Resources to help guide you down the path to entrepreneurship

Choosing a Company Name

- Make sure you are clear to use your name for your industry. You can do so [here](#).
- Make sure you are clear to use your name in the state. [This is where you can do it.](#)
- Make sure the website address is available for your name. This can be accomplished by a quick Google search.

Incorporate

It is most common for Connecticut companies to incorporate either in Connecticut or Delaware, although to do so in Delaware would require a representative there. [Here](#) are some helpful resources regarding incorporation in Delaware.

With regard to incorporating, there are a few things you will need to obtain. They are: Bylaws, a Certificate of Incorporation, a Common Stock Specimen Certificate, Written Consent of Sole Incorporator and Written Consent of Sole Director. The [Connecticut Secretary of State’s website](#) contains all of the information you will need. There are also many companies that offer solutions with regard to incorporating.

Get a Federal ID number (EIN)

[The IRS’s website](#) has an online portal through which you may apply for your EIN.

Obtain legal existence in CT (if you are incorporated in another state)

This step will require another visit to the [CT Secretary of State’s website](#).

Register your business with CT Department of Revenue

Much like registering with the IRS, [this can be done online.](#)

Register with CT Department of Labor

This is especially important if you have employees! [Here](#) is where you should head.

Payroll services

There are numerous options to choose from depending on your needs. Here are a few examples:

- [https://payroll.intuit.com/](https://payroll.intuit.com/)
• https://payrollcenter.com/onpay/index.html
• https://www.fuseworkforce.com/

**Insurance - Consider Directors, Liability and Health**

Consult with the [Connecticut Insurance Department](https://www.fuseworkforce.com) for useful resources in this area.

**Website, Webhosting and a Domain Name**

As with Payroll services, there are many options to choose from. Here are some examples:

For website design:

• [https://wordpress.com](https://wordpress.com)
• [https://www.squarespace.com/](https://www.squarespace.com/)

For Webhosting and a Domain Name.

• [https://www.godaddy.com/](https://www.godaddy.com/)
• [https://www.bluehost.com/](https://www.bluehost.com/)
• [https://aws.amazon.com/](https://aws.amazon.com/)

**Startup Incubators**

Consider connecting with a startup incubator. UConn’s own Technology Incubation Program has a track record of helping businesses just like yours. [Check it out!](https://payrollcenter.com/onpay/index.html)