Additional Resources and Agencies to Contact When Starting Your Business in Pacifica

Local Agencies

City of Pacifica Planning & Building Department
1800 Francisco Blvd., Pacifica, CA 94044
(650) 738-7341

The Pacifica Planning & Building Department manages anything related to zoning, building, and signage. They should be the first point of contact when choosing a business location.

https://www.cityofpacifica.org/depts/planning/

City of Pacifica Finance Department
170 Santa Maria Ave., Pacifica, CA 94044
(650) 738-7392

The Pacifica Finance Department issues business licenses upon receipt of a completed business license application. It should be the second point of contact.

https://www.cityofpacifica.org/depts/asd/finance/default.asp

City of Pacifica Economic Development Division
170 Santa Maria Ave., Pacifica, CA 94044
(650) 738-7300

The Economic Development Division works to build a healthy, thriving local economy through business attraction, expansion and retention, and provides technical assistance to current and potential new business owners.

https://www.cityofpacifica.org/government/economic_development/default.asp
The Economic Development Committee (EDC) exists to support the City's economic development goals, including the retention of local businesses in Pacifica, the development and expansion of local businesses, and assist in the attraction of new businesses to Pacifica.

The Economic Development Committee meets on the second Tuesday of every month at 6:00 pm at the Pacifica Police Department located at 2075 Pacific Coast Highway, Pacifica, CA 94044.

https://www.cityofpacifica.org/government/committees/edc/default.asp

Pacifica Police Department
2075 Pacific Coast Hwy, Pacifica, CA 94044
(650) 738-7314

The Police Department evaluates and approves all business license applications. It issues permits for alarms as well as non-traditional businesses.

https://www.cityofpacifica.org/depts/police/

Pacifica Chamber of Commerce
225 Rockaway Beach Ave., #1, Pacifica, CA 94044
(650) 355-4122

The Pacifica Chamber of Commerce’s goal is to stimulate and strengthen a sustainable, socio-economic climate, which increases the success and visibility of our Chamber members. They partner with and promote the businesses they serve, by supporting and providing networking opportunities for businesses to connect with each other.

http://www.pacificachamber.com/
Pacifica Sharp Park Library
104 Hilton Way, Pacifica, CA 94044
(650) 355-5196

The Pacifica Sharp Park Library provides access to resources available through San Mateo County and the Peninsula Library System. It also has computers and WIFI available.

https://smcl.org/locations/1P/

County & Regional Agencies

County Clerk-Recorder's Office
401 Marshall Street, 6th Fl., Redwood City, CA 94063-1636
(650) 363-4500

The County Clerk-Recorder's Office handles Fictitious Name Statements and can offer additional business information.

https://www.smcacre.org/fictitious-business-names

San Mateo County Green Business Program
Office of Sustainability, County of San Mateo
455 County Center, 4th Floor, Redwood City, CA 94063
(888) 442-2666

The San Mateo County Green Business Program works to green certify businesses (including non-profits). Green certification is a way to distinguish your business as an accredited business with verified high standards and integrating sustainable practices into everyday activities.

https://www.smcsustainability.org/climate-change/green-business/
San Mateo County Environmental Health
2000 Alameda de las Pulgas, San Mateo, CA 94403  
(650) 991-8138

San Mateo County Environmental Health issues permits for environmental regulations, health and safety standards (ex. food handling), toxic or hazardous materials, and underground storage tanks.

https://www.smchealth.org/eh

San Mateo County Weights and Measures
728 Heller St., Redwood City CA 94064  
(650) 363-4700

Businesses that use commercial weighing and measuring devices or retail price scanner systems need to register with Weights and Measures.

https://agwm.smccgov.org/

San Mateo County Small Business Development Center
1700 West Hillsdale Blvd  
College Center Building 19, Room 111, San Mateo, CA 94402  
(650) 574-6402

The San Mateo Small Business Development Center (SBDC) offers a wide variety of services for present and potential small business owners. Our services include no-charge expert advising, low-cost training, information resources, events and seminars.

www.sanmateosbdc.org
San Mateo County Economic Development Association (SAMCEDA)
1900 O'Farrell Street Suite 380, San Mateo, CA 94403
(650) 413-5600

One of the primary objectives of SAMCEDA is to support, champion recognize and bring attention to the San Mateo County business community.

www.samceda.org

State Agencies

CA Contractor's State License Board
9821 Business Park Drive, Sacramento CA 95827
(800) 321-2752

