

A **professional business** is a registered or incorporated entity that provides professional services (which generally require a license from a professional body) such as accounting, legal advice, medical care, etc. to the public. These businesses are also called professional corporations.



Professional businesses include (but are not limited to):

- Offices of Lawyers
- Offices of Accountants
- Medical Offices
- Real Estate Agencies
- Test Laboratories
- Computer Related Services
- Professional Consulting Services
- Veterinary Services
- Temporary Help Services
- Locksmiths
- Janitorial Services
- Landscaping Services
- Office Administration Services
- Consultants
- Barber & Salon Services

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Get Legal and Get Going!

Step 1: Register your business with the City.

- Contact the [Department of Finance](#) located on the **2nd Floor** of the City-County Building (412-255-2541, Opt. 5).

Step 2: You've found a space for your biz, now what?

- Check your space on the [Zoning Map](#) and contact the Dept. of City Planning [Zoning Division](#) to verify if you need a permit. The Zoning Counter is located at 200 Ross Street, **3rd Floor**, Pittsburgh PA 15219 (412-255-2200).

Step 3: Renovating? Constructing? Moving in? Get your permit!

Contact the [Department of Permits, Licenses, and Inspections](#) located at 200 Ross Street, **3rd Floor**, Pittsburgh PA 15219 (412-255-2175).

- Print and complete necessary forms (available in person and online). Submit to PLI.

Step 4: Will your business use public space? Parking? Signage? Dumpsters? If so, you'll need another permit for that!

Contact the [Department of Public Works](#), 611 Second Avenue, Pittsburgh PA, 15219 (412-255-2529).

- Complete the [Permit Info Form](#) online to request