



**Wyoming Secretary of State
Business Division**
Herschler Building East, Suite 101
122 W 25th Street
Cheyenne, WY 82002-0020
Ph. 307.777.7311
Email: Business@wyo.gov

Searching Business Entity Names Helpful Search Tips

The filer is responsible for searching a business name before it is registered to ensure compliance with W.S. 17-16-401. If a business name is registered and is not distinguishable from another business name, additional paperwork and fees may be required. Below you will find search tips to ensure compliance. For any questions regarding name availability, please contact the Business Division at 307.777.7311 or business@wyo.gov.

1. The filer must search for both singular and plural versions of a name. For example, if you are searching for “Red Wagons” be sure to search the singular form of the name, too. If either name is found, the name is not available.
2. The name availability search disregards spaces, punctuation and capitalization.
3. When you receive search results, those results might include records with a status of “Inactive - Administratively Dissolved” or “Inactive - Revoked.” The name of an entity for which the status is Inactive is available if the sub-status is “Archived.”
4. What is distinguishable? In most cases, distinguishable is as simple as a letter or number which makes a name different than an existing record. However, there are some words that are not considered distinguishable. Non-distinguishable words include:
 - “A”
 - “The”
 - “And”
 - “&”
 - Punctuation and special characters
 - Plural forms of words (Cat vs. Cats)
 - Company designators such as “LLC”, “Inc.”, “Company”, “Co” etc.
 - Subtype designators (DAO, LAO, or L3C)

For example: The name “A Red Wagon LLC” would be considered the same as “Red Wagon Inc.” Be sure that you perform your search without the non-distinguishable words or characters.

For more information on names and name availability, see [How to Choose a Company Name](#).