

# Alabama

## Business Corporation (C-Corp) Suffix Requirements

Alabama requires the use of “Incorporated” or “Corporation.” Companies may also use an abbreviation of the same.

### Prohibited Words

The state prohibits the use of any words that imply the entity was created for an impermissible purpose. Words that are prohibited without authorization include “Olympic,” “Engineering,” “Engineer,” “Banc,” “Bank” and “Banking.”

## Professional Corporation (S-Corp) Suffix Requirements

“Professional Corporation” is mandatory and may be abbreviated as “PC” or “P.C.”

### Prohibited Words

Same as Business Corporation.

## LLC Suffix Requirements

“Limited Liability Company” is mandatory and may be abbreviated as “LLC” or “L.L.C.”

### Prohibited Words

Same as Business Corporation.

## Nonprofit Corporation Suffix Requirements

There are no specific requirements.

### Prohibited Words

There are no explicitly prohibited words.

# Alaska

## Business Corporation (C-Corp) Suffix Requirements

Alaska requires the inclusion of “Company,” “Limited” or “Incorporated.”

### Prohibited Words

Any word implying the business corporation is a municipality is prohibited. These include the words “City” and “Village.” Vulgar words or phrases are also prohibited.

### **Professional Corporation (S-Corp) Suffix Requirements**

Using “Corporation,” “Incorporated,” “Limited” or an appropriate abbreviation is mandatory.

#### **Prohibited Words**

Same as Business Corporation.

### **LLC Suffix Requirements**

Using “Limited Liability Company” is mandatory and it may be abbreviated as “LLC” or “L.L.C.” The words “Limited” and “Company” may be abbreviated as “Ltd.” and “Co.”

#### **Prohibited Words**

Same as Business Corporation.

### **Nonprofit Corporation Suffix Requirements**

There are no specific requirements.

#### **Prohibited Words**

There are no explicitly prohibited words.

## **Arizona**

### **Business Corporation (C-Corp) Suffix Requirements**

In Arizona, the use of “Company,” “Corporation,” “Incorporated,” “Association,” “Limited” or a relevant abbreviation in English or another language is mandatory. Authorized banks must include the word “Bank.”

#### **Prohibited Words**

Companies that are not banks cannot include the words “Bank,” “Credit Union,” “Trust,” “Deposit” or “Trust Company” in their names. No business corporation can include “Limited Liability Company” in its name or any abbreviation or word of similar meaning.

## **Professional Corporation (S-Corp) Suffix Requirements**

Professional Corporations must choose from any of the following words or use qualified abbreviations meaning the same:

- Professional Association
- Professional Corporation
- Service Corporation
- Chartered
- Limited

### **Prohibited Words**

Same as Business Corporation.

## **LLC Suffix Requirements**

Using "Limited Liability Company," "LC," "LLC," "L.L.C." or "L.C." is mandatory.

### **Prohibited Words**

LLCs cannot include the indicators or abbreviations from other types of companies, such as "Corp" or "PC." They also cannot use terms related to banking unless actively engaged in banking.

## **Nonprofit Corporation Suffix Requirements**

There are no specific requirements.

### **Prohibited Words**

There are no explicitly prohibited words.

# **Arkansas**

## **Business Corporation (C-Corp) Suffix Requirements**

Arkansas requires the use of "Company," "Corporation" or "Incorporated."

### **Prohibited Words**

If the word "and" or its symbol comes before the final abbreviation or word in the business name, then it cannot end with "Company" or "Co."

## **Professional Corporation (S-Corp) Suffix Requirements**

Using “Limited,” “Chartered” or “Professional Association” is mandatory.

**Prohibited Words**

Same as Business Corporation.

**LLC Suffix Requirements**

Using “Limited Liability Company,” “LC,” “LLC,” “L.L.C.” or “L.C.” is mandatory. LLCs may also abbreviate the words “Company” and “Limited” as “Co.” and “Ltd.”

**Prohibited Words**

There are no explicitly prohibited words.

**Nonprofit Corporation Suffix Requirements**

There are no specific requirements.

**Prohibited Words**

There are no explicitly prohibited words.

## **California**

**Business Corporation (C-Corp) Suffix Requirements**

There are no specific business suffix requirements for general stock corporations in California. Close corporations must include the words “Limited,” “Incorporated,” “Corporation” or a relevant abbreviation.

**Prohibited Words**

Corporations cannot use words related to banking or trusts without authorization from the Commissioner of Financial Institutions. The word “Olympic” is also prohibited.

**Professional Corporation (S-Corp) Suffix Requirements**

Regulatory agencies that hold jurisdiction over particular professions dictate style requirements for those professions.

**Prohibited Words**

Same as Business Corporation.

## **LLC Suffix Requirements**

The name must include the words “Limited Liability Company” or a relevant abbreviation.

### **Prohibited Words**

LLCs cannot use words related to banking or trusts without authorization from the Commissioner of Financial Institutions. LLCs cannot use “Corporation” or any related abbreviations.

## **Nonprofit Corporation Suffix Requirements**

There are no specific requirements.

### **Prohibited Words**

There are no explicitly prohibited words.

# **Colorado**

## **Business Corporation (C-Corp) Suffix Requirements**

Using “Limited,” “Corporation,” “Company,” “Incorporated” or a suitable abbreviation is mandatory in Colorado.

### **Prohibited Words**

Terms that may violate existing statutes in the state are prohibited. Specifically prohibited words include “Bank,” “Trustee,” “Trust” and “Olympic” unless the business is authorized to use these.

## **Professional Corporation (S-Corp) Suffix Requirements**

These entities are specifically permitted to use “Professional Corporation” or a suitable abbreviation indicating the same.

### **Prohibited Words**

Same as Business Corporation.

## **LLC Suffix Requirements**

Using “Limited Liability Company” or a suitable abbreviation is mandatory.

### **Prohibited Words**

Terms that may violate existing statutes in the state are prohibited. Specifically prohibited words include “Bank,” “Trustee,” “Trust” and “Olympic” unless the business is authorized to use these. Also, the word “Cooperative” cannot appear in the name.

### **Nonprofit Corporation Suffix Requirements**

Nonprofits are allowed but not required to use the terms “Corporation,” “Company,” “Incorporated,” “Limited” or an abbreviation meaning the same.

#### **Prohibited Words**

There are no explicitly prohibited words.

## **Connecticut**

### **Business Corporation (C-Corp) Suffix Requirements**

Connecticut requires the inclusion of “Incorporated,” “Company,” “Limited,” “Societa per Azioni” or an appropriate abbreviation in English or another language.

#### **Prohibited Words**

Any language implying the company was organized for any other reason than what is implied in its articles of organization is prohibited.

### **Professional Corporation (S-Corp) Suffix Requirements**

Using “Professional Corporation” or “P.C.” is mandatory.

#### **Prohibited Words**

Same as Business Corporation.

### **LLC Suffix Requirements**

Using “Limited Liability Company” is mandatory and it may be abbreviated as “LLC” or “L.L.C.” The words “Limited” and “Company” may be abbreviated as “Ltd.” and “Co.”

#### **Prohibited Words**

There are no explicitly prohibited words.

