Getting organized as a small business

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**Business Structures**

* **Sole Proprietorship** - 1 person, no separation between personal and business. Has full liability. Self-employment or personal tax
* **Partnership** - 2 or more people. Self-employment or personal tax.
  + LP – Limited Partnership. 1 partner has unlimited liability and has primary ownership/responsibility.
  + LLP - Limited Liability Partnership. Both partners have unlimited liability and share ownership/responsibility.
* **Limited Liability Company, LLC** - 1 or more people. Separation between personal and business liability. A cross between a partnership and a corporation. Self-employment, personal, or corporate tax.
* **C Corp** - 1 or more people, owners are not liable. Corporate tax.
* **S Corp** - 1 or more people, but no more than 100 and all must be US citizens. Owners are not liable. Personal tax
* **B Corp** - 1 or more people, owners are not liable. Corporate tax.
* **Nonprofit** - 1 or more people, owners are not liable. Tax exempt, but corporate profits cannot be distributed.

<https://www.sba.gov/business-guide/launch-your-business/choose-business-structure>

**Resources**

[**www.SBA.gov**](http://www.sba.gov/)

[**www.SCORE.org**](http://www.score.org/)

**https://www.aptac-us.org/**

**Your state corporate division**

**Insurance**

Instructors should have Professional Liability and General Liability Insurance. These can be obtained through companies such as Hiscox or Lockton or check with your insurance agent

**State and Local Requirements**

* Do you need to register with your State or Municipality?
* Do you need to set up a business or tax account?
* Do you need to register your business name?
* Do you need to obtain a business permit?
* What other requirements does your state, city, or town require?