# **Licenses & Permits Guide - Free**

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#### What It Is

Licenses and permits are legal permissions your business needs to operate based on your industry, location, and activities.

## **Types of Licenses**

- Local: Business license, zoning permits
- State: Sales tax permit, professional licenses
- Federal: For alcohol, firearms, aviation, and more

#### **How to Find Out What You Need**

- 1. Use your Secretary of State's website
- 2. Check city or county clerk's office
- 3. Use tools like SBA's Permit Finder or Al lookup bots

#### **Al Prompt**

"Help me find which licenses and permits I need to start a [business type] in [City, State]."

### **Downloadables**

- License Requirement Checklist
- Federal vs. State Permit Comparison
- Contact Tracker Template