

GEORGIA FLEX STUDENT LICENSING AND REGULATION OUTLINE

We want to teach kids how business is conducted in the real world.

Most entrepreneurs don't acquire a business license and tax ID before they make their first sale. They experiment and make sure they have a viable business before they go to the trouble of making things official.

We want to keep this process as simple as possible, while guiding them in the right direction.

We don't want to require too much from students early on, hindering them from taking the initial leap into entrepreneurship.

We want to provide communities with the necessary resources and connections to help them best serve their students.

We will provide you with assistance to help you determine when a student may need to take the next step in legitimizing their business, and we are happy to connect you with experts to help guide you on this journey.

We want to educate students on the potential licensing and regulations their business may need to attain as it grows.

Our goal is for these student owned businesses to grow—therefore we want to prepare them for next steps by educating them on licensing and regulatory services related to their industry.

What we recommend for all student owned businesses:

TALK TO STUDENTS ABOUT SAFETY.

Our priority is the safety of our students, along with their customers! If their business proposes possible safety hazards, talk through those and make sure that necessary actions are taken to ensure the safety of everyone involved.

For student owned businesses that require additional licensing or certifications:

HAVE A PLAN OF ACTION.

Food related student owned businesses must operate under the Cottage Food regulations. Georgia FLEX will provide those students with the ServSafe Food Handler course, provide food labeling education, and assist in obtaining water testing, if needed.

*For cosmetology related businesses, students must adhere to the laws pertaining to the Cosmetology License.

RESOURCES:

REGISTERING A NEW BUSINESS:

<https://dor.georgia.gov/taxes/register-new-business-georgia>

LICENSING INFO:

<https://sos.ga.gov/licensing-division-georgia-secretary-states-office>

TYPES OF BUSINESS LICENSES:

<https://www.forbes.com/advisor/businesses/business-license-georgia/#:~:text=Georgia%20doesn't%20issue%20business,or%20an%20occupational%20tax%20certificate>

FOOD BUSINESS LICENSES IN GEORGIA

(including Cottage Food License):

<https://www.castiron.me/cottage-food-law/georgia#:~:text=A%20vending%20license%20is%20a,food%20sales%20establishment%20license%20Georgia>

<https://agr.georgia.gov/basic-requirements-retail-food>

<https://foodscience.caes.uga.edu/content/dam/extension/programs-and-services/extension-food-science/documents/StartingaFoodBusinessGDA.pdf>

STARTING A NEW FOOD BUSINESS CLASS:

<https://extension.uga.edu/programs-services/detail.html/27/start-a-food-business.html>

GDAG'S REGULATIONS FOR MANUFACTURED FOODS:

<https://agr.georgia.gov/manufactured-food>

GDAG'S REGULATIONS FOR FOOD RETAILERS:

<https://agr.georgia.gov/retail-food>

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