

## Before You Begin

Please consider applying online at [Ontario.ca/BusinessRegistry](https://Ontario.ca/BusinessRegistry) because it is better, easier, and faster for you. Benefits of applying online include: a faster response, getting immediate notice that your application was received and being able to check the progress of your application online.

If you prefer to complete this form, you must complete it on a computer. The form is dynamic – it changes depending on how you answer questions. You can save the form but can't print it until you complete all mandatory fields – they are marked with an asterisk (\*).

If there are changes to the primary activity or principal place of business of the business name, you must update your registration within 15 days after the change by filing an amendment under the *Business Names Act* (BNA). This is free of charge.

Please note that a new business registration is required to change your business name. There is a fee for this new filing.

For detailed information about this application, please see the [applicable Notice](#) first.

## Information You Need

Before completing this form, please make sure that you have the following information ready. Note: You require the information for items 4 and 5 only if you are making changes to any of this information.

1. Business name and Business Identification Number (BIN).
2. Corporation name, Ontario Corporation Number (OCN), company key and official email address. The company key is the 9-digit number provided by the ministry that establishes access over the business name and the registrant corporation. For more information refer to [company key](#).
3. Administrative information for the contact person (name, telephone number and email address). **This will not be shown on the public record.**
4. New address of the principal place of business, if this is being changed.
5. North American Industry Classification System NAICS primary activity code if this is being changed. For more information on NAICS code visit [NAICS](#) link.
6. Person authorizing the amendment.

## Completing the Form

### Business Name Information

Please enter the business name and BIN. The **business name** must be the same as it appears on the ministry's records.

### Registrant Information

Please enter the corporation name, OCN, company key and official email address of the registrant corporation.

We will need the **company key** to verify that you are authorized to file this amendment.

The **corporation name** must be the same as it appeared on the original certificate of incorporation document or, if there has been a name change, the same as the name that appears on the most recent articles changing the name.

You must indicate the **official email address** that is already on record with the ministry. This is the official email address of the corporation. The official email will be used to communicate with the business. The documents related to this application will be sent to the official email address as well as to the email address of the contact person indicated in Section 2 of this form.

If the corporation's official email address has changed, you must notify the ministry by filing an [Initial Return/Notice of Change/Annual Return by an Ontario Corporation - Form Number 5284](#) if the registrant is an Ontario corporation. If the registrant is a Foreign corporation with share you must file an [Initial Return/Notice of Change/Annual Return by an EP Foreign Corporation with Share - Form Number 5285](#). If the registrant is a Federal, Domestic or Foreign non-share corporation you must file an [Initial Return/Notice of Change by an EP Federal/Domestic/ Foreign Non-Share Corporation - Form Number 5286](#). Please see the *Corporations Information Act* (CIA) for more details.

### **Contact Information**

Please enter the full name, telephone number and email address of the contact person. This will not be shown on the public record. The ministry will contact this person for any questions related to this application. Documents related to this application will be sent to the contact person's email address.

### **Address of Principal Place of Business**

If you are changing the principal place of business address, you must provide the new address of the principal place of business in Ontario, if there is a place of business in Ontario. If there is **no** place of business in Ontario, you must provide the new address of the principal place of business **outside** Ontario. If you have an international address and the "Region" field is not applicable to you, please enter 'Parish,' 'County' or any other equivalent information in the "Region" field. This also applies to any other international address in the form.

### **Primary Activity**

Your primary activity is the main activity being carried out under the business name. If you are changing your primary activity, indicate in this form your new primary activity code.

NAICS is the North American Industry Classification System. Please refer to the NAICS link and select the code that best describes the main activity of your business and then set out in this form your primary activity code from the link. The NAICS activity code is a 2 to 6-digit number that corresponds to a business's primary activity. You must select the code that best describes the main activity of your business. For example, a code for a hair salon could be "812116 – unisex hair stylist shops"). The NAICS code is required under the *Business Names Act* and *Limited Partnerships Act* and appears on the public record for filings made under those Acts.

### **Authorization**

A director or officer of the corporation or a person acting under power of attorney must authorize the amendment.

#### **Director/Officer Authorizing the Amendment**

If the director or officer is authorizing the amendment, set out the full name and director/officer position (e.g., director, president or secretary).

#### **Person Acting Under Power of Attorney Authorizing the Amendment**

A person acting under power of attorney could be an individual, corporation or registered entity (any registration with a BIN), or an 'other' entity.

If the person acting under power of attorney is an individual, enter their full name and address for service in Ontario.

If the person acting under power of attorney is not an individual (e.g., corporation or other registered entity), enter its name and OCN or BIN, as applicable, and its address for service in Ontario. Also set out the full name and position of the person representing the corporation or registered entity.

If the person acting under power of attorney is an 'other' entity, set out the name of the entity, address for service in Ontario, and the name and position of the individual representing it.

### **Confirmation**

The contact person must confirm the accuracy of the information submitted.

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## Submitting the Form

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Once you have completed the form, print it, and mail it to the ministry at the address below.

Ministry of Government and Consumer Services  
Central Production and Verification Services Branch  
393 University Avenue, Suite 200  
Toronto, Ontario M5G 2M2

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## Returned Application

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If your application is handwritten, missing the company key or email addresses, or if the wrong form is used, it will not be processed and will be returned to you by regular mail. You may resubmit by regular mail in this case.

However, if the form is missing **any other** required information or has not been properly completed, it will be returned for correction electronically to the email address provided on the form. To resubmit the application, you will be provided with a link to the electronic business registration system, where you must complete the transaction **electronically**. When you resubmit the application, it is your responsibility to review the entire application, and to ensure that all data is accurate and meets all requirements.

The effective date of a returned application that is resubmitted to the ministry will be the date an application acceptable for filing is processed by the ministry. For details, please refer to the applicable Notice.

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## Successful Application

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Whether you applied electronically or by mail, after the ministry receives your application and it is successfully processed, you will receive official documents by email, including a payment receipt if applicable and a company key if one has not already been assigned to the entity. For more information on the documents, please see the applicable Notice.

These documents will be sent to the official corporation or entity email provided and to the contact person specified, except for the company key, if applicable, which is sent only to the official email.

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## Questions

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After reading these detailed instructions and the applicable Notice, if you still have questions, visit [Ontario.ca/BusinessRegistry](https://Ontario.ca/BusinessRegistry) or contact us by [email](#). Alternatively, you may call ServiceOntario at:

- Telephone: 416-314-8880 or Toll-free: 1-800-361-3223
- TTY: 416-325-3408 or Toll-free TTY: 1-800-268-7095