

How to start, maintain and search for businesses is changing in British Columbia

BC Registries and Online Services launched a phased [modernization initiative](#) to keep pace with technology and an increasing demand for online services. Our vision is to create a more secure, user-friendly experience and make it easier and faster to start and do business in British Columbia.

With this initiative, a new, self-serve [BC Registry Application](#) was launched with services for: name requests, filings for cooperative associations and benefit companies and the Personal Property Registry application.

What's the next phase?

Coming later this summer, the next phase of the initiative will be expanded to include:

- The **provincial registration and maintenance of sole proprietorships and general partnerships (SP/GP)** in the new [Business Registry](#), replacing the [OneStop](#) & [Address Change BC](#) (ACBC) applications.
- A **new Business Search** for existing [BC OnLine](#) clients, providing access to business information and filings for **cooperative associations, benefit companies, sole proprietorships and general partnerships**, with other entities to be added at a later date.
 - The new Search will be available to existing BC OnLine users in the first phase and will open up to others at a later date.

Who is impacted?

- BC OnLine, OneStop and ACBC users – you will register and maintain SP/GP in the new Business Registry and search for the above entities in the new Business Search.
- Users will register directly with federal, provincial and local government agencies (e.g., CRA, WorkSafeBC, etc).

How will the new Business Registry and Business Search benefit businesses in British Columbia?

- Immediate online, self-serve business registration and access to view and update information.
- SP/GP's will be able to retrieve copies of their documents, including a firm summary, free of charge.
- Ability to provide account access to other staff members or professionals (e.g. accountants and lawyers) to submit changes on a user's behalf.

Getting users ready for the late summer launch of our new services

- BC OnLine clients must set up a [Premium account](#) by **July 1, 2022**; sign up for an [upcoming Info Session](#).
- British Columbians can view the [user guide](#) to learn how to create an account which is needed to start and maintain a business.
- Preview the new [Business Search](#) and how to [register a SP/GP](#); sign up for an upcoming demo on the new [Business Search](#) and/or [SP/GP registration](#).
- Keep up to date and subscribe now to our [modernization updates](#).

Getting your organization prepared for the late summer new launch

- If your website and resources contain references to "OneStop" or "Address Change BC", update them to list "the Business Registry" (<https://www.bcregistry.ca/business/auth/>) in time for the launch.
- If you are using your own internal applications to access BC Registry application (via third-party app) or automation tools like robotics or screen scraping to process high volume transactions in BC OnLine, read more about [API services here](#).