

1. What is BOSS?

BOSS (Business One Stop Solution) is the District's new home for getting your business up and running, all in one place. It's built on the same CorpOnline platform you already use for corporate registration, now expanded to bring corporate registration, business licensing, vending, short-term rentals, special events, and weights and measures device registration under one roof.

For years, getting a business off the ground in DC meant bouncing between separate systems, one for registration, another for licensing, others for everything else. Starting August 10, 2026, that's over. One platform. One login. One place to start, manage, and grow your business in the District.

2. Why does this matter for me?

Because your time is better spent running your business than navigating government systems. BOSS connects the dots for you:

- **One login for everything** — register your entity and apply for your licenses without hopping between systems.
- **Enter your information once** — your corporate registration details carry into your licensing applications automatically, so you're not typing the same thing five times.
- **Better connected to other DC agencies** — tighter connectivity behind the scenes means faster verifications, fewer documents to upload, and a smoother path from idea to open-for-business.

This is one of the most significant upgrades to how the District serves its business community, and it's built around a simple idea: doing business with DC should be easier.

3. When does the switch to BOSS take place?

BOSS launches on **August 10, 2026**.

4. Where do I go to access BOSS?

Starting August 10, visit **boss.dc.gov**.

5. Do I need to do anything before launch?

No. You don't need to take any action ahead of time. Simply know that starting August 10,

you'll come to boss.dc.gov for all types of business licenses, corporate registration, special events licenses and weights and measures device registration.

6. I already use CorpOnline. Does anything change for me?

BOSS is CorpOnline, DCBC, the BizPortal and Short Term Rental platform, all in one. You'll access it the same way, through Access DC, and your corporate registration experience carries forward. The difference is everything you can now do alongside it in the same place.

7. Do I need to create a new account?

No. BOSS is accessed via Access DC, the District's single sign-on platform, just like the DC Business Center, Short Term Rental platform and CorpOnline is today. If you already have an Access DC account, you can use those same credentials to log in to BOSS.

8. What if I don't have an Access DC account?

If you don't currently have an Access DC account, you'll need to create one to access BOSS. Visit boss.dc.gov on August 10 to get started.

What You Can Do on BOSS

9. What can I do on the new system?

Starting August 10, you'll use boss.dc.gov to:

- Register and manage your corporate entity (as you do today in CorpOnline)
- Apply for a business license (Basic Business License / BBL)
- Apply for a vending license
- Apply for a short-term rental / vacation rental license
- Apply for a special event license
- Register your weighing and measuring devices

10. I used to use a different system for each of these. What changed?

Everything now lives on one connected platform. Instead of separate systems that didn't always talk to each other, BOSS links your registration and licensing together and shares information across DC agencies on your behalf, so you do less repeating, less uploading, and less waiting.

System Transition and Downtime

11. Will there be any downtime before launch?

Yes. The business licensing, vending, short term rental and weights and measures device registration systems will be offline August 5, 2026 until BOSS launches on August 10. If you have business licensing activity to complete, please either finish it before August 5th 2026 or wait until BOSS is live on August 10.

CorpOnline will be unavailable from August 6th until August 10th.

Accessing Your Records

12. Will my existing business information and history transfer to BOSS?

Yes. All existing licenses and device registrations will transfer to BOSS. For CorpOnline customers, nothing is changing.

Fees and Payments

13. What payment methods are accepted?

The online system accepts all major credit cards and electronic check payments.

Home Occupancy Permits

14. How will I get an EHOP change with the launch of BOSS?

Starting August 10, 2026, the Department of Licensing and Consumer Protection (DLCP) will no longer issue Expedited Home Occupancy Permits. Home occupancy permits will now be issued solely by the Department of Buildings (DOB).

15. I am setting up a home-based business. How do I get a home occupancy permit?

Go directly to the Department of Buildings at dob.dc.gov. DOB issues home occupancy permits for home offices and can do so instantly.

16. I already have a home occupancy permit. What should I do?

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If you have questions about an existing home occupancy permit, please contact the Department of Buildings through dob.dc.gov.

Getting Help

17. Where can I get help or ask questions?

For additional questions or assistance, please contact our office at 202-671-4500 or email dlcp@dc.gov.