



Permit Assistance

The Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development ("GO-Biz") was created by Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. to serve as California's single point of contact for economic development and job creation efforts. The Permit Assistance unit provides comprehensive permit and regulatory compliance assistance for businesses in California and serves as the central source for permit guidance. The Permit Assistance unit also manages CalGOLD, the on-line permit assistance website.

Permit Identification and Compliance Assistance

Permit Assistance staff, combined with local, regional, and state permitting agencies, provide permit identification and regulatory compliance assistance. The Permit Assistance staff provides these services confidentially and free of charge. Knowledgeable staff help business owners identify the permits needed to start a new or to expand an existing business. The unit schedules pre-application meetings between businesses and the appropriate regulatory agencies to help streamline the permitting process. The Permit Assistance staff acts as a neutral facilitator between state regulating agencies and businesses to resolve permitting issues.

CalGOLD On-line Permit Assistance

CalGOLD is the on-line permit assistance tool (www.calgold.ca.gov) that provides a listing of federal, state and local permits, webpage links, addresses, application forms and phone numbers for over 150 business types. Over 15,000 new visitors use CalGOLD each month to obtain information about the permitting requirements for their business.

Consolidated Permitting

GO-Biz has partnered with Cal-EPA to reinvigorate the Consolidated Permit Process. Consolidated Permitting is a process whereby a permit applicant can request to have all of their state environmental permits coordinated by one agency. This can make the process easier by providing a single point of contact for multiple permits, and by helping to identify needed permits earlier in the process. It may also reduce the need to provide duplicate information to various permitting agencies. Please contact us if you'd like to learn more about this process.

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