

REGISTRATION OF FICTITIOUS NAMES UNDER STATE LAW

State	Registration of Fictitious Name is Required	Registration on State or Local Level	Website for Registration Information
Alabama	No	No registration is available	For trademark registration, go to www.sos.state.al.us
Alaska	Yes	File a Business Name Registration Form with Alaska Division of Corporations	For registration of business name, go to http://commerce.alaska.gov
Arizona	No	No registration is available	For trademark registration, go to www.azsos.gov
Arkansas	Yes	An Application for a Fictitious Name must be filed with the Arkansas Secretary of State AND the County Clerk in the county which the business' principal office is located.	For information on fictitious name filings, go to www.sos.arkansas.gov
California	Yes	File Fictitious Name Certification with Clerk-Recorder for County housing principal place of business	Search for the website of the Clerk-Recorder for the county housing the principal place of business
Colorado	Yes	File a Certificate of Assumed Name with the Secretary of State	For registration information go to www.sos.state.co.us
Connecticut	Yes	File a Certificate of Registration of Trade Name with city or town Clerk	Search for the website of the Clerk of the city or town where the business is headquartered
Delaware	Yes	Registration Certificate must be filed in the Office of Prothonotary in each county where the business operates	Filing information is available at www.courts.delaware.gov

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Florida	Yes	File a Fictitious Name Registration with the Florida Department of State	For information and forms, go to www.sunbiz.org
Georgia	Yes	File a Trade Name Registration with the Clerk of Superior Court in the county where the business is situated.	For information and forms search for the website of the Clerk of Superior Court for the applicable county
Hawaii	No	A trade name filing may be made with the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs	For information on voluntary filings of trade names, go to http://hawaii.gov/dcaa
Idaho	Yes	A Certificate of Assumed Business Name must be filed with the Idaho Secretary of State	For information and forms, go to www.sos.idaho.gov/corp .
Illinois	Yes	An Assumed Name Certificate must be filed with the County Clerk in the county where the business operates.	For information and forms, search for the website of the County Clerk for the county where the business is located.
Indiana	Yes	A Certificate of Assumed Name must be filed both with the Recorder's Office in the county where the business is located AND with the Indiana Secretary of State	For information and forms, go to www.in.gov/sos
Iowa	Yes	A Fictitious Name Resolution must be filed with the Iowa Secretary of State, except for partnerships and sole proprietorships which must file a Trade Name Report with the County Recorder's Office in the county where the business is located.	For information and forms, go to http://sos.iowa.gov/business
Kansas	No	No registration is available	For trademark registration, go to www.kssos.org/resources

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Kentucky	Yes	A Certificate of Assumed Name must be filed with the Kentucky Secretary of State, except for sole proprietorships which file them with the County Clerk in the county where the business is located.	For information and forms, go to www.sos.ky.gov
Louisiana	Yes	A Registration of Assumed Business Name must be filed with the Clerk of Court for the Parish where the business is situated.	For information and forms, go to the website of the Clerk of Courts for the Parish where the business is located.
Maine	Yes	For sole proprietorships and partnerships, a fictitious name must be filed with the municipal or town clerk where the business is located. For corporations and limited liability companies, a Statement of Intention to do Business under an Assumed or Fictitious Name must be filed with the Maine Secretary of State.	For information and forms, go to www.maine.gov/sos
Maryland	No	A trade name may be registered with the State Department of Assessment and Taxation	For trade name registration, go to www.dat.state.md.us
Massachusetts	Yes	Fictitious Name filings also known as “DBA” certificates are filed with the Town Clerk where the business is located.	Search the website of the Town Clerk in the town or municipality where the business is located.
Michigan	Yes	File a Certificate of Assumed Name with County Clerk where the business is located.	For assumed name registration, go to www.dleg.state.mi.us
Minnesota	Yes	A Certificate of Assumed Name must be filed with the Minnesota Secretary of State	For information and forms, go to www.sos.state.mn.us
Mississippi	No	No registration is available	Trade mark registration is available at www.ms.gov/business services

