



Certified Orange County, Texas Business

Eligibility & Certification Criteria

The **Certified Orange County, Texas Business** designation recognizes businesses that are locally established, actively operating, and committed to supporting the Orange County economy and community. To qualify, businesses must meet the following criteria:

1. Local Presence

- Business must maintain a **physical location or primary operational base within Orange County, Texas.**
- Must hold all **required local, county, and state registrations or licenses** necessary to legally operate.
- Must have **proof of sales tax id and proof of paying in sales tax to Orange County, Texas.**

2. Operational Status

- Business must be **actively operating** and providing goods or services to customers.
- Must have been in operation for a **minimum of 6 months** (or demonstrate active startup readiness if newly opened).

3. Local Economic Contribution

- Demonstrates contribution to the **local economy**, such as:
 - Employing local residents
 - Purchasing goods/services from local vendors
 - Participating in local business initiatives, chambers, or economic development programs

4. Good Standing

- Must be in **good standing with the State of Texas**, county, and applicable taxing authorities.
- No outstanding violations that would prevent lawful business operation.

5. Community Commitment

- Demonstrates a commitment to **supporting the Orange County community**, such as:
 - Participating in community events, programs, or partnerships
 - Supporting workforce development, education, or local initiatives
 - Promoting ethical business practices and customer service standards

6. Branding & Program Participation (Optional but Encouraged)

- Agrees to use the **Certified Orange County Business** designation in marketing when approved.
 - Allows listing in official Orange County business directories or promotional campaigns.
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Certification Term

Certification is valid for **one year** and may be renewed annually upon verification that the business continues to meet program requirements. Certification may be revoked at any time if found evidence of bad business or not continuing meeting the standard of criteria after certification.

Verification

Businesses will be asked to submit:

- Business registration or license documentation
 - Sales Tax ID
 - Physical address confirmation
 - Proof of operation (website, storefront, invoices, etc.)
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Certified Orange County Businesses represent the strength, reliability, and local pride that drive our regional economy.