

REGISTERING YOUR BUSINESS

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IMPORTANT INFO

WHO MUST REGISTER?

- **Everyone** doing business in Nova Scotia under a name other than their own **must** register their business with the Registry of Joint Stock Companies (RJSC)



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STEP 1 – RESERVE BUSINESS NAME

- Find form on RJSC website
- Your name must be a unique & an accurate description of your business
- It should have the following 3 elements:
 - a) Distinctive – Maritime; Sally's; Glamour
 - b) Descriptive – Hair & Nail; Esthetics; Spa
 - c) Corporate* – Limited; Incorporated

*only requires corporate designation if incorporated

STEP 2 – SELECT TYPE OF BUSINESS

- Three main types:
 1. Sole proprietor – you alone
 2. Partnership – 2 or more persons
 3. Incorporation – creates separate legal entity
- Discuss which option is best for you with a **lawyer** and/or **accountant**

STEP 3 – FORMS & FEES

- Once your business name reservation is approved, you have **90 days** to complete registration by paying the applicable **fee** and filing (available on RJSC website):
 - a) Partnership form (applies to sole proprietors)
 - b) Incorporation form
 - c) Any other paperwork the RJSC requires
- You must **renew** your registration with the RJSC annually

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