



## How to Choose a Company Name

### Words and Characters that are NOT considered Distinguishable:

"Company" Words or Abbreviations	Singular vs. Plural, Possessives	Punctuation, Special Characters, and Other Words
Company or Co.	Property vs. Properties	The
Corporation or Corp.	Goose vs. Geese	A
Limited Liability Company, Ltd Liability Co., LC, or LLC	Child vs. Children	And or &
Limited Partnership or LP	Cactus vs. Cacti	All punctuation is non-distinguishable.
Incorporated or Inc.	John vs. John's	Spacing: Wildwood vs. Wild Wood
Limited or Ltd.	<u>Search ALL singular/plural variations.</u>	Special Characters: Paper filings only, non-distinguishable
Statutory Trust		

### To see if a name is available:

[Search](#) and compare only the **distinguishable words and characters** in the name you have in mind:

**XYZ Inc.**    **X Y Z Corporation**    **XYZ LLC**    **¡XYZ! LLC**  
**X's YZ LLC**    **X-Y-Z Limited Liability Company**  
**XY and Z Limited Partnership**    **The XYZ Company Ltd.**  
**X. Y. & Z. LLC**    **XYZ Limited Liability Company**  
**XYZ's Co.**    **XYZ<sup>3</sup> LLC**    **XYZ\$Corp**

In each of these names we are left with only "X Y Z" to compare.

**Filing Name**

XYZ

Starts With     Contains

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XYZ, LLC - 2012-000622964 (LLC) Status: Active

Standing - Tax: Good Standing - RA: Good

**None** of the names above are available.

(Note that this company status is "Active." For "Inactive" companies, the name becomes available two years after the Inactive Date, which shows up if you click on the result. A name designated "(Old Name)" is no longer held for that company.)



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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

W**XYZ** 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

### Name Requirements for Different Entity Types:

Many entity types have specific requirements for the entity name, such as: a **limited liability company** name must contain a form of "LLC"; a **corporation** name may contain "Inc." but is not required to, etc.

Please check the appropriate [form](#) for your entity type for details.

### Words or names that Require Additional Review:

(Names containing these words may not be filed online; originally signed forms must be mailed to our office. Filing may be delayed due to the approval process.)

Department of Education Approval Required	Division of Banking Approval Required	Secretary of State Additional Review
Academy	Bank	Company names beginning with the letter A followed by a space or punctuation.
College	Banker	Company names containing special characters.
Educate	Banc	Company names in a language other than English must include a written translation.
Education	Bancorp	
Educational	Bancorporation	
Institute	Banque	
Institution	Banquers	
School	Banco	
University	Banca	
	Trust	
Words of similar import in any language.		