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## Directory provides one-stop shopping for license information

(Salem) — The Oregon License Directory — a one-stop online shop for information on business and professional licenses, certifications, permits, and registrations — recently expanded to include federal license information as well as licenses in seven Oregon cities and counties. It also contains details on more than 1,100 licenses from 89 state agencies.

Visitors can go to the site — [www.licenseinfo.oregon.gov](http://www.licenseinfo.oregon.gov) — and simply search for a general term, such as “construction” or “architect,” and find descriptions and contact information on the licenses they may need.

The Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS) developed the site as part of Governor Kulongoski's regulatory streamlining initiative.

“We believe that no other state has information on state, local, and federal licensing in one place,” said Patrick Allen, manager of the Office of Regulatory Streamlining, which is housed at DCBS. “The directory makes it easier for businesses to learn about and obtain needed licenses and permits.”

DCBS will continue to expand the directory to include more Oregon cities and counties. Coos County joined the site late last year. Patty Evernden, the county's planning director, called the directory a “win-win” for Coos County. She said entering the information was an easy process, and the customer surveys on each page garner helpful feedback.

“This site has been a valuable tool for our staff,” she said. “Obtaining user feedback is a key ingredient to put into practice our commitment to focus our attention and energies on customer service.”

Besides Coos County, the cities of Canby, Sandy, Wilsonville, and Klamath Falls, and Clackamas and Marion counties have entered their licenses into the directory. The newly added federal information includes agencies such as Energy, Agriculture, and the Federal Communications Commission, among others.

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The Department of Consumer and Business Services is Oregon's largest business regulatory and consumer protection agency. For more information, visit [www.dcbs.oregon.gov](http://www.dcbs.oregon.gov).

The Office of Regulatory Streamlining works to simplify Oregon's business regulations and improve the state's business climate by ensuring that regulations burden businesses as little as possible as they protect Oregonians. For more information, visit [www.dcbs.oregon.gov/RSL](http://www.dcbs.oregon.gov/RSL).