Wyoming Secretary of State
Business Division

How to Choose a Company Name

Searching a business name is the responsibility of the filer.

The Office reviews registrations the following business day. If the filer forms a business entity using a name which is not distinguishable, additional paperwork and fees may be required. A notice will be emailed to the email addresses provided at the time of filing.

The following words and characters are *not* distinguishable:

Company Designations and Abbreviations

- Corp, Corporation, Inc, Incorporated
- LLC, Limited Liability Company, Ltd Liability Co, Limited Company, LC, Limited, Ltd
- Limited Partnership, LP, Partnership
- Statutory Trust, Statutory Foundation
- L3C, DAO, LAO

Singular vs. Plural

- Filer must search all singular/plural forms of words *including those rooted in Latin* and differ from conventional singular/plural forms of common English words.

Property vs. Properties	Goose vs. Geese
Child vs. Children	Cactus vs. Cacti
Holding vs. Holdings	Spectra vs. Spectrum
Supernova vs. Supernovae	Lumen vs. Lumina
Maximum vs. Maxima/Maximums *	

Punctuation, Special Characters, and Other Words

- Company, Co
- The, And, "&", A**
- Spacing (Wildwood vs. Wild Wood)
- Capitalization (Jack vs. jack vs. JACK)
- All punctuation
- All special characters**

- *This is not an exhaustive list. *http://latindictionary.wikidot.com/start* may be a useful tool to determine Latin singular/plural forms.
- **Business names beginning with the letter "A" followed by a space or names which contain special characters must be paper filed.

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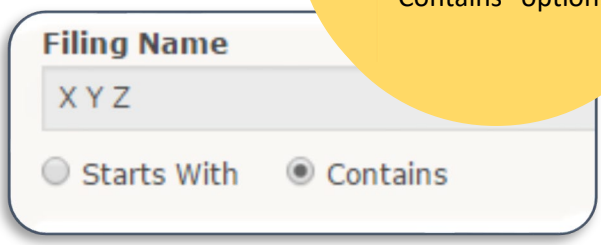
Search Tip:
Make sure to select the "Contains" option.

Search and compare only the **distinguishable words and characters** in the name.

Let's use the names below as a guide. Instructions on what terms to remove from your search appear next to each name.

The stricken words and characters are *not* distinguishable. In each of these names, you are left with only "**X Y Z**" to compare.

None of the entity names are available because there is an active result for XYZ, LLC and "LLC" is not distinguishable.



X Y Z ~~Inc.~~	• Remove *Inc.*
XYZ ~~LLC~~	• Remove *LLC*
XYZ~~! Co.~~	• Remove *!* and *Co.*
X~~'s~~ **YZ** ~~LLC~~	• Remove *'s* and *LLC*
X-Y-Z ~~Limited Liability Co~~	• Remove - and *Limited Liability Co*
XY ~~and~~ **Z** ~~Limited Partnership~~	• Remove *and* and *Limited Partnership*
~~The~~ **XYZ** ~~& Company~~	• Remove *The, &,* and *Company*
XYZ~~Corp~~ ~~LLC~~	• Conflicting corporate indicators in a business name are prohibited.

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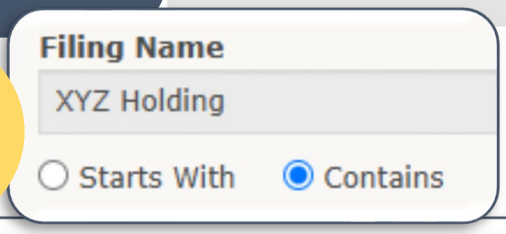
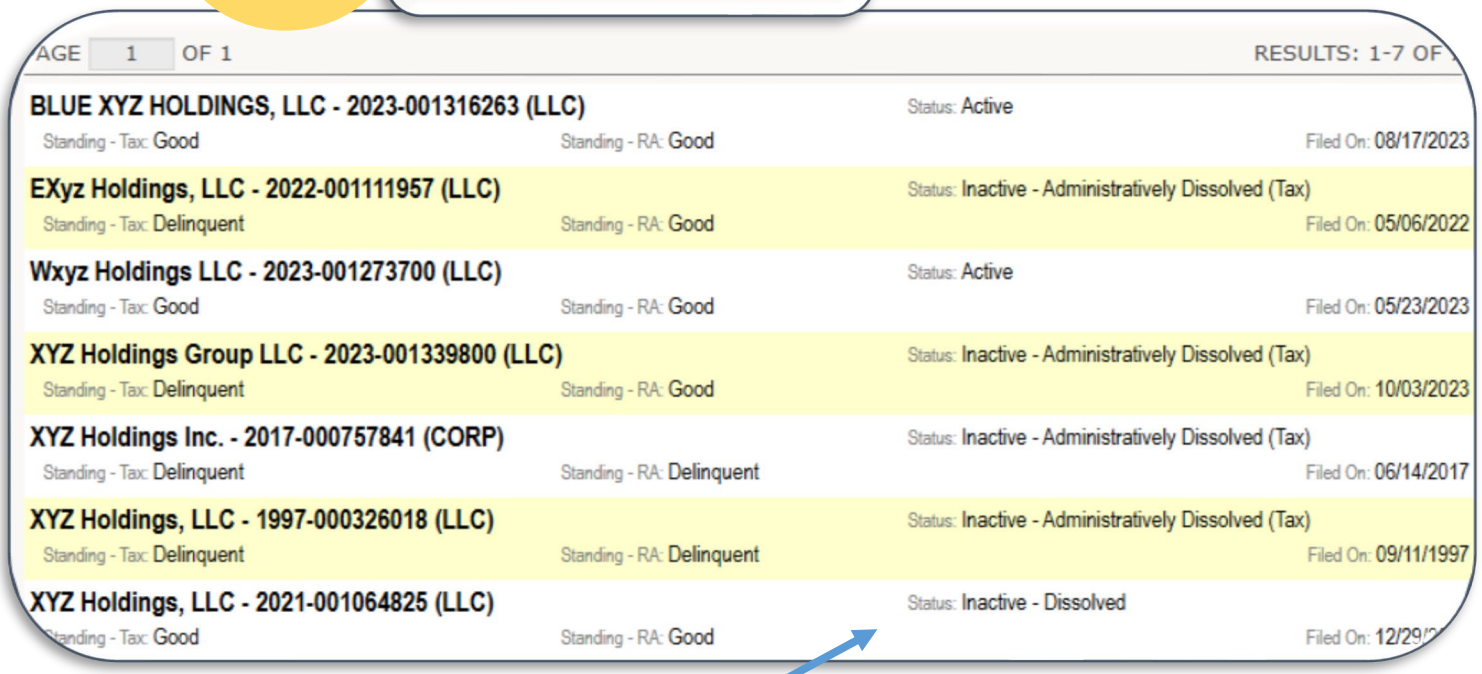
XYZ Holdings ~~LLC~~

