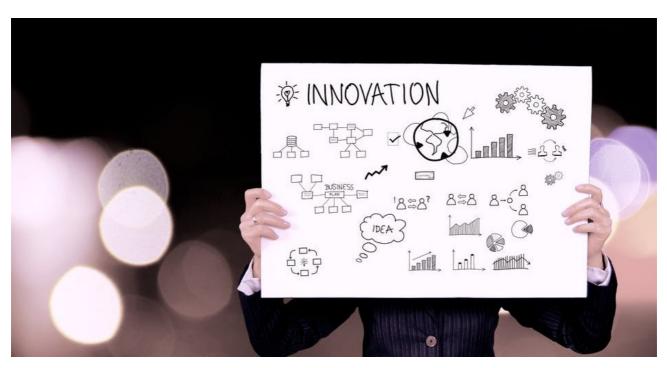
## Start a business with these steps

Starting a business can feel daunting, but with the proper steps at hand, you can be ahead of the game. Here's what you need to do:



## Part 1: Business Plan

Do thorough market research on your industry/product
Hone in on trends, forecasts, opportunity/risks, competitors, etc.
Decide if it will be part time or full time business
Draft the business plan
Decide on company name
Legally register your company
Decide specific hours/days of operation for your company's services
Detail your company's monthly and annual budget
Organize ideas for company funding or raise finances
Meet investors and consult with your bank
Look into business startup courses or seminars to help you on the learning curve
Part 2: Ready To Go
Get a business license/permit & choose your legal business form (LLC, CO, etc.)
Finalize paperwork for the legal entity
Obtain your Employer Identification Number from IRS

Settle on formal company contact information (physical address, email, telephone, fax, etc.)	
Open a business bank account with a trusted bank your area	
Obtain a merchant account	
Acquire a financial advisor	
Acquire a legal advisor	
Acquire business insurance	
Acquire a tax advisor and/or accountant	
Source a local notary	
Familiarize yourself with regulations and compliance requirements	
Register trademark, logos, patents, etc.	
If functioning out of an office/store front (not home), source a real estate agent to assist with finding your business location	
Sign & finalize lease contract for office/store front	
Hire a moving company if you have much merchandise to move into your new location	
Purchase all necessary new office equipment & supplies	
Get high speed internet! Must.	
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Design marketing material for the storefront (if you have one) such as	company cards, stationary, etc.
Always, ALWAYS take advantage of networking opportunities to help be	puild your business
Work with a PR consultant or team to assist in publishing a "Launch" p	press release
Outsource customer service or phone call assistance, if needed	Make and Share Free Checklists
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