



General Certification Eligibility Standards

ALL businesses must be: 1) fully registered; and 2) in good standing.

1. Being fully registered means:

For all for-profit corporations, limited liability companies, limited liability partnerships, limited and liability partnerships, the business has:

- Obtained an employer identification number (EIN) from the IRS
- Completed the two filings below:
 - ✓ First, the certificate of formation/authorization --
<https://www.njportal.com/DOR/BusinessFormation/Home/Welcome>
 - ✓ Second, the tax/employer registration form (Form NJ-REG) -
<https://www.njportal.com/DOR/BusinessRegistration/Home/FirstStep>

For all other business types like general partnerships and proprietorships, the business has:

- Obtained an employer identification number (EIN) from the IRS
- Completed the tax/employer registration form (Form NJ-REG) -
<https://www.njportal.com/DOR/BusinessRegistration/Home/FirstStep>

2. Being in good standing means that the business has**:

- Completed the applicable steps above
- Remains compliant with on-going registry filing requirements (applies to for-profit corporations, limited liability companies, limited liability partnerships, limited and liability partnerships; more on this topic will follow)

**If you operate a for-profit corporation, limited liability company, limited liability partnership, limited and liability partnership, you can check your registry status online via the Business Registration look-up service at
https://www1.state.nj.us/TYTR_BRC/jsp/BRCLoginJsp.jsp