certification Bodies**
* **Types/Levels:**
  + **ISO 9001, 14001, 22000, etc.**
* **Who Needs This: Any growing business**
* **Who Is It Required For: Manufacturers, service companies, exporters**

**15. Trademark Registration**

* **Need: Brand protection**
* **Purpose: Legal ownership of brand**
* **Authority: Trademark Registry (IP India)**
* **Types/Levels:**
  + **Wordmark, Logo, Sound, Color**
* **Who Needs This: Branding entities**
* **Who Is It Required For: Startups, established businesses, content creators**

**16. Copyright Registration**

* **Need: Protection of creative work**
* **Purpose: Legal rights over original content**
* **Authority: Copyright Office**
* **Types/Levels:**
  + **Literary, musical, artistic, software**
* **Who Needs This: Creators and publishers**
* **Who Is It Required For: Authors, musicians, software developers**

**17. Patent Registration**

* **Need: To protect inventions**
* **Purpose: Exclusive rights**
* **Authority: Indian Patent Office**
* **Types/Levels:**
  + **Utility, Design, Provisional/Complete**
* **Who Needs This: Inventors, companies with R&D**
* **Who Is It Required For: Tech startups, innovators**

**18. Shop & Establishment License**

* **Need: State-wise regulation of commercial premises**
* **Purpose: Employee welfare & legal recognition**
* **Authority: State Labour Department**
* **Types/Levels:**
  + **Varies by state and business type**
* **Who Needs This: Every shop/office**
* **Who Is It Required For: Retailers, freelancers, offices, cafes**

**19. SAN (Sanstha Aadhaar Number)**

* **Need: For NGOs and voluntary organizations**
* **Purpose: Government grants & recognition**
* **Authority: NGO Darpan (NITI Aayog)**
* **Types/Levels:**
  + **Unique SAN Number**
* **Who Needs This: NGOs, Trusts, Societies**
* **Who Is It Required For: Non-profit organizations**

**20. Central Excise Registration**

* **Need: Production of excisable goods**
* **Purpose: Excise duty collection (pre-GST)**
* **Authority: CBIC (Central Board of Indirect Taxes & Customs)**
* **Types/Levels:**
  + **Based on turnover & type of goods**
* **Who Needs This: Select legacy industries**
* **Who Is It Required For: Tobacco, alcohol, petroleum sectors**

**21. VAT & CST Registration**

* **Need: Legacy sales tax system**
* **Purpose: Tax on intra/interstate sales (Pre-GST)**
* **Authority: State Commercial Tax Departments**
* **Types/Levels:**
  + **VAT: Within state**
  + **CST: Interstate**
* **Who Needs This: Still applicable in some sectors**
* **Who Is It Required For: Petroleum dealers, alcohol traders**

**22. Fertilizer License**

* **Need: Sale of fertilizers**
* **Purpose: Ensure quality and regulation**
* **Authority: State Agriculture Department**
* **Types/Levels:**
  + **Retailer, Wholesaler, Manufacturer**
* **Who Needs This: Agriculture input dealers**
* **Who Is It Required For: Fertilizer shops, agri businesses**

**💼 Industries We Serve**

* Food & Beverage (cafés, restaurants, cloud kitchens)
* Retail Shops & E-commerce
* Manufacturing & Pharma
* Health & Wellness
* Security & Facility Management
* Educational Institutions
* Export-Import Businesses
* IT, Consultants, Freelancer

**📈 Why Choose Us?**

* **One-stop solution** for all business registrations
* **Experienced professionals** handling end-to-end filing
* **Affordable pricing** for startups & small businesses
* **Quick turnaround time** with online processing
* **PAN India services**