- Remove *LLC* and the *s* from *Holdings* to search *XYZ Holding (See Search #1)* and *XYZs Holding (See Search #2)*.
- Results will include both singular/plural forms and all names which contain the filing name entered.

Search #1





Note that some of these results have a company status of "**Active**", "**Inactive-Administratively Dissolved"** or "**Inactive – Dissolved**".

For "**Inactive-Administratively Dissolved**" companies, the name becomes available two (2) years after the inactive date.

For "**Inactive-Dissolved**" companies, the name becomes available immediately upon dissolution.

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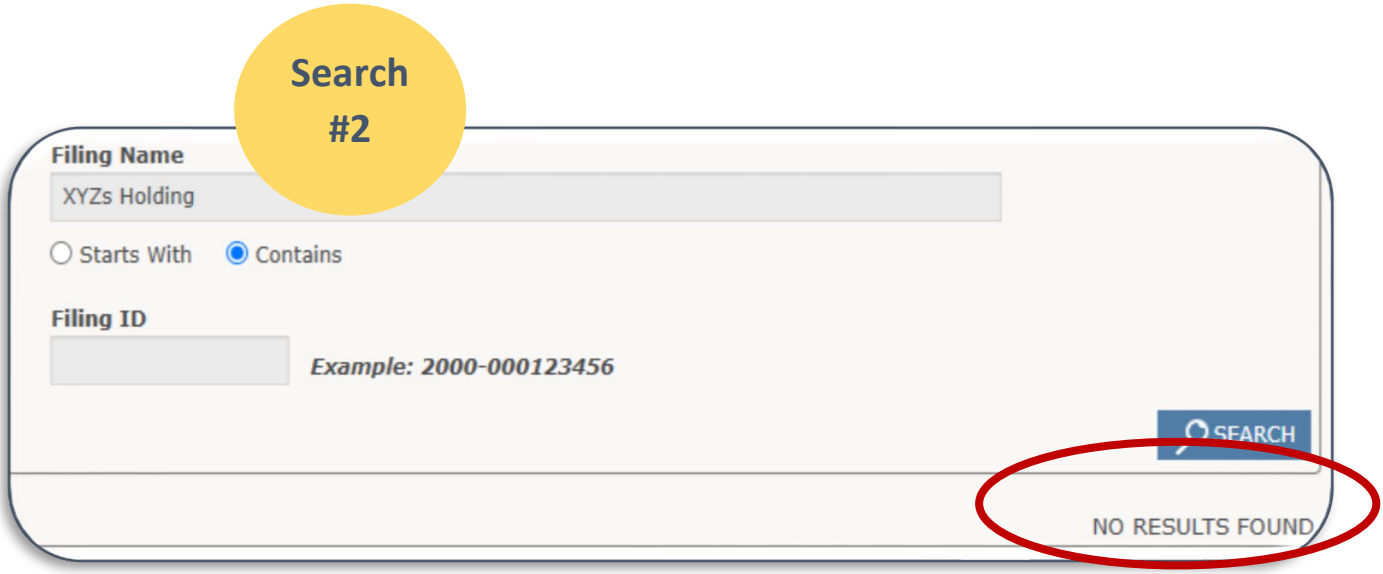

To make a name distinguishable

Add at least one distinguishable character such as a numeral, a distinguishable letter, or an additional word:

XYZ 2 LLC **WXYZ LLC** **XYZ Ranch LLC**

Numerals, Roman Numerals, and number words **are considered distinguishable** from one another:

XYZ 3 LLC **XYZ III LLC** **XYZ Three LLC**

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Words that require additional review

Business names containing these words may not be filed online; Paper forms must be mailed to our office. Filing may be delayed due to the approval process.

Department of Education Approval Required

- Academy(ies)
- College(s)
- Edu
- Educate(s)
- Education(al/s)
- Institute(s)
- Institution(s)
- School(s)
- University(ies)
- Words of similar import in any language.

Division of Banking Approval Required

- Bank(s)
- Banker(s)
- Banc(s)
- Bancorp(s)Bancorporation(s)
- Banque(s)/Banqe(s)/Banq(s)
- Banquer(s)
- Banco(s)/Banca(s)
- PTC (Private Trust Company)
- Trust(s)
- Words of similar import in any language.

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