### **Nonprofit Corporation Suffix Requirements**

Using “Company,” “Corporation,” “Incorporated” or an appropriate abbreviation in English or another language is mandatory.

#### **Prohibited Words**

There are no explicitly prohibited words.

## **Delaware**

### **Business Corporation (C-Corp) Suffix Requirements**

Delaware requires business corporations to choose one company suffix from these available options:

- Corporation
- Company
- Syndicate
- Limited
- Foundation
- Association
- Fund
- Club
- Society
- Institute

Companies may also use related business abbreviations in English or from a foreign jurisdiction, with or without appropriate punctuation. The language from a foreign jurisdiction must still be written in Roman characters.

#### **Prohibited Words**

A business corporation cannot use the word “Bank” or any similar terms unless it is an authorized financial institution.

### **Professional Corporation (S-Corp) Suffix Requirements**

Using “Professional Association,” “P.A.” or “Chartered” is mandatory.

#### **Prohibited Words**

Professional Corporations cannot use the words “Company,” “Incorporated,” “Corporation” or any of its abbreviated forms. Affixes or prefixes implying that it is a business corporation are also prohibited.

## **LLC Suffix Requirements**

Using “Limited Liability Company” is mandatory and it may be abbreviated as “LLC” or “L.L.C.”

### **Prohibited Words**

There are no explicitly prohibited words.

## **Nonprofit Corporation Suffix Requirements**

Same as Business Corporation.

### **Prohibited Words**

There are no explicitly prohibited words.

# **Florida**

## **Business Corporation (C-Corp) Suffix Requirements**

Florida requires businesses to include any appropriate suffix that indicates the business is a company and not a natural person or any other type of entity. Options include “Corporation,” “Company,” “Incorporated” or any acceptable business abbreviation.

### **Prohibited Words**

The name cannot include language to imply the business was created for an impermissible purpose or that it is or is associated with a government agency or chartered corporation. All terms related to banking are specifically prohibited unless it is an authorized financial institution.

## **Professional Corporation (S-Corp) Suffix Requirements**

“Professional Association,” “P.A,” “PA” or “Chartered” is a mandatory company suffix.

### **Prohibited Words**

Same as Business Corporation.

## **LLC Suffix Requirements**



It must contain the term “Limited Liability Company” or an acceptable abbreviation to indicate that it is not a natural person or any other type of organization.

**Prohibited Words**

Same as Business Corporation.

**Nonprofit Corporation Suffix Requirements**

Florida requires businesses to include any appropriate suffix that indicates the business is a company and not a natural person or any other type of entity. Options include “Corporation,” “Company,” “Incorporated” or an acceptable abbreviation. The name may also include the word “Cooperative” or “Co-op” if the final name does not create confusion with existing entities.

**Prohibited Words**

There are no explicitly prohibited words.

## **Georgia**

**Business Corporation (C-Corp) Suffix Requirements**

Using “Corporation,” “Company,” “Incorporated,” “Limited” or a suitable abbreviation in English or another language is mandatory in Georgia. The entire name, including spaces and characters, should not surpass 80 characters.

**Prohibited Words**

Obscene language and any terms indicating the business operates in an impermissible capacity are prohibited. Words related to banking and sureties are prohibited unless the company received approval from the Department of Banking and Finance. The use of “College” and “University” also require special authorization.

**Professional Corporation (S-Corp) Suffix Requirements**

Using “Professional Corporation,” “Professional Association” or a suitable abbreviation is mandatory.

**Prohibited Words**

Same as Business Corporation.

### **LLC Suffix Requirements**

“Limited Liability Company” or a suitable abbreviation is mandatory. The entire name, including spaces and characters, should not surpass 80 characters.

### **Prohibited Words**

There are no explicitly prohibited words.

### **Nonprofit Corporation Suffix Requirements**

Same as Business Corporation.

### **Prohibited Words**

There are no explicitly prohibited words.

## **Hawaii**

### **Business Corporation (C-Corp) Suffix Requirements**

“Limited,” “Incorporated,” “Corporation” or a suitable abbreviation is a mandatory suffix in Hawaii.

### **Prohibited Words**

Words and terms related to banking, insurance, and the Olympics require special authorization and are strictly prohibited otherwise. Hawaii also strictly prohibits any language that implies a corporation is a government municipality, an agency or affiliated with either one.

### **Professional Corporation (S-Corp) Suffix Requirements**

Using any term permitted by law that expressly relates to the service provided or the professional field the corporation is engaged in is acceptable.

### **Prohibited Words**

Same as Business Corporation.

### **LLC Suffix Requirements**

Using “Limited Liability Company” is mandatory and it may be abbreviated as “LLC” or “L.L.C.” The words “Limited” and “Company” may be abbreviated as

“Ltd.” and “Co.” Only letters from the English alphabet can be used in the word “Limited Liability Company.”

#### **Prohibited Words**

There are no explicitly prohibited words.

#### **Nonprofit Corporation Suffix Requirements**

There are no specific requirements.

#### **Prohibited Words**

There are no explicitly prohibited words.

## **Idaho**

#### **Business Corporation (C-Corp) Suffix Requirements**

Using “Company,” “Corporation” or “Incorporated” is mandatory in Idaho.

#### **Prohibited Words**

If the word “and” or its symbol comes before the final abbreviation or word, then it cannot end with “Company” or “Co.” Idaho also prohibits any language that implies an entity is organized for anything but its permissible purpose or that implies an affiliation with the government.

#### **Professional Corporation (S-Corp) Suffix Requirements**

Using “Chartered,” “Professional Corporation,” “Professional Association” or a suitable abbreviation in English or another language is permissible.

#### **Prohibited Words**

The state prohibits any language that implies the company is organized for anything but its permissible purpose and that implies an affiliation with the government.

#### **LLC Suffix Requirements**

“Limited Liability Company” or a suitable abbreviation is mandatory. LLCs may also abbreviate the words “Company” and “Limited” as “Co.” and “Ltd.”

Professional entities may indicate this status by using either a “P” or the word “Professional” before “Limited.”

**Prohibited Words**

There are no explicitly prohibited words.

**Nonprofit Corporation Suffix Requirements**

Same as Business Corporation and Professional Corporation.

**Prohibited Words**

Same as Business Corporation.

**Illinois****Business Corporation (C-Corp) Suffix Requirements**

Using “Limited,” “Company,” “Incorporated” or a relevant abbreviation is mandatory in Illinois.

**Prohibited Words**

The state prohibits the use of any words that imply the business is a financial institution or insurance company unless it is. Only if the Corporate Fiduciary Act authorizes a company to act in this capacity can its name include language implying that it can provide fiduciary services.

**Professional Corporation (S-Corp) Suffix Requirements**

Using “Chartered,” “Professional Corporation,” “Limited” or an appropriate abbreviation is mandatory.

**Prohibited Words**

Same as Business Corporation.

**LLC Suffix Requirements**

Low-profit LLCs should include the term “L3C.” All other companies should include the term “Limited Liability Company,” “LLC” or “L.L.C.” It may contain the word “Trust” when the business is organized to execute or accept trusts.

