# **Online Business Registration via digiGov -A Simple Guide for Cellphone Users**

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# TO START



# **Step-by-Step (online)**



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## TO GO THROUGH

### **Application for** business registration

LOGIN

### **1. Business type**

- 2.Name search request result
- 3.Follow and fill all process requirements
- 4.Upload "signed statutory declarations"

# **Step-by-Step (in-person)**

Visit and submit documentation to related government bureaus

1.Upon receiving the "Statutory Declaration" from digiGov online,

- Download and print out THREE copies of the document
- Please have them notarized by a Justice of Peace (JP) or lawyer
- Upload the signed "Statutory Declaration" to your digiGov account
- Print out Invoice
- Submit Statutory Declaration, \$2.50 Stamp and make the payments of \$125.00 to ROCIP for the certificate.

Note: ROCIP does not sell stamps. Also, do not affix the stamp to the documents.

2.The Business Name Registration Certificate should also be submitted to:

- Inland Revenue Department (IRD) to be issued a Tax Account Number
- National Insurance Corporation (NIC) for employer registration
- Your bank to open a bank account for the business



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Thank you for your registration to digiGov.

If you have any query or require further information, please contact 311 or email to us at ccagents@govt.lc

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Regards, digiGov

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### **Receive One Time Password**







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Thank you for your registration to digiGov.

If you have any query or require further information, please contact 311 or email to us at <u>ccagents@govt.lc</u>

Assuring you of our best services.

Regards, digiGov

**Disclaimer** 

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# 2. Business Name Search Request









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Application for Transfer of Ownership of Motor Vehicle

Application to Reserve Motor Vehicle Licence Number

Application for Visitor Permit







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### BUSINESS REGISTRATION





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# BUSINESS REGISTRATION





# **Example of Approval Email**

From: "digiGov" <no-reply@govt.lc> To: "Renna Henry" <renna.henry@govt.lc> Sent: Monday, March 25, 2024 10:37:53 AM Subject: digiGov: Business Name Search - Application

status: Approved

### Dear

We refer to your Business Name Search and are pleased to inform that it has been approved by Registry of Companies

The details are

Application Number	
Status	Approved
Reservation No	
Reservation Date	25/Mar/2024
Business Name	
Expiry Date	22/Apr/2024

### **AWAIT RECEIPT** CONFIRMATION



# **Example of Approval Notice**



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### Registration of Business Name

	Class
	Beverage serving activities
ſ	Event catering
	Restaurants and mobile food service activities



### **AWAIT RECEIPT** CONFIRMATION



# **Example of Statutory Declaration**

Form 1

REGISTRATION OF BUSINESS NAMES ACT (Section 3 (b) and 3 (c)) (Application for registration by an individual)

I, the undersigned, Brad Thomas apply for registration pursuant to the Registration of Business Names Act, and for that purpose furnish the following statement of particulars:-

The Business Name

2. The General Nature of the Business

Section	Division	Group	Class
Accommodation and food service activities	Food and beverage service activities	Event catering and other food service activities	Other food service activities
Accommodation and food service activities	Food and beverage service activities	Beverage serving activities	Beverage serving activities

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- The Nationality of the Individual
- The Usual Residence of the Individual
- The Other Business Occupation (if any) 8 of the Individual
- The Date of Commencement of the Business, if the Business was Commenced After the Date of the Commencement of the Act
- Any Other Business Name or Names 10. Under Which the Business is Carried on

Dated this ...... day of ..... 2024

### Application for Registration of a Business under the Registration of Business Names Act Chapter 13:03

### FORM OF STATUTORY DECLARATION VERIFYING A STATEMENT FURNISHED UNDER THE ACT

I the undersigned,

declare that all the particulars contained in the Statement and signed by me which is now produced and shown to me

I make this Declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true and according to the Statutory Declarations Act Chapter 2.14 of the Revised Laws, 2001 and I am aware that if there is any statement in this Declaration which is false in fact, which I know or believe to be false or do not believe to be true. I will be liable to a fine and imprisonment.

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## **Notice of Business Registration Certification Example**



Dear Applicant, This is to inform that certificate document for registration number 2024/ B1275 has been printed and ready for collection. Please collect at ROCIP office.  $\mathbf{V}$ 



### COMPLETION



# **Contact digiGov**

• Department of Public Service 2nd Floor Greaham Louisy Administrative Building Waterfront, Castries, Saint Lucia Fax:(758) 453-1305 Email: digigovinfo@govt.lc Telephone:(758) 468-2000 Office Hours: 8:00am-4:30pm (Monday-Friday)

 Division of Public Sector Modernization Bourbon Street, Castries, Saint Lucia Email: digigovinfo@govt.lc Telephone: (758) 468-4977 Office Hours: 8:00am-4:30pm (Monday-Friday)

### Summary list of e-services provided by the digiGov Platform

- Renewal of Driver's License
- **Replacement of Driver's License** 0
- Birth Certificate 0
- **Death Certificate** 0
- Marriage certificate 0
- Learners Permits 0
- Vehicle Endorsements 0
- International Driver's Permit 0
- Health Permits/Certificates 0
- Passport Services 0
- Visa Services

- Business Registration
- Concessions
- Trade Licenses
- Work Permits
- Citizenship Certificate
- Tax Registration
- Head Quarters License
- National ID Card
- Site Approval Plans
- Death Certificate



# **Contact ROCIP**



The Registry of Companies & Intellectual Property (ROCIP) was established by an Act of Parliament (No. 12 of 2000) called the Companies & Intellectual Property (Registry) Act. This Act is now cited as Cap 13.02 of the Revised Laws of Saint Lucia, 2001. ROCIP falls directly **under the Attorney General's Chambers and more broadly within the Ministry of Justice.** 



## MORE INFORMATION

## GENERAL OFFICE: (758) 468-3230

## REGISTRAR: (758) 468-3231

## DEPUTY REGISTRAR: (758) 468-3233

## ASSISTANT REGISTRAR: (758) 468-3232

## SEARCH ROOM: (758) 468-3238

# **Business Support**

For more information or assistance with starting or growing your business, contact us at the SBDC.

## **CONTACT US TODAY**

THE SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTRE

Fourth Floor, Heraldine Rock Building **Castries Waterfront** 

468-4223/468-4241



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## Can I use my digiGov login to do business name search request and registration for others?

## No. Your login is for your own application

## If I did the registration myself, what do I do

# Wait until you get notified that your certificate is ready for collection



- If I have already started the registration process myself, can I have an officer complete it?
- No, if you started the registration on your account the officers are unable to access your account to complete the process for you. You will need to log into your digiGov account and the officer can assist you from there



## If I did the registration myself, what do I do

## After receiving approval, you have two options; 1. Log into your Digigov account and start the registration process yourself. 2. Visit SEDU and have one of the officers do the registration for you

## Can a foreigner create a digiGov account?

Yes, with a valid passport, passport size photo and email address. Local address and cell phone number are recommended



## What happens if the name is not approved?

## That would mean the name is not available and so you would need to find a new name for your business

- How long does it take to get response for my business name search and registration request?
- It normally takes 3 working days, however this may vary with different circumstances. You may contact ROCIP directly if needed.



## How long will the registration process take?

# The registration process takes 6 working days to get everything done

## Where is ROCIP located?

Access Building on the corner of Micoud and Chisel Streets, Castries, Saint Lucia , W.I. Tel: (758) 468-3230 / Fax: (758) 451-7989 / Email: info@rocip.gov.lc / Website: www.rocip.gov.lc

