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# A Guide to Starting Your Business

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## Who do I contact?

The Goochland County Commissioner of the Revenue and the Economic Development Office is a great place to start. Both the Commissioner of the Revenue and Economic Development office has helpful information on their website - [www.goochlandva.us](http://www.goochlandva.us) or [www.goochlandforbusiness.com](http://www.goochlandforbusiness.com)

To reach the Commissioner of the Revenue, please call 804-556-5807 or the Economic Development Office at 804-556-5862.

## Do I need a business license?

All businesses operating in Goochland County are required to register with the Commissioner of the Revenue, however not all businesses require a license to operate. Our business license fees are based on the past year gross receipts (or estimated revenue) and are very competitive with other jurisdictions.

## What other County taxes or fees will I have to pay to operate a business in Goochland County?

**Business Personal Property Tax** - All businesses operating in Goochland County must pay business personal property tax on equipment used in running your business.

**Machinery and Tools Tax** - Some businesses may be required to pay machinery and tools tax

**Transient Occupancy Tax** - Short-term rentals and hotels are required to pay transient occupancy tax

## What are the State requirements?

All businesses must register with the State for tax payment purposes. Please visit the Virginia Department of Taxation at [www.tax.virginia.gov](http://www.tax.virginia.gov) and click on Business Resources at the top right.

In addition, if you are not operating as a sole proprietor, you need to register with the State Corporation Commission at [www.scc.virginia.gov](http://www.scc.virginia.gov)

## How do I obtain a Federal Tax Identification Number?

Every employer is required to have a federal identification number. An Employer Identification number (EIN) is also known as a Federal Identification Number and is used to identify a business entity. You may apply online at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov).

## How do I know my business is allowed in Goochland County?

Please contact the Goochland Department of Community Development at 556-5860 or the Economic Development Office at 556-5862 to find out if your business meets the requirements of the area.

## What if I want to run my business out of my home?

Home based businesses are allowed if all the employees are occupants of the home. Some home businesses require a conditional use permit to operate. Please contact the Department of Community Development at 556-5860 for more information.

## How do I find available property for sale or lease?

Goochland County Economic Development Department can provide information on available land or buildings for sale or lease. Please visit [www.goochlandforbusiness.com](http://www.goochlandforbusiness.com) and click on the "Real Estate" button or call us at 804-556-5862.

## How can Goochland County Economic Development help my business?

Goochland County citizens have a thriving entrepreneurial spirit. Many of our businesses were conceived, developed, and grown in Goochland County.

To support small business development, Goochland County Economic Development will:

- Provide information on how and where to get your business plan reviewed
- Help find or train workforce
- Provide helpful training and seminars
- Help find land or buildings to expand your business
- Permitting and site plan assistance
- Assist in finding incubator or start-up programs
- In some cases, introduce you to venture capitalists
- Work with Virginia Economic Development Partnership to globalize your business

