



**CALHOUN COUNTY AREA
CHAMBER AND VISITORS CENTER**

HOW TO START A BUSINESS GUIDE

CHAMBER MISSION:

*To promote and sustain the economic growth of the Calhoun County Region,
resulting in a community that is a dynamic place to work, visit, and live.*

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1330 Quintard Avenue
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www.calhounchamber.com

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CHECKLIST

- ☐ Determine Feasibility
- ☐ Create a Business Plan
- ☐ Develop Budget
- ☐ Study Legal Structure
- ☐ Choose a Business Name
- ☐ Apply for EIN
- ☐ Apply for Business License
- ☐ Set Up Online Presence
- ☐ Start Revenue System
- ☐ Set Up Accounting System
- ☐ Consult Insurance Agents
- ☐ Rent Retail or Office Space
- ☐ Get Business Cards
- ☐ Assign Responsibilities
- ☐ Hire Employees
- ☐ Find Suppliers
- ☐ Find Trademarks and Patents
- ☐ Refine Products, Market & Sales Approach

APPLY FOR AN EIN

<https://www.irs.gov/businesses/>

FIND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

<https://business.calhounchamber.com/list/>

APPLY FOR A BUSINESS LICENSE

Calhoun County

Calhoun County License Commissioner's Office
1702 Noble St., Anniston, AL 36201
(256) 241-2900
[*www.calhouncountyal.org](http://www.calhouncountyal.org)

Anniston

1128 Gurnee Ave., Anniston, AL 36201
(256) 231-7716
licensing@anniston.al.gov
[*www.anniston.al.gov](http://www.anniston.al.gov)

Hobson City

Hobson City Clerk, Pauline Cunningham
715 Martin L. King Jr. Dr., Hobson City, AL 36201
(256) 831-4940
hobsoncityhall@bellsouth.net

Jacksonville

320 Church Ave. SE, Jacksonville, AL 36265
(256) 435-7611
[*www.jacksonville-al.org](http://www.jacksonville-al.org)

Ohatchee

Ohatchee Town Clerk, Suzanna Frederick
(256) 892-3232
townclerk@townofohatchee.com

Oxford

Oxford City Hall
145 Hamric Dr. E, Oxford, AL 36203
(256) 831-3183
[*www.oxfordalabama.org](http://www.oxfordalabama.org)

Piedmont

109 N. Center Ave., Piedmont, AL 36272
(256) 447-3564
[*www.piedmontcity.org](http://www.piedmontcity.org)

Weaver

Weaver Licensing Department, Angie Johnson
businesslicense@weaver-alabama.org
(256) 820-1121

**Denotes Application Available Online*

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BUSINESS RESOURCES

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**Jacksonville State University
Small Business Development Center**

Jacksonville State University
School of Business and Industry
115 College St. SW, Bldg. 6, 35265
www.jsusbdc.com
(256) 782-5271

**East Alabama Regional Planning
and Development Commission**

1130 Quintard Avenue, Anniston, AL 36201
(256) 237-6741

**Northeast Alabama
Entrepreneurial System**

1400 Commerce Blvd., Ste. 1, Anniston, 36207
(256) 831-5215

SCORE - North Alabama Chapter #0638

1400 Commerce Blvd., Ste. 20, Anniston, AL 36207
(256) 591-5487

CHAMBER RESOURCES FOR YOUR BUSINESS

NETWORKING

- Network at numerous events
- Attend Professional Development Workshops
- Join a Chamber Committee

REFERRALS

- Referred by Chamber Staff
- Recommended by other Chamber Members
- Features in our online Business Directory
- Listed in our Find It Local Guide

COMMUNICATION

- Mailed monthly newsletters
- Customized business details and events shared through our Member Information Center and Event Calendar

AFFILIATION

- Presented a Membership Decal to display
- Branded as a Member

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Forms for the following can be filed at the office of the Alabama Secretary of State:

- Certificate of Existence
- Certificate of Withdrawal
- Business Name Reservations
- Limited Liability Corporations
- Non-Profit Corporations
- Limited Liability Partnerships
- Domestic Entities
- Foreign Entities

For more information visit www.sos.alabama.gov

The Chamber provides Ribbon Cutting and Ground Breaking services for our members.

Schedule an event for your new business, new location, or new renovation by calling (256) 237-3536 or visit www.calhounchamber.com

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