



Corporations Canada Search Tips

Searching for federal corporations on Corporations Canada's database is made easier with the following tips and guidelines:

Types of Federal Corporations:

Before you start your search, ensure that the entity you're looking for falls into one of the following federal corporation categories:

- Business corporation created under the Canada Business Corporations Act (CBCA)
- Not-for-profit corporation created under the Canada Corporations Act, Part II (CCA II)
- Not-for-profit corporation created under the Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act (NFP)
- Cooperative created under the Canada Cooperatives Act (COOP)
- Board of trade created under the Boards of Trade Act (BOTA)
- Other corporation regulated by Corporations Canada (e.g., special act corporation)

Exclusions:

Be aware that this database does not include corporations established under financial legislation, such as financial institutions, insurance companies, or loan and trust companies, nor does it encompass corporations created under provincial, territorial, or other corporate legislation. For those entities, you can find information by consulting Canada's Business Registries.



Search Criteria:

You can conduct your search using various criteria:

Corporation Number: Enter the seven-digit corporation number assigned to the federal body corporate, as found on its official documents or correspondence from Corporations Canada.

Corporate Name: Input either the full legal name or a distinctive element of the name under which the corporation incorporated, amalgamated, or continued. Operational or trade names that differ from the legal names are not included in this database. This search also retrieves corporations with the specified name as a previous name.

Tips for Narrowing Your Search:

- Use the full legal name for a precise search or distinctive elements to reduce results.
- Avoid the use of initials in your search, as many acronyms include periods or special characters. If necessary, try variations of the initials.
- When in doubt about the use of special characters or periods in initials, try different combinations.
- **Search by Business Number (BN):** Enter the first nine digits of the fifteen-digit Business Number (BN) assigned by the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA), excluding the last six digits.
- **Province of Registered Office:** If known, select the province or territory where the body corporate's registered office is situated to refine your search.
- **Corporation Status:** This refers to the body corporate's current legal status, not necessarily its operational status. You can narrow your search by selecting statuses such as active, dissolved, inactive – amalgamated, or inactive – discontinued.

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- **Governing Legislation:** Governing legislation refers to the act under which a federal body corporate currently exists. The dropdown list can be used to narrow the search if you know the particular act under which the body corporate exists. The options are:

- CBCA – Canada Business Corporations Act
- NFP Act – Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act
- CCA – II – Canada Corporations Act, Part II
- SAOP – Special Act of Parliament
- BOTTA – Boards of Trade Act
- COOP (CCA) – Canada Cooperatives Act
- PFSA – Pension Fund Societies Act, or
- Other – other acts administered by Corporations Canada

Search Results:

The search results will display the names of federal bodies that match your criteria. Please note that a maximum of 200 results will be returned.