The Pennsylvania Business One-Stop Shop is excited to support our veteran entrepreneurs and veteran-owned businesses. The Business One-Stop Shop’s experts provide customized assistance to aspiring entrepreneurs and existing small businesses in Pennsylvania. Committed to making it as easy as possible to get fast, efficient assistance, the Business One-Stop Shop unlocks the door to successful business startups, growth, and expansion.

VETERAN-OWNED BUSINESSES IN PENNSYLVANIA
Pennsylvania’s veterans offer tremendous contributions to our communities and country. In 2017, Pennsylvania ranked fifth in the U.S. for the total number of veteran-owned firms (97,969) and veteran-owned firm sales ($50.3 billion).

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HOW CAN WE HELP?

✓ TECHNICAL
Access small business resources
Connect with our regional partners

✓ REGISTRATION
Business name or structure
Federal EIN
As an employer in PA
Sales Tax ID
Special licenses

✓ FUNDING
DCED programs
Local resources
Additional options

✓ DIVERSE BUSINESS
Self-certify: woman, minority, veteran, disabled, & LGBT
Special DCED financing programs

YOUR ROADMAP TO BUSINESS CREATION
The Entrepreneur’s Guide is a free publication that guides a small business owner through the process of starting and growing a business in Pennsylvania. The publication includes expert information about building a business plan, registration, funding advice, and more.
dced.pa.gov/eguide
ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

PARTNERS

Partnerships for Regional Economic Performance (PREP)
dced.pa.gov/PREP
The PREP network consists of hundreds of trained and experienced experts who offer assistance and resources. PREP's one-on-one counseling, specialized workshops, online training and financial incentives make it one of the most coordinated and respected business networks in the nation.

Pennsylvania Small Business Development Centers (SBDC)
pasbdc.org
The only statewide, nationally accredited program that provides high-quality one-on-one consulting, training, and information resources to empower new and existing businesses, offers resources for veterans, including financing.

STATE GOVERNMENT

PA Department of State’s Veteran’s Business Fee Exemption
dos.pa.gov
Veterans and reservists starting a small business in the commonwealth are exempt from the payment of certain fees, effective January 2, 2017.

PA Department of Labor & Industry’s Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR) Services
dli.pa.gov/individuals/disability-services/ovr
Though most of their services include helping veterans find employment and communicate with potential employers about hiring incentives, OVR counselors also can help veterans develop a self-employment plan to start a business.

PA Department of General Services’ Bureau of Diversity, Inclusion & Small Business Opportunities (BDISBO)
dgs.pa.gov
BDISBO is responsible for assisting small diverse businesses interested in competing for Pennsylvania’s contracting opportunities. To learn more or become a verified, self-certified small diverse business, please visit the BDISBO webpage at dgs.pa.gov or call the Bureau at 717.783.3119.

Small Diverse Business Capital Access Program (SDBCA)
dced.pa.gov/sdbca
SDBCA is administered by the Pennsylvania Industrial Development Authority (PIDA) and provides low-interest loans to assist small-diverse businesses that commit to and retain full-time jobs with Pennsylvania.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Federal Veterans Administration (VA)

Vocational Education and Training PA Offices
VA's Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment services are designed to help disabled veterans with job training, employment accommodations, resume development, and job-seeking skills coaching, in addition to other services. Learn more about the VA's Education and Career Counseling program by contacting its Pennsylvania representatives:

Philadelphia: Mindy Lubeck,
EC/VRC, 215.842.2000 x4115

Pittsburgh: Frank Ticich,
EC, 412.395.6072

To learn more about additional veterans benefits and services in Pennsylvania, visit the PA Department of Veterans Affairs at dmva.pa.gov.