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Missouri	Yes	A fictitious Name Registration must be filed with the Missouri Secretary of State	For trade name or fictitious name registration, go to www.sos.mo.gov
Montana	Yes	An Application for Registration of Assumed Business Name is filed with the Montana Secretary of State	For information and forms, go to www.sos.mt.gov/business
Nebraska	Yes	Any business, other than a partnership, must file a fictitious name certificate with the County Recorder of the county where the business is located; provided, however, that a business that has already filed a Trade Name Certificate with the Secretary of State is exempt from the county registration	For information and forms, go to www.sos.ne.gov/business
Nevada	Yes	File a Fictitious Name Certificate with the County Clerk of each county where the business operates	Search for the website of the County Clerk for each county where the business is in operation.
New Hampshire	Yes	A Trade Name Registration must be filed with the New Hampshire Secretary of State	For information and forms, go to www.sos.nh.gov
New Jersey	Yes	Corporations and limited liability companies must file a Registration of Alternate Name with the New Jersey Department of Revenue. Sole proprietorships and partnerships must register alternate names with the County Clerk in the county where the business is located.	For information and forms, go to www.nj.gov/treasury
New Mexico	No	No registration is available	Not applicable

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New York	Yes	Corporations and limited liability companies must file a Certificate of Assumed Name with the New York Department of State. A sole proprietorship and partnership must file a Business Certificate with the County Clerk in the county where the business is located.	For information and forms, go to www.dos.ny.gov/corps
North Carolina	Yes	A Certificate of Assumed Name is filed in the Register of Deeds in the county where the business is located. For corporations and limited liability companies, name registration is made with the North Carolina Secretary of State.	For information and forms, go to www.blnc.gov
North Dakota	No	Trade names may be registered with the Secretary of State	For trade name registration, go to www.nd.gov/sos
Ohio	Yes	File Fictitious Name registration (Form 534A) with the Ohio Secretary of State	For trade name or fictitious name registration, go to www.sos.state.ohio.us
Oklahoma	No (except for partnerships)	A partnership must file a Certificate of Record of Fictitious Name with the Secretary of State	For fictitious name forms for partnerships and optional trade name forms, go to www.sos.ok.gov
Oregon	Yes	An Assumed Business Name filing must be made with the Oregon Secretary of State	For information and forms, go to http://licenseinfo.oregon.gov
Pennsylvania	Yes	An Application for Registration of a Fictitious Name must be filed with the Pennsylvania Department of State	For information and forms, go to www.portal.state.pa.us

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Rhode Island	Yes	Corporations and limited liability companies must file a Fictitious Business Name Statement with the Rhode Island Secretary of State. In addition, all businesses must file Assumed Business Name Certificate with the city or town clerk where the business is located.	For information and forms, go to http://sos.ri.gov
South Carolina	No	Registration is not available for fictitious names nor trade names	A trademark filing may be made with the Secretary of State at www.scsos.com/trademarks
South Dakota	Yes	A Fictitious Business Name Registration must be filed with the South Dakota Secretary of State	For information and forms, go to http://apps.sd.gov
Tennessee	No (except as noted in next box)	Corporations and limited liability companies must identify their assumed names in corporate filings	For information, go to www.tn.gov/sos
Texas	Yes	All businesses must file an Assumed Name Certificate with the County Clerk in the county where the business is located. In addition, corporations and limited liability companies must file the Assumed Name Certificate with the Texas Secretary of State	For information and forms, go to www.sos.tx.us/corp
Utah	Yes	A Business Name Registration must be filed with the Utah Department of Commerce	For information and forms, go to http://corporation.utah.gov

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Vermont	Yes	A Trade Name Registration must be filed with the Vermont Secretary of State	For information and forms, go to www.scc.state.vt.us
Virginia	Yes	An Assumed Name Certificate must be filed with the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court for all counties where the name will be used. In addition, corporations and limited liability companies must file a certified copy with the State Corporation Commission	For information and forms, go to scc.virginia.gov
Washington	Yes	A Trade Name Registration must be filed with the Washington Business Licensing Service	For information and forms, go to http://bls.dor.wa.gov
West Virginia	Yes	A Certificate of Assumed name must be filed by a sole proprietorship or partnership with the County Commissioner of the county where the business is situated. Corporations and limited liability companies must file trade name registrations with the West Virginia Secretary of State	For information and forms, go to www.sos.wv.gov
Wisconsin	No (except for sole proprietorships and partnerships)	Sole Proprietorships and partnerships must file a Registration of Firm Names with the Recorder of Deeds in the county where the business is located.	For information and forms, search for the website of the applicable Register of Deeds
Wyoming	No	Trade names may be registered with the Wyoming Secretary of State	For trade name registration information and forms, go to http://soswy.state.wy.us