



Sole Proprietor vs Partnership vs Corporation vs Limited Liability Company?

When you apply for a license to operate a Community Care Facility (CCF) in California, you must decide what entity you will apply as. Although a large majority of people apply as sole proprietors, many decide that a Partnership, non-profit or for profit corporation, or Limited Liability Company (LLC) is the best choice for them. There are advantages and disadvantages to each and your choice will depend on your personal needs, financial situation, and relationships.

RA Mears consulting cannot give legal or tax advice to help you choose the entity that best suits your goals and needs. We recommend the following websites to help educate you:

Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

[Business Structures](#)

Small Business Trends

[The Difference Between a DBA, Sole Proprietor, Corporation and LLC](#)

residual-rewards.com

[Sole Proprietorship vs Partnership vs Limited Liability Company \(LLC\) vs Corporation vs S Corporation](#)

[About.com US Business Law/Taxes](#)

[Legal Forms of Business Organizations](#)

[What is the Difference Between a Sole Prop, a Partnership, LLC, or a Corporation](#)

legalzoom

[Find the Business Structure That's Right for You](#)

[Learn About Business Ownership Structures](#)

Once you are educated on the topic, you can consult with an attorney, a tax professional, or online resources to assist you in setting up your entity. In addition, county offices can assist you in setting up a sole proprietorship, and some office supply stores have Partnership Agreement templates.

Each entity type entails slightly different steps that you must take when preparing your license application. You must remember, when you are applying for a license as a Partnership, corporation, or LLC, the license will be issued in the name of that entity. You, the applicant, will be an individual within that entity, such as President or Managing Member, but the licensee will be the entity as a whole.

RA Mears Consulting can prepare license applications for all entity types.

The above information is based