The Contractor's State License Board issues and manages licenses for contractors in 43 classifications.

http://www.cslb.ca.gov/

Child Care Licensing
Peninsula Regional Branch
801 Traeger Avenue, Suite 100
San Bruno, CA 94066
(650) 266-8843

The Child Care Licensing Program ensures that child care facilities operate according to the California Health and Safety Code and Title 22 of the California Code of Regulations.

https://www.cdss.ca.gov/inforesources/child-care-licensing
Franchise Tax Board (FTB)
121 Spear St., Ste. 400, San Francisco CA 94105
(800) 852-5711

The FTB administers two of California's Tax Programs: Personal Income Tax and the Corporation Tax.

https://www.ftb.ca.gov/

California Government Online to Desktops Website (CalGOLD)

Assists in providing businesses the information they need to comply with environmental and other regulatory and permitting requirements.

http://www.calgold.ca.gov/

California Business Portal

The California Business Portal is the one-stop shop if you're looking to start or grow a business in California.

http://www.business.ca.gov/

Secretary of State's Business Programs Division

The Business Programs Division supports California businesses by registering business entities and trademarks and enabling secured creditors to protect their financial interests.

https://www.sos.ca.gov/business-programs/
California Department of Alcohol Beverage Control (ABC)

Licensing Representatives investigate applications for licenses to sell alcoholic beverages and report on the suitability of premises where sales are to be conducted.

https://www.abc.ca.gov/

California Department of Tax and Fee Administration

The mission of the CDTFA is to make life better for Californians by fairly and efficiently collecting the revenue that supports our essential public services. They conduct In-Person Seminars, Classes, Clinics, Workshops and Online Seminars to assist businesses.

https://www.cdtfa.ca.gov/

Federal Agencies

Small Business Administration

The U.S. Small Business Administration helps Americans start, build and grow businesses.

https://www.sba.gov/

Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB) National Revenue Center

550 Main St., Ste.8002, Cincinnati OH 45202
(877) 882-3277

TTB is in charge of Federal permit applications, and collects alcohol, tobacco, firearms and ammunition excise taxes.

https://www.ttb.gov/
ADA Contact Information

This site contains the telephone numbers and Internet addresses of federal agencies and other organizations that provide information about the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and informal guidance in understanding and complying with different provisions of the law.

https://www.ada.gov/agency.htm

Internal Revenue Service (IRS)
450 Golden Gate Ave., 1st floor, San Francisco CA 94102
(415) 522-4061 | (800) 829-4933

The internal revenue system issues Federal Tax ID numbers to businesses.

https://www.irs.gov/

U.S. Food & Drug Administration (FDA)
5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville MD 20857
(888) 463-6332

The FDA is responsible for regulating products sold in the United States. This includes issuing recalls and monitoring products being sold on the market.

https://www.fda.gov/home
Utility Providers

Local

North County Fire Department
10 Wembley Dr., Daly City, CA 94015
(650) 991-8138

North County Fire Department evaluates and approves all business license applications. It handles fire inspections & fire permits.

https://northcountyfire.org/

North Coast County Water District
2400 Francisco Blvd., Pacifica, CA 94044
(650) 355-3462

The North Coast County Water District has been providing water to the residents of the City of Pacifica since 1944, and is in charge of water utilities.

https://www.nccwd.com/

Calera Creek Water Recycling Plant
700 Coast Highway
(650) 738-4660

The Calera Creek Water Recycling Plant provides wastewater collection and treatment services for the residents and businesses of Pacifica that is inclusive of environmental and community interests.

https://www.cityofpacifica.org/depts/pw/wwt/default.asp
Pacific Gas and Electric Company is one of the largest combined natural gas and electric energy companies in the United States. PG&E’s primary business is the transmission and delivery of energy, including natural gas and electric service in Northern California.

https://www.pge.com/

AT&T Inc. is a modern media company that brings together premium video content, a large base of direct-to-consumer relationships, high-speed networks optimized for video and advertising technology to lead the next revolution in technology, media and telecommunications.

https://www.att.com/

Comcast provides internet, phone, T.V., and Ethernet services in Pacifica.

https://business.comcast.com/

“Starting a Business in Pacifica – a How to Guide” is available for viewing and download at:

https://www.cityofpacifica.org/civicax/filebank/blobdload.aspx?t=42917.75&BlobID=15815