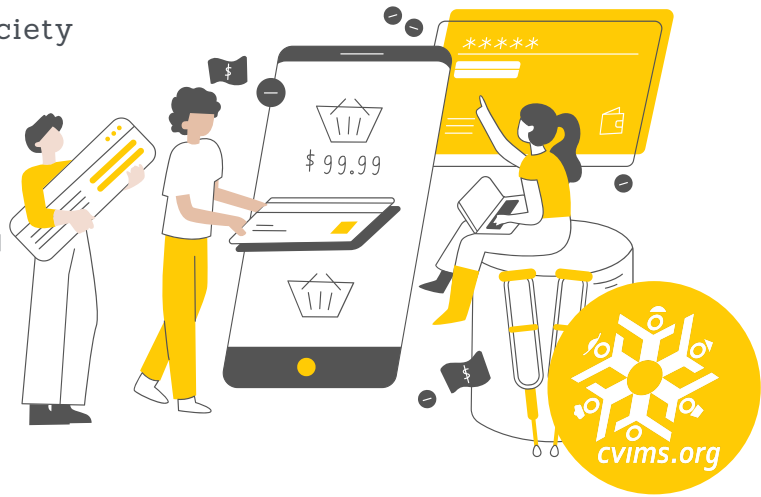


SELF EMPLOYMENT

RESOURCES

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LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSES

Register your business name through BC Registry Services for a business license.

Bizpal is a free online service that helps determine which permits and licenses are required – federal, provincial, and municipal www.bizpal.ca

HOME-BASED BUSINESS

Ensure to check the zoning bylaw in your neighborhood as there may be restrictions on businesses in certain areas.

<https://www.nanaimo.ca/property-development/land-use-bylaws/zoning>

NETWORKING

Nanaimo Chamber of Commerce

<https://nanaimochamber.bc.ca/>

Young Professionals of Nanaimo

<https://www.ypnanaimo.com/>

Business Networking International

<https://bnibc.ca/en-CA/index>

Useful Links

[City of Nanaimo Business Guide](#)

[City of Nanaimo – Start a business](#)

[Venture connect – buying/selling a business](#)

[Step by Step guide to starting your business](#)

[10-step guide to starting a business](#)

[WorkBC](#)

THINKING OF STARTING A BUSINESS IN NANAIMO?

Starting a business is a very exciting time! There are many great resources to start a business.

Entrepreneurial Self-Assessment Survey

[CLICK HERE](#) to learn more at the BDC - Business Development Bank of Canada

Research the business environment

Research the local business climate to find out more about what drives the local economy, demographics, and infrastructure. The Economic Development section under the Doing Business tab on www.nanaimo.ca has a number of resources to help.

Develop a Business Plan

Community futures Nanaimo has a business plan template and offers feedback www.cfnanaimo.org. You will also find many useful resources on www.smallbusinessbc.ca

Sources of Funding

Need a little help with your ideas?

Check out the links below:

[Community Futures](#)

[Business Development Bank](#)

[Women's' Enterprise Centre](#)

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