**Prohibited Words**

An LLC cannot use terms that might imply it is a business corporation or professional corporation.

**Nonprofit Corporation Suffix Requirements**

Using “Limited,” “Company,” “Incorporated” or a relevant abbreviation is mandatory in Illinois. Also, the name must end with the term “NFP” if there is anything in the name to imply it may not be a nonprofit business.

#### **Prohibited Words**

There are no explicitly prohibited words.

## **Indiana**

### **Business Corporation (C-Corp) Suffix Requirements**

Using “Incorporated,” “Corporation” or an abbreviation in English or another language is mandatory in Indiana.

#### **Prohibited Words**

Indiana prohibits the use of any words that imply the entity was created for an impermissible purpose.

### **Professional Corporation (S-Corp) Suffix Requirements**

Using “Professional Corporation,” “Professional Service Corporation” or a suitable abbreviation is mandatory. A licensing authority may dictate additional requirements.

#### **Prohibited Words**

The state prohibits the use of any words that imply the entity was created for an impermissible purpose. A Professional Corporation cannot use the term “medical” in its name unless all of the physicians and shareholders are licensed under IC 25-22.5.

### **LLC Suffix Requirements**

Using “Limited Liability Company” is mandatory and it may be abbreviated as “LLC” or “L.L.C.” Note that there are additional naming requirements regarding master LLCs and series LLCs.

#### **Prohibited Words**

There are no explicitly prohibited words.

### **Nonprofit Corporation Suffix Requirements**

Same as Business Corporation.

**Prohibited Words**

There are no explicitly prohibited words.

## **Iowa**

### **Business Corporation (C-Corp) Suffix Requirements**

Using “Company,” “Corporation,” “Incorporated,” “Association,” “Limited,” or a relevant abbreviation in English or another language is mandatory.

**Prohibited Words**

The state prohibits the use of any words that imply the entity was created for an impermissible purpose.

### **Professional Corporation (S-Corp) Suffix Requirements**

Using “Professional Corporation” or “P.C.” is mandatory.

**Prohibited Words**

Any words that would not be lawful in the state the individual or partnership is licensed to practice in is prohibited in Iowa.

### **LLC Suffix Requirements**

“Limited Liability Company,” “Limited Company” or a suitable abbreviation is mandatory. LLCs may also abbreviate the words “Company” and “Limited” as “Co.” and “Ltd.”

**Prohibited Words**

There are no explicitly prohibited words.

### **Nonprofit Corporation Suffix Requirements**

There are no specific requirements.

**Prohibited Words**

There are no explicitly prohibited words.

## **Kansas**

## **Business Corporation (C-Corp) Suffix Requirements**

Kansas requires business corporations to choose one appropriate word from the following:

- Association
- Church
- Union
- Foundation
- Syndicate
- Company
- Corporation
- Incorporated
- Limited
- Club
- Society
- Fund
- College
- University
- Institute

An abbreviation in English or another language is acceptable as long as the name uses Roman characters.

### **Prohibited Words**

References to banks and banking cannot be used by unauthorized entities.

## **Professional Corporation (S-Corp) Suffix Requirements**

Using “Professional Association,” “P.A.” or “Chartered” is mandatory.

### **Prohibited Words**

Same as Business Corporation.

## **LLC Suffix Requirements**

Using “Limited Liability Company” or a suitable abbreviation is mandatory.

### **Prohibited Words**

There are no explicitly prohibited words.

## **Nonprofit Corporation Suffix Requirements**

Same as Business Corporation.

#### **Prohibited Words**

There are no explicitly prohibited words.

## **Kentucky**

### **Business Corporation (C-Corp) Suffix Requirements**

Using “Company,” “Corporation,” “Limited” or a relevant abbreviation in English or another language is mandatory.

#### **Prohibited Words**

The state prohibits the use of any words that imply the entity was created for an impermissible purpose.

### **Professional Corporation (S-Corp) Suffix Requirements**

“Professional Service Corporation” or “P.S.C.” is mandatory.

#### **Prohibited Words**

Same as Business Corporation.

### **LLC Suffix Requirements**

“Professional Liability Companies” is the mandatory ending for LLCs that fit this title description. “PLC” or “PLLC” are appropriate abbreviations.

If the company operates under a DBA, the real business’s name must end with “Limited Company,” “Limited Liability Company,” “LC” or “LLC.” LLCs may abbreviate the words “Company” and “Limited.”

#### **Prohibited Words**

There are no explicitly prohibited words.

### **Nonprofit Corporation Suffix Requirements**

Same as Business Corporation.

#### **Prohibited Words**

If the word “and” or its symbol comes before the final abbreviation or word, then it cannot end with “Company” or “Co.”



# **Louisiana**

## **Business Corporation (C-Corp) Suffix Requirements**

Using “Limited,” “Company,” “Corporation,” “Incorporated” or an appropriate abbreviation in English or another language is mandatory in Louisiana, with or without punctuation. All characters must be English.

### **Prohibited Words**

Terms related to specific businesses, industries or licensed professions cannot be used without permission from related agencies.

## **Professional Corporation (S-Corp) Suffix Requirements**

Requirements vary per industry.

### **Prohibited Words**

Same as Business Corporation.

## **LLC Suffix Requirements**

Low-profit LLCs should include the term “Low-Profit Limited Liability Company” or an appropriate abbreviation. All other LLCs should include the term “Limited Liability Company,” “L.L.C.” or “L.C.”

### **Prohibited Words**

Language that deceives or falsely implies the entity is a charitable organization is prohibited. Terms related to specific businesses, industries or licensed professions cannot be used without permission from related agencies.

## **Nonprofit Corporation Suffix Requirements**

Nonprofit organizations can use a name in any language as long as it is expressed in English characters.

### **Prohibited Words**

There are no explicitly prohibited words.

# **Maine**

## **Business Corporation (C-Corp) Suffix Requirement**

Maine has no explicit naming requirements for C-Corps.

### **Prohibited Words**

Corporations cannot use language that implies the business is organized for an impermissible purpose. This includes terms related to banking, trusts, and finances.

## **Professional Corporation (S-Corp) Suffix Requirements**

Using “Professional Association,” “Professional Corporation,” “Service Corporation,” “Chartered” or any qualified abbreviation meaning the same is mandatory.

### **Prohibited Words**

Same as Business Corporation.

## **LLC Suffix Requirements**

Unless the company is filing under 1510 for an assumed name or 1511 for a foreign entity, low-profit LLCs should include the term “L3C” or “l3c.” All other LLCs should include the term “Limited Liability Company,” “L.L.C.” or “L.C.”

### **Prohibited Words**

Language falsely implying an LLC is associated with a government agency, that promotes unlawful behavior, that promotes abusive behavior or that is obscene is prohibited.

## **Nonprofit Corporation Suffix Requirements**

There are no specific requirements.

### **Prohibited Words**

There are no explicitly prohibited words.

# **Maryland**

## **Business Corporation (C-Corp) Suffix Requirements**

Maryland requires the word “Company” if the word “and” or its symbol does not immediately precede it. Otherwise, the word “Corporation,” “Limited” or “Incorporated” becomes mandatory.

**Prohibited Words**

Corporations cannot use language that implies the business is organized for an impermissible purpose. This includes terms related to banking, trusts, and finances.

**Professional Corporation (S-Corp) Suffix Requirements**

Using “Professional Association,” “P.A.,” “Chartered” or “Chtd” is mandatory.

**Prohibited Words**

Same as Business Corporation.

**LLC Suffix Requirements**

LLCs must include the term “Limited Liability Company” or an appropriate abbreviation.

**Prohibited Words**

Same as Business Corporation.

**Nonprofit Corporation Suffix Requirements**

Same as Business Corporation.

**Prohibited Words**

There are no explicitly prohibited words.

## **Massachusetts**

**Business Corporation (C-Corp) Suffix Requirements**

Massachusetts requires the use of the term “Company,” “Incorporated,” “Corporation,” “Limited,” an appropriate English abbreviation or an abbreviation of similar meaning in another language.

**Prohibited Words**

The state prohibits the use of any words that imply the entity was created for an impermissible purpose.

### **Professional Corporation (S-Corp) Suffix Requirements**

The state secretary may set regulations regarding suffix requirements. In most instances, using “Corporation,” “Professional Corporation” or an appropriate abbreviation is mandatory.

#### **Prohibited Words**

Same as Business Corporation.

### **LLC Suffix Requirements**

Using “Limited Liability Company” or a suitable abbreviation is mandatory.

#### **Prohibited Words**

There are no explicitly prohibited words.

### **Nonprofit Corporation Suffix Requirements**

The name must include some indication that it is a corporation. Exceptions are made for religious societies.

#### **Prohibited Words**

There are no explicitly prohibited words.

## **Michigan**

### **Business Corporation (C-Corp) Suffix Requirements**

Michigan requires the use of “Limited,” “Company,” “Corporation,” “Incorporated” or an appropriate abbreviation, with or without periods.

#### **Prohibited Words**

The state prohibits the use of any words that imply the entity was created for an impermissible purpose. This includes any terms related to banking, sureties, trusts, and finances.

### **Professional Corporation (S-Corp) Suffix Requirements**

Mandatory suffixes include “Professional Corporation” or an appropriate abbreviation, with or without punctuations.

#### **Prohibited Words**

Same as Business Corporation.

## **LLC Suffix Requirements**

Low-profit LLCs should include the term "Low-Profit Limited Liability Company" or an appropriate abbreviation, with or without punctuations. All other companies should include the term "Limited Liability Company" or an appropriate abbreviation.

### **Prohibited Words**

The state prohibits the use of any words that imply the entity was created for an impermissible purpose. LLCs cannot use "Incorporated," "Corporation" or a related abbreviation.

## **Nonprofit Corporation Suffix Requirements**

There are no specific naming requirements.

### **Prohibited Words**

There are no explicitly prohibited words.

# **Minnesota**

## **Business Corporation (C-Corp) Suffix Requirements**

Using "Company," "Limited," "Corporation," "Incorporated" or an appropriate abbreviation is mandatory.

### **Prohibited Words**

If the word "and" or its symbol comes before the final abbreviation or word, then it cannot end with "Company" or "Co." Minnesota prohibits the use of any words that imply the entity was created for an impermissible purpose. This includes any terms related to banking, sureties, trusts, and finances.

## **Professional Corporation (S-Corp) Suffix Requirements**

S-Corps must choose a business suffix from the following list or use an appropriate abbreviation:

- Professional Corporation
- Professional Association
- Professional Service Corporation
- Service Corporation
- Limited

- Chartered

**Prohibited Words**

Same as Business Corporation.

**LLC Suffix Requirements**

Using “Limited Liability Company” or a suitable abbreviation is mandatory. The name must be written in English characters but can be a foreign language.

**Prohibited Words**

The state prohibits the use of any words that imply the entity was created for an impermissible purpose. LLCs cannot use “Corporation,” “Incorporated” or abbreviations of these.

**Nonprofit Corporation Suffix Requirements**

Using “Company,” “Limited,” “Corporation,” “Incorporated” or an appropriate abbreviation is optional.

**Prohibited Words**

There are no explicitly prohibited words.

## **Mississippi**

**Business Corporation (C-Corp) Suffix Requirements**

Mississippi requires the use of “Company,” “Limited,” “Corporation,” “Incorporated” or an appropriate abbreviation in English or another language.

**Prohibited Words**

The state prohibits the use of any words that imply the entity was created for an impermissible purpose. This includes terms related to banking, trusts, insurance, and finances.

**Professional Corporation (S-Corp) Suffix Requirements**

Mandatory suffixes include “Professional Association,” “Professional Corporation” or an appropriate abbreviation.

**Prohibited Words**

Same as Business Corporation.

## **LLC Suffix Requirements**

LLCs must include the term “Limited Liability Company” or an appropriate abbreviation.

### **Prohibited Words**

The state prohibits the use of any words that imply the entity was created for an impermissible purpose. This includes terms related to banking, trusts, insurance, and finances. Also, “Incorporated,” “Corporation” and associated abbreviations are prohibited.

## **Nonprofit Corporation Suffix Requirements**

There are no specific requirements.

### **Prohibited Words**

There are no explicitly prohibited words.

# **Missouri**

## **Business Corporation (C-Corp) Suffix Requirements**

Missouri requires the use of “Company,” “Limited,” “Corporation,” “Incorporated” or a suitable abbreviation.

### **Prohibited Words**

The state prohibits the use of any words that imply the entity was created for an impermissible purpose. Organizations need special authorization to use the words “Cooperative,” “Insurance Company,” “Bank” and “Redevelopment.” Any language implying the organization is a government agency is prohibited.

## **Professional Corporation (S-Corp) Suffix Requirements**

It must include “Professional Corporation” or “P.C.”

### **Prohibited Words**

Same as Business Corporation.

## **LLC Suffix Requirements**

LLCs must include “Limited Company,” “Limited Liability Company” or an appropriate abbreviation.

**Prohibited Words**

Language falsely or deceptively implying the company is a charitable organization or a nonprofit is strictly prohibited. LLCs cannot include the following terms or any related abbreviations:

- Incorporated
- Corporations
- Limited Liability Limited Partnership
- Limited Partnership

**Nonprofit Corporation Suffix Requirements**

There are no specific requirements.

**Prohibited Words**

There are no explicitly prohibited words.

**Montana****Business Corporation (C-Corp) Suffix Requirements**

Using “Limited,” “Company,” “Corporation,” “Incorporated” or an appropriate abbreviation in English or another language is mandatory in Montana.

**Prohibited Words**

The state prohibits the use of any words that imply the entity was created for an impermissible purpose. No language implying the entity is anything other than a corporation is permitted.

**Professional Corporation (S-Corp) Suffix Requirements**

Using “Professional Corporation” or “P.C.” is mandatory.

**Prohibited Words**

The state prohibits the use of any words that imply the entity was created for an impermissible purpose. S-Corp names cannot include any language that implies the business is anything other than a PC unless it is a foreign entity that already included “Professional Services” or “P.S.” in its name.

**LLC Suffix Requirements**



LLCs must include “Limited Company,” “Limited Liability Company” or an appropriate abbreviation. LLCs may also abbreviate the words “Company” and “Limited” as “Co.” and “Ltd.”

#### **Prohibited Words**

The state prohibits the use of any words that imply the entity was created for an impermissible purpose. LLCs cannot include the following terms or any associated abbreviations:

- Incorporated
- Corporation
- Limited Liability Limited Partnership
- Limited Partnership
- Limited

#### **Nonprofit Corporation Suffix Requirements**

There are no specific requirements.

#### **Prohibited Words**

There are no explicitly prohibited words.

## **Nebraska**

#### **Business Corporation (C-Corp) Suffix Requirements**

“Limited,” “Corporation,” “Company,” “Incorporated” or a suitable abbreviation is mandatory in Nebraska. There is an exception for corporations that are authorized by the Nebraska Banking Act to conduct banking business. These companies can use the word “Bank” instead.

#### **Prohibited Words**

The state prohibits the use of any words that imply the entity was created for an impermissible purpose. Only authorized entities can use terms related to banking.

#### **Professional Corporation (S-Corp) Suffix Requirements**

Using “Professional Corporation” or “P.C.” is mandatory.

#### **Prohibited Words**

Same as Business Corporation.

### **LLC Suffix Requirements**

LLCs must include “Limited Company,” “Limited Liability Company” or an appropriate abbreviation.

#### **Prohibited Words**

There are no explicitly prohibited words.

### **Nonprofit Corporation Suffix Requirements**

There are no specific requirements.

#### **Prohibited Words**

There are no explicitly prohibited words.

## **Nevada**

### **Business Corporation (C-Corp) Suffix Requirements**

In Nevada, if a business has a name that sounds like that of a natural person, it must include “Incorporated,” “Company,” “Limited,” “Corporation,” a suitable abbreviation or any word that makes it clear the business is not a natural person.

#### **Prohibited Words**

The following words are prohibited without authorization:

- Insurance
- Trust
- Bank
- Professional Engineer
- Licensed Engineer
- Registered Engineer
- Engineering
- Engineered

### **Professional Corporation (S-Corp) Suffix Requirements**

Using “Professional Corporation,” “Chartered” or an appropriate abbreviation is mandatory.

**Prohibited Words**

Same as Business Corporation.

**LLC Suffix Requirements**

“Limited Liability Company,” “Limited-Liability Company,” “Limited Company,” “Limited” or an appropriate abbreviation is mandatory. The word Company may also be abbreviated.

**Prohibited Words**

LLCs must receive consent from the relevant agencies to use terms related to homeowners associations or any licensed professions. Otherwise, the use of such terms is prohibited.

**Nonprofit Corporation Suffix Requirements**

Same as Business Corporation.

**Prohibited Words**

There are no explicitly prohibited words.

**New Hampshire****Business Corporation (C-Corp) Suffix Requirements**

New Hampshire requires the use of “Limited,” “Corporation,” “Incorporated” or a suitable abbreviation in English or another language.

**Prohibited Words**

The state prohibits the use of any words that imply the entity was created for an impermissible purpose. Using “Farmer’s Market” is prohibited without authorization.

**Professional Corporation (S-Corp) Suffix Requirements**

The name must end with “Professional Association,” “Professional Corporation” or an appropriate abbreviation.

**Prohibited Words**

Same as Business Corporation.

**LLC Suffix Requirements**

LLCs must include the term “Limited Liability Company” or an appropriate abbreviation.

**Prohibited Words**

The state prohibits the use of any words that imply the entity was created for an impermissible purpose.

**Nonprofit Corporation Suffix Requirements**

There are no specific requirements.

**Prohibited Words**

There are no explicitly prohibited words.

**New Jersey****Business Corporation (C-Corp) Suffix Requirements**

New Jersey requires the use of “Incorporated,” “Company,” “Corporation,” an abbreviation of one of these words, the specific abbreviation “Ltd.” or any abbreviation of similar meaning in another language. Foreign companies that do not have these suffixes already added to their name must make this change to operate within the state.

**Prohibited Words**

The state prohibits the use of any words that imply the entity was created for an impermissible purpose. Using the name of a company that has been dissolved for less than a year is prohibited. Terms related to banking are prohibited without authorization.

**Professional Corporation (S-Corp) Suffix Requirements**

Using “Professional Corporation,” “Professional Association,” “Chartered” or an appropriate abbreviation is mandatory.

**Prohibited Words**

Same as Business Corporation.

**LLC Suffix Requirements**

LLCs must include the term “Limited Liability Company” or an appropriate abbreviation. “Limited” and “Company” may also be abbreviated.

#### **Prohibited Words**

Any abbreviation, word or phrase that does not comply with other statutes or which is restricted is prohibited unless the LLC meets requirements for restricted use.

#### **Nonprofit Corporation Suffix Requirements**

Nonprofits must include “Incorporated,” “Corporation,” “a New Jersey Nonprofit Corporation” or a relevant abbreviation. Exceptions are made for nonprofits that are eligible for organization under Title 16 of the Revised Statutes and its provisions.

#### **Prohibited Words**

There are no strictly prohibited words.

## **New Mexico**

#### **Business Corporation (C-Corp) Suffix Requirements**

Using “Corporation,” “Company,” “Incorporated,” “Limited” or a suitable abbreviation is mandatory in New Mexico.

#### **Prohibited Words**

The state prohibits the use of any words that imply the entity was created for an impermissible purpose. Terms related to banking are off-limits.

#### **Professional Corporation (S-Corp) Suffix Requirements**

“Chartered,” “Professional Corporation,” “Professional Association” or a suitable abbreviation is mandatory.

#### **Prohibited Words**

Same as Business Corporation.

#### **LLC Suffix Requirements**

LLCs must include the term “Limited Liability Company” or an appropriate abbreviation. “Limited” and “Company” may also be abbreviated.

**Prohibited Words**

There are no explicitly prohibited words.

**Nonprofit Corporation Suffix Requirements**

There are no specific requirements.

**Prohibited Words**

There are no explicitly prohibited words.

**New York****Business Corporation (C-Corp) Suffix Requirements**

New York makes it mandatory to use “Limited,” “Incorporated,” “Corporation” or a relevant abbreviation. Foreign companies that do not have these suffixes already added to their name must make this change to operate within the state.

**Prohibited Words**

Terms related to specific businesses, industries or licensed professions cannot be used without permission from related agencies. No language considered derogatory or obscene or that implies illegal activity can be used. Organizations require authorization to use terms related to banking.

**Professional Corporation (S-Corp) Suffix Requirements****Prohibited Words**

Terms related to specific businesses, industries or licensed professions cannot be used without permission from related agencies.

**LLC Suffix Requirements**

Using “Limited Liability Company” is mandatory and it may be abbreviated as “LLC” or “L.L.C.”

**Prohibited Words**

Terms related to specific businesses, industries or licensed professions cannot be used without permission from related agencies. Specific words LLCs cannot use include the following:

- Urban Relocation

- Tenant Relocation
- Urban Development
- State Trooper
- State Police
- Community Renewal
- Chamber of Commerce
- Board of Trade
- Incorporated
- Corporation

### **Nonprofit Corporation Suffix Requirements**

“Limited,” “Incorporated,” “Corporation” or suitable abbreviations are required unless an organization meets the following requirements:

- Formed for purposes that the public health and health planning council or the commissioner of social services must provide approval for
- Formed for religious purposes
- Formed for charitable purposes
- Is a bar association

### **Prohibited Words**

There are no explicitly prohibited words.

## **North Carolina**

### **Business Corporation (C-Corp) Suffix Requirements**

North Carolina requires entities to use “Company,” “Incorporated,” “Corporation,” “Limited” or an appropriate abbreviation.

### **Prohibited Words**

The state prohibits the use of any words that imply the entity was created for an impermissible purpose. Terms related to banking and farming are prohibited without authorization.

### **Professional Corporation (S-Corp) Suffix Requirements**

Professional Corporations may use specific designations provided under Chapter 55D. They may also use “Professional Corporation,” “Professional Association” or a relevant abbreviation.

**Prohibited Words**

Same as Business Corporation.

**LLC Suffix Requirements**

Using “Limited Liability Company” or a qualified abbreviation is mandatory.

**Prohibited Words**

The state prohibits the use of any words that imply the entity was created for an impermissible purpose.

**Nonprofit Corporation Suffix Requirements**

Same as Business Corporation.

**Prohibited Words**

There are no explicitly prohibited words.

**North Dakota****Business Corporation (C-Corp) Suffix Requirements**

North Dakota requires that the full name must be written in English characters or those that appear in the ASCII standard. Mandatory suffix options include “Corporation,” “Limited,” “Incorporated,” “Company” or a relevant abbreviation.

**Prohibited Words**

The name cannot include language to imply it was created for an impermissible purpose. Corporations cannot use the following terms or any related abbreviations:

- Limited Partnership
- Limited Liability Partnership
- Limited Liability Company

**Professional Corporation (S-Corp) Suffix Requirements**

“Limited,” “Professional Association,” “Professional Corporation,” “Chartered” or an appropriate abbreviation is mandatory.

**Prohibited Words**

Same as Business Corporation.



## **LLC Suffix Requirements**

The name cannot include language to imply it was created for an impermissible purpose. The full name must be written in English characters or those that appear in the ASCII standard. "Limited Liability Company" or a suitable abbreviation is mandatory.

### **Prohibited Words**

The name cannot include language to imply it was created for an impermissible purpose. LLCs can not use terms designated for corporations. They also cannot use "Limited Liability Partnership," "Limited Partnership" or abbreviations associated with these.

## **Nonprofit Corporation Suffix Requirements**

The full name must be written in English characters or those that appear in the ASCII standard. Use of "Limited," "Company," "Incorporated," "Corporation" or an abbreviation meaning the same is permitted but not mandatory.

### **Prohibited Words**

There are no explicitly prohibited words.

# **Ohio**

## **Business Corporation (C-Corp) Suffix Requirements**

Ohio requires that the corporation's name end with "Company," "Corporation," "Incorporated" or a suitable abbreviation.

### **Prohibited Words**

Any language indicating that the organization is affiliated with any U.S. state or federal government agency is prohibited. Entities cannot use the words "Trust" or "Bank" without authorization.

## **Professional Corporation (S-Corp) Suffix Requirements**

Same as Business Corporation.

### **Prohibited Words**

Same as Business Corporation.

## **LLC Suffix Requirements**

Using “Limited Liability Company” or a suitable abbreviation is mandatory.

### **Prohibited Words**

There are no explicitly prohibited words.

## **Nonprofit Corporation Suffix Requirements**

There are no specific requirements.

### **Prohibited Words**

There are no explicitly prohibited words.

# **Oklahoma**

## **Business Corporation (C-Corp) Suffix Requirements**

Oklahoma requires business corporations to choose one appropriate word from the following:

- Association
- Union
- Foundation
- Syndicate
- Company
- Corporation
- Incorporated
- Limited
- Club
- Society
- Institute
- Fund

An abbreviation in English or another language is acceptable as long as the company uses Roman characters. The use of punctuation is permitted.

### **Prohibited Words**

Entities must meet special requirements to use “Building and Loan,” “Savings and Loan,” “Savings Bank” and “Savings Association.”

## **Professional Corporation (S-Corp) Suffix Requirements**

Professional corporations must use one or more abbreviations or words permitted in any associated acts that are applicable. The words need to be modified by the word “Professional” and a suitable abbreviation.

**Prohibited Words**

Same as Business Corporation.

**LLC Suffix Requirements**

LLCs must include the term “Limited Liability Company” or an appropriate abbreviation. “Limited” and “Company” may also be abbreviated.

**Prohibited Words**

There are no explicitly prohibited words.

**Nonprofit Corporation Suffix Requirements**

Same as Business Corporation.

**Prohibited Words**

There are no specifically prohibited words.

## **Oregon**

**Business Corporation (C-Corp) Suffix Requirements**

Oregon requires the use of one or more business suffixes. Options include “Company,” “Incorporated,” “Corporation,” “Limited” or an appropriate abbreviation. Incidental punctuation is allowed. Letter characters must be from the English alphabet. Numerals must be Roman or Arabic.

**Prohibited Words**

The word “Cooperative” is prohibited. Unauthorized use of the words “Trust” and “Bank” is prohibited.

**Professional Corporation (S-Corp) Suffix Requirements**

Using “Professional Corporation,” “Prof. Corp.” or “P.C.” is mandatory.

**Prohibited Words**

Same as Business Corporation.

## **LLC Suffix Requirements**

Using “Limited Liability Company,” “L.L.C.” or “LLC” is mandatory.

### **Prohibited Words**

Obscene language is prohibited. Specifically prohibited terms include “Limited Liability Partnership,” “Limited Partnership” and any related abbreviations. LLCs also cannot use terms designated for corporations.

## **Nonprofit Corporation Suffix Requirements**

Letter characters must be from the English alphabet. Numerals must be Roman or Arabic.

### **Prohibited Words**

The state prohibits the use of any words that imply the entity was created for an impermissible purpose.

# **Pennsylvania**

## **Business Corporation (C-Corp) Suffix Requirements**

Pennsylvania requires business corporations to choose from “Limited,” “Incorporated,” “Corporation” or a suitable abbreviation. In lieu of this, business corporations can choose from “Fund,” “Association,” “Syndicate” or any words or abbreviations that mean something similar.

### **Prohibited Words**

Terms related to specific businesses, industries or licensed professions cannot be used without permission from related agencies. The use of language that is considered derogatory or obscene is prohibited. Using language that implies or promotes illegal activity is prohibited. Specifically prohibited words include “School,” “Insurance,” “Engineer,” “Banker,” “Banking,” “Bank” and “Trust.”

## **Professional Corporation (S-Corp) Suffix Requirements**

The word “and” or any symbol of like meaning is permitted for use with the terms “Associates” and “P.C.”

### **Prohibited Words**

Same as Business Corporation.

### **LLC Suffix Requirements**

Using “Limited,” “Limited Liability Company,” “Company,” another word of similar meaning or an acceptable abbreviation is mandatory.

#### **Prohibited Words**

Same as Business Corporation.

### **Nonprofit Corporation Suffix Requirements**

There are no specific requirements.

#### **Prohibited Words**

There are no explicitly prohibited words.

## **Rhode Island**

### **Business Corporation (C-Corp) Suffix Requirements**

Rhode Island requires “Limited,” “Corporation,” “Company,” “Incorporated” or a suitable abbreviation as a business suffix, with or without punctuation.

#### **Prohibited Words**

The unauthorized use of “Trust” and “Bank” is prohibited.

### **Professional Corporation (S-Corp) Suffix Requirements**

It is mandatory to choose from one of the following options:

- Limited
- Professional Corporation
- Incorporated
- Corporation
- Ltd.
- P.C.
- PC
- Inc.
- Corp.

#### **Prohibited Words**

Same as Business Corporation.

### **LLC Suffix Requirements**

Low-profit LLCs must include “Low-Profit Limited Liability Company,” “L3C” or “l3c.” Using “Limited Liability Company,” “L.L.C.,” “LLC,” “l.l.c.” or “LLC” is mandatory for all other LLCs.

#### **Prohibited Words**

There are no explicitly prohibited words.

### **Nonprofit Corporation Suffix Requirements**

There are no specific requirements.

#### **Prohibited Words**

There are no explicitly prohibited words.

## **South Carolina**

### **Business Corporation (C-Corp) Suffix Requirements**

South Carolina requires business corporations to choose a suffix from “Limited,” “Company,” “Incorporated,” “Corporation” or a related abbreviation in English or another language.

#### **Prohibited Words**

No language considered indecent, derogatory or obscene is permitted. Language implying or stating illegal activity is also prohibited.

### **Professional Corporation (S-Corp) Suffix Requirements**

Using “Chartered,” “Professional Association,” “Professional Corporation,” “Service Corporation” or an appropriate abbreviation is mandatory.

#### **Prohibited Words**

Same as Business Corporation.

### **LLC Suffix Requirements**

LLCs must include the term “Limited Liability Company” or an appropriate abbreviation. “Limited” and “Company” may also be abbreviated.

**Prohibited Words**

There are no explicitly prohibited words.

**Nonprofit Corporation Suffix Requirements**

There are no specific requirements.

**Prohibited Words**

There are no explicitly prohibited words.

## **South Dakota**

**Business Corporation (C-Corp) Suffix Requirements**

South Dakota requires business corporations to choose a suffix from “Limited,” “Company,” “Incorporated,” “Corporation” or a related abbreviation in English or another language.

**Prohibited Words**

The state prohibits the use of any words that imply the entity was created for an impermissible purpose.

**Professional Corporation (S-Corp) Suffix Requirements**

Same as Business Corporation.

**Prohibited Words**

Same as Business Corporation.

**LLC Suffix Requirements**

LLCs must include the term “Limited Liability Company” or an appropriate abbreviation. “Limited” and “Company” may also be abbreviated.

**Prohibited Words**

There are no explicitly prohibited words.

**Nonprofit Corporation Suffix Requirements**

There are no specific requirements.

**Prohibited Words**

There are no explicitly prohibited words.

# Tennessee

## Business Corporation (C-Corp) Suffix Requirements

In Tennessee, business corporations must choose a suffix from “Company,” “Incorporated,” “Corporation” or a related abbreviation in English or another language. Abbreviations from another language must still be written in Roman characters. Authorized banks and insurance companies do not need to include these suffixes in their names.

### Prohibited Words

The state prohibits the use of any words that imply the entity was created for an impermissible purpose. Language that implies any of the following is also prohibited:

- The entity is affiliated with, is sponsored by or is a subdivision of a Tennessee or federal government agency without written certification.
- The entity is affiliated with a charitable, professional, religious, fraternal, service or veteran-related service without written certification.
- The entity does business that requires authorization and has no such authorization.

## Professional Corporation (S-Corp) Suffix Requirements

Using “Service Corporation,” “Professional Association,” Professional Corporation” or an appropriate abbreviation is mandatory.

### Prohibited Words

Same as Business Corporation.

## LLC Suffix Requirements

Using “Limited Liability Company” or a suitable substitute or abbreviation in English or another language is mandatory. Words or abbreviations taken from a foreign language must still be written in Roman characters.

### Prohibited Words

Same as Business Corporation.

## Nonprofit Corporation Suffix Requirements

There are no specific requirements.



**Prohibited Words**

There are no explicitly prohibited words.

## **Texas**

**Business Corporation (C-Corp) Suffix Requirements**

Texas requires the use of “Limited,” “Incorporated,” “Corporation,” “Company” or a suitable abbreviation.

**Prohibited Words**

The state prohibits the use of any words that imply the entity was created for an impermissible purpose.

**Professional Corporation (S-Corp) Suffix Requirements**

Using “Professional Association,” “Association,” “Associated,” “Associates” or an abbreviated form of one of these words is mandatory.

**Prohibited Words**

Same as Business Corporation.

**LLC Suffix Requirements**

Both foreign and domestic LLCs must include “Limited Company,” “Limited Liability Company” or an appropriate abbreviation.

**Prohibited Words**

There are no explicitly prohibited words.

**Nonprofit Corporation Suffix Requirements**

There are no specific requirements.

**Prohibited Words**

There are no explicitly prohibited words.

## **Utah**

**Business Corporation (C-Corp) Suffix Requirements**

In Utah, business corporations must choose a business suffix from “Corporation,” “Incorporated,” “Company” or words or abbreviations of similar meaning in English or another language. Exceptions are made for depository institutions.

#### **Prohibited Words**

Utah prohibits any unauthorized use of suffixes related to tertiary education, such as “College,” “University,” “Institution” or “Institute” without written consent. Terms specifically related to the Olympics are prohibited without authorization. The state also prohibits the use of any words that imply the entity was created for an impermissible purpose.

#### **Professional Corporation (S-Corp) Suffix Requirements**

The use of “Professional Corporation” or “P.C.” is mandatory.

#### **Prohibited Words**

Same as Business Corporation.

#### **LLC Suffix Requirements**

LLCs must include “Limited Company,” “Limited Liability Company” or an appropriate abbreviation. LLCs may also abbreviate the words “Company” and “Limited” as “Co.” and “Ltd.”

#### **Prohibited Words**

The state prohibits the use of any words that imply the entity was created for an impermissible purpose. It also prohibits any unauthorized use of suffixes related to tertiary education, such as “College,” “University,” “Institution” or “Institute” without written consent. Terms specifically related to the Olympics are prohibited without authorization. Finally, LLCs cannot use the following words:

- Limited Partnership
- Limited
- Association
- Incorporated
- Corporation

Any abbreviations of these terms are also prohibited.

## **Nonprofit Corporation Suffix Requirements**

Nonprofits have optional suffixes to consider. “Company,” “Incorporated,” “Corporation” or relevant abbreviations of the same are the available choices.

### **Prohibited Words**

There are no explicitly prohibited words.

## **Vermont**

### **Business Corporation (C-Corp) Suffix Requirements**

“Corporation,” “Company,” “Incorporated,” “Limited” or a suitable abbreviation in English or another language is mandatory in Vermont.

### **Prohibited Words**

Corporations cannot use language that implies the business is organized for an impermissible purpose. The use of words not authorized by the law is prohibited. The word “Cooperative” or any related abbreviation is prohibited unless the organization is actually a cooperative.

### **Professional Corporation (S-Corp) Suffix Requirements**

Professional Corporations must choose from the following list of suffixes:

- Professional Association
- Professional Corporation
- Service Corporation
- Limited
- P.A.
- P.C.
- S.C.
- LTD.

### **Prohibited Words**

Same as Business Corporation.

### **LLC Suffix Requirements**

Low-profit LLCs should include the term “L3C” in the name. All other companies should include the term “Limited Liability Company,” “Limited

Company,” “LLC,” “L.L.C.,” “LC” or “L.C.” “Limited” and “Company” may also be abbreviated.

**Prohibited Words**

There are no explicitly prohibited words.

**Nonprofit Corporation Suffix Requirements**

Same as Business Corporation.

**Prohibited Words**

There are no explicitly prohibited words.

## **Virginia**

**Business Corporation (C-Corp) Suffix Requirements**

The use of “Corporation,” “Incorporated,” “Company,” “Limited” or another appropriate word or abbreviation in English or another language is mandatory in Virginia.

**Prohibited Words**

Only corporations that actually work in urban redevelopment can use the term “Redevelopment.” Corporations cannot use any language that implies their business operations include any services listed in § 13.1-620 unless they actually do.

**Professional Corporation (S-Corp) Suffix Requirements**

Professional Corporations must use “a Professional Corporation,” “Professional Corporation,” “P.C.” or “PC” as a suffix. Organizers should also note any requirements in subsection A of § 13.1-630.

**Prohibited Words**

Same as Business Corporation.

**LLC Suffix Requirements**

LLCs must include “Limited Company,” “Limited Liability Company” or an appropriate abbreviation.

**Prohibited Words**

LLCs cannot use terms that are designated for corporations. They also cannot use “Limited Partnership” or any of its abbreviated forms.

### **Nonprofit Corporation Suffix Requirements**

There are no specific requirements.

### **Prohibited Words**

There are no strictly prohibited words.

## **Washington**

### **Business Corporation (C-Corp) Suffix Requirements**

Using “Limited,” “Corporation,” “Company,” “Incorporated” or a suitable abbreviation is mandatory in Washington. If the company is formed for a social purpose, then it must indicate this by using “Social Purpose Corporation,” “S.P.C.” or “SPC” in the name.

### **Prohibited Words**

The state prohibits the use of any words that imply the entity was created for an impermissible purpose. Terms related to banking, trusts, and cooperatives are prohibited or require authorization. Combining two or more terms from the following list is prohibited or requires special authorization:

- Society
- Building
- Loan
- Association
- Saving
- Home

### **Professional Corporation (S-Corp) Suffix Requirements**

Mandatory suffixes to choose from include “Professional Corporation,” “Professional Service,” “P.C.” and “P.S.” S-Corps may also use terms designated for C-Corps in their names.

When the company provides dental services, it must include the names of shareholders and the suffix “Professional Services,” “Chartered,” “P.S.” or “P.C.”

**Prohibited Words**

Same as Business Corporation.

**LLC Suffix Requirements**

Using “Limited Liability Company” or a suitable abbreviation is mandatory.

**Prohibited Words**

The state prohibits the use of any words that imply the entity was created for an impermissible purpose. Terms related to banking, trusts, and cooperatives are prohibited or require authorization. Combining two or more terms from the following list is prohibited or requires special authorization:

- Society
- Building
- Loan
- Association
- Saving
- Home

LLCs also cannot use any of the following words or their related abbreviations:

- Incorporated
- Corporation
- Limited Liability Limited Partnership
- Limited Partnership
- Limited

**Nonprofit Corporation Suffix Requirements**

There are no specific requirements, but nonprofits may choose from the following list or any words that have a similar meaning:

- A Nonprofit Mutual Corporation
- A Nonprofit Corporation
- Association
- Foundation
- Society
- Guild
- Committee
- League
- Club

- Services

**Prohibited Words**

There are no explicitly prohibited words.

## West Virginia

**Business Corporation (C-Corp) Suffix Requirements**

In West Virginia, the use of “Corporation,” “Company,” “Incorporated,” “Limited” or a suitable abbreviation in English or another language is mandatory.

**Prohibited Words**

The state prohibits the use of any words that imply the entity was created for an impermissible purpose. This includes the use of the words “Doctor” and “Engineer.”

**Professional Corporation (S-Corp) Suffix Requirements**

Same as Business Corporation.

**Prohibited Words**

Same as Business Corporation.

**LLC Suffix Requirements**

LLCs must include the term “Limited Liability Company” or an appropriate abbreviation. “Limited” and “Company” may also be abbreviated.

**Prohibited Words**

There are no explicitly prohibited words.

**Nonprofit Corporation Suffix Requirements**

Same as Business Corporation.

**Prohibited Words**

There are no explicitly prohibited words.

## Wisconsin

## **Business Corporation (C-Corp) Suffix Requirements**

Using “Corporation,” “Company,” “Incorporated,” “Limited” or a suitable abbreviation in English or another language is mandatory in Wisconsin.

### **Prohibited Words**

The state prohibits the use of any words that imply the entity was created for an impermissible purpose.

## **Professional Corporation (S-Corp) Suffix Requirements**

S-Corps must choose from the following list of suffixes:

- Service Corporation
- Limited
- Chartered
- S.C.
- Ltd.

### **Prohibited Words**

Same as Business Corporation.

## **LLC Suffix Requirements**

LLCs must include the term “Limited Liability Company” or an appropriate abbreviation.

### **Prohibited Words**

Same as Business Corporation.

## **Nonprofit Corporation Suffix Requirements**

Same as Business Corporation.

### **Prohibited Words**

There are no explicitly prohibited words.

# **Wyoming**

## **Business Corporation (C-Corp) Suffix Requirements**

Wyoming currently has no business suffix requirements for C-Corps.

### **Prohibited Words**



The state prohibits the use of any words that imply the entity was created for an impermissible purpose. Wyoming prohibits words related to education and financing without authorization, such as “Education,” “Banking,” “College” or “School.”

### **Professional Corporation (S-Corp) Suffix Requirements**

The name of the S-Corp must end with “A Professional Corporation” or “P.C.”

#### **Prohibited Words**

Same as Business Corporation.

### **LLC Suffix Requirements**

LLCs must include the term “Limited Liability Company” or an appropriate abbreviation. “Limited” and “Company” may also be abbreviated.

#### **Prohibited Words**

The state prohibits the use of any words that imply the entity was created for an impermissible purpose. LLCs cannot use terms that imply they are nonprofit organizations, statutory close corporations or corporations.

### **Nonprofit Corporation Suffix Requirements**

There are no specific requirements.

#### **Prohibited Words**

There are no explicitly prohibited words.