

What is a Salon?

- A salon is a licensed and inspected facility where the practice of cosmetology is conducted by licensed persons.
- A salon includes:
 - Cosmetology (Hair) Salons
 - Barbershops
 - Facial specialists
 - Nail specialists
- You are not required to take the cosmetology examination for a salon license; however, individuals performing barber or cosmetology services at these establishments must obtain a professional license.



Contact Us

We'll walk you through the process of starting a business.

Meet with the Business Navigator to take a look at your plans and help navigate the city requirements of the following:

- Business Services
- Planning and Zoning
- Code Enforcement
- Environmental Compliance
- Stormwater
- Utilities
- and more

Scan the QR Code below to visit the City of Panama City's Business Services webpage for more information.



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How to Start a Barbershop, Hair or Nail Salon



General Business Requirements

Register with Florida Sunbiz

- Sunbiz oversees Corporations, Limited Liability Companies, Limited Partnerships, DBA's and Trademarks
- If you are doing business under any name other than your legal given name, you must register with Sunbiz.
- Register at www.dos.fl.gov/sunbiz/

Register with Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

- The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) collects income tax, estimated taxes, self employment taxes, employment taxes, excise taxes and more.
- Register at visit www.irs.gov/businesses

Register with Florida Department of Revenue

- The Florida Department of Revenue oversees the collection of over 30 taxes including sales and use tax, corporate income tax and more.
- Verify with the Florida Department of Revenue what taxes you need to collect for your business and sales type.
- Register at www.floridarevenue.com/taxes/



Salon Requirements

Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation (DBPR)

- DBPR licenses "Cosmetology Salons"
- To register, visit www.myfloridalicense.com/dbpr/

City of Panama City

- Requires an occupational local business tax receipt for a salon.
- Collects a 1% Merchant Fee on retail sales.
- The Business Tax Receipt Application is available at <https://panamacity.munirevs.com/business-center/>
- Allow at least 7-10 business days for application to be processed.

*Please note this document serves as a summary fact brochure only. Any conflict is unintentional and code prevails in all instances.

Small Business Resources

Small Business Development Center (SBDC)

Free small business consulting and training at www.floridasbdc.org

U.S. Department of Treasury

Small business programs and funding at www.home.treasury.gov/policy-issues/small-business-programs

Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR)

Tech business innovation assistance at www.sbir.gov

Grants.gov

Offers grant applications for a variety of programs at www.grants.gov

