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## Licensing a Home-based Business

Many types of small businesses can be licensed at a residence. A home-based business should be one that has no impact on the neighborhood and is essentially invisible to the neighbors. A home occupation permit is required and there is an additional charge of \$50 for this permit, but the licensing process is essentially the same as any other business. There are some restrictions on the type of merchandise or services provided through a home-based business. Sales of ammunition, explosives, and weapons are not allowed at a residence. Motor vehicle repair and commercial preparation of food at the residence are also prohibited. Customers and employees are generally not allowed at the residence, although a teaching or tutoring business is allowed to have up to two students at a time at the residence. A detailed list of the conditions is included in our online application. [Click here](#) to see the list of conditions.

### **To apply for a home-based business you will need to complete the following steps:**

1. Apply for your Nevada State Business License with the Nevada Secretary of State. To apply online, [click here](#). The Las Vegas office of the Secretary of State is located at 2250 N. Las Vegas Blvd. You will be provided your State license number or exemption when you apply.
2. Apply for your Nevada State Sales & Use Tax Permit with the Nevada Department of Taxation. To apply online, [click here](#), or at their Las Vegas office at 555 E. Washington Ave., Suite 1300. When you have completed that process, you should have a taxpayer ID, a confirmation number, or a written exemption.

**Both these steps must be completed before your jurisdictional license application can be accepted for processing.**

3. For a City of Las Vegas home-based business license application, you may apply online [click here](#). Normal turnaround time for licenses is about 14 to 30 days. For more information on license types and license fees, [click here](#).
  - a. Follow the instructions online to apply.
  - b. You will be contacted by a license technician within 1-2 business days to finish the process and pay the required license fees.
  - c. Once the application is completed and approved, you will receive an approval email and your business license will be mailed out next business day. Most general licenses will be printable through your Licensing Portal 24 hours after approval.

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