

Who Should I Call?

What do Maryland State agencies regulate?

Maryland State agencies work toward building safe communities, a clean environment, effective health care, and qualified professional and other services. In order to achieve these goals, this brochure is provided as a quick reference guide to the types of activities that each agency licenses. For more detailed information about licenses, permits, registrations, or certifications, please use Maryland's Business License Information System (BLIS). You may find BLIS at www.blis.state.md.us

Comptroller of the Treasury (www.marylandtaxes.com)

- Business tax registration - excluding property taxes, 410-767-1313
- Motor fuels, 410-260-7215
- Tobacco tax and alcoholic beverages, 410-260-7314

Department of Aging

(www.inform.umd.edu/UMS+State/MD_Resources/OOA)

- Continuing Care Retirement Communities and Congregate housing services, 410-767-1118
- Senior Center Plus, 410-767-1099

Department of Agriculture (www.mda.state.md.us)

- Pesticides, 410-841-5710
- Honey bees, 410-841-5920
- Weighing and measuring devices, 410-841-5790
- Eggs, 410-841-5769
- Livestock, 410-841-5810
- Veterinarians, 410-841-5862
- Ginseng, 301-927-8355
- Tobacco, 410-841-5770
- Importing or exporting plants, 410-841-5920
- Landscape contractors, garden center, and nurseries, 410-841-5920
- Horse stables, 410-841-5861
- Exporting livestock or food, 410-841-5770
- Other farming issues, 410-841-5700

Department of Assessments & Taxation

(www.dat.state.md.us)

- Forming a legal entity, such as a corporation, LLC, LLP, LP or business trust, 410-767-1340
- Registering a general partnership or sole proprietorship, 410-767-4991
- Obtain a Trade Name application for "doing business as" (DBA), 410-767-1340
- Personal property assessments, 410-767-1170
- Reserving a business name for future use, 410-767-1340

Department of Education (www.msde.state.md.us)

- Teacher certifications and other educational certifications, 410-767-0412
- Non-public schools, 410-767-0408
- Teacher Education Program Approval, 410-767-0390

Department of the Environment

(www.mde.state.md.us)

- Air pollution, 410-631-3255
- Water pollution, 410-631-3567
- Waste Management, 410-631-3304
- Radiation sources, 410-631-3300
- Brownfields, 410-631-3437
- Coal mining, 410-689-6104
- Non-coal mining, 410-631-8055
- Wetlands, 410-631-8075
- Environmental Permits Services Center, 410-631-3772

Department of Health & Mental Hygiene

(www.dhmh.state.md.us)

- Milk processing, 410-767-8429
- Camps, 410-767-8417
- Swimming pools/spas, 410-767-8417
- Food processing, 410-767-8444
- Mental, physical, emotional health care facilities/programs, 410-402-8234
- Medical laboratories, 410-402-8030
- Alcohol abuse, 410-402-8055
- Occupational licensing for medical professionals
Physicians, 410-402-8560
Dentists, 410-402-8500

Department of Housing & Community Development

(www.dhcd.state.md.us)

- Historic preservation, 410-514-7630
- Modular buildings, 410-514-7213

Department of Human Resources (www.dhr.state.md.us)

- Residential group homes for children, child placement services, 410-767-1045
- Family day care homes, child care centers, 410-767-7805

Department of Juvenile Justice (www.djj.state.md.us)

- Residential facilities for juvenile delinquents, 410-767-1045
- Non-residential youth services, 410-230-3225

Department of Labor, Licensing & Regulation

(www.dllr.state.md.us)

- Occupational licenses of all sorts, 410-230-6231
- Race tracks, 410-230-6330
- Banking, 410-230-6105
- Work permits, 410-767-2239

Department of Natural Resources

(www.dnr.state.md.us) 1-877-620-8367

TTY Maryland Relay via 1-800-735-2258 or 711

- Boats, 410-260-8200
- Chesapeake Bay, 410-260-8710
- Fish, 410-260-8300
- Forests, trees, 410-260-8540
- Wildlife, 410-260-8540
- Animal control, 877-463-6497
- Waterfowl, 410-260-8540

Department of Public Safety & Correctional Services
(www.dpsscs.state.md.us)

- Police officer and correctional officer certifications, 410-203-1000

Department of State Police

(www.inform.umd.edu/UMS+State/MD_Resources/MDSP)

- Security guards, special police, alarm installations, 410-799-0191
- Private detectives, 410-799-0191
- Hand guns, firearms, 410-799-0191
- Outdoor music festivals, 410-799-0191
- Fireworks and explosives, 410-399-4200
(www.dpsscs.state.md.us/fmo)
- Smoke detectors and fire extinguishers, 410-399-4200
(www.dpsscs.state.md.us/fmo)

Department of Transportation (www.mdot.state.md.us)

- Advertising signs, 410-545-2817
- Hauling and transporting, 410-582-5727
- Airport building and other activities, 410-859-7091
- Vehicles sales and registrations, 410-768-7248
- Port of Baltimore activities, 410-633-1126
- Baltimore Harbor Tunnel usage, 410-522-9435
- Fort McHenry Tunnel usage, 410-522-9435
- State highway access permits, 410-545-5603
- Minority and disadvantaged business enterprises, 800-544-6056

Insurance Administration (www.mia.state.md.us)

- Insurance companies, 410-468-2140
- Agents/brokers, 888-204-6198
- Dental plans, motor clubs, fraternal societies, HMO's, 410-468-2140

Maryland Higher Education Commission

(www.mhec.state.md.us)

- Colleges, 410-974-2971 x166
- Religious colleges, 410-974-2971 x133
- Private career schools, 410-974-2971 x131

Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems (<http://miemss.umaryland.edu/Home.htm>)

- Paramedics, emergency medical technicians, and other EMS personnel, 410-706-3666
- Commercial ambulances, 410-706-8511

Maryland Judiciary (www.courts.state.md.us)

- Attorneys, 410-260-1975

Office of the Attorney General (www.oag.state.md.us)

- Securities, 410-576-6494
- Stockbrokers, 410-576-6494
- Financial planners, 410-576-7784
- Franchises, 410-576-7042
- Investor education, 410-576-6882
- Health clubs, 410-576-6350

Public Service Commission (www.psc.state.md.us/psc/)

- Telephones, telecommunications, 410-767-8052
- Taxicabs in Baltimore City, Baltimore County, Cumberland, and Hagerstown, 410-767-8128
- Transporting passengers in limousines, sedans, buses, and wheel chairs, 410-767-8128
- Pay telephones, 410-767-8044
- Gas and electric utilities, 410-767-8067
- Electricity supplier license, 410-767-8027

Secretary of State (www.sos.state.md.us) 888-874-0013

- Notaries public, 410-974-5520
- Condominiums and timeshares, 410-974-5531
- Trademarks and service marks, 410-974-5531
- Charity registration, 410-974-5534 or 800-825-4510
- Extraditions and requisitions, 410-974-5521 x483

Maryland Clerks of the Circuit Court

(www.courts.state.md.us/circuit.html)

- Restaurants
- Chain stores
- Cigarette sales
- Garages
- Laundry and dry cleaning facilities
- Music boxes
- Storage warehouses
- Sales of wholesale and retail merchandise
- Vending machines
- Construction
- Billiard tables
- Hawkers and peddlers
- Plumbers and gas fitters
- Pinball machines

Please contact the Clerk of the Circuit Court in your county for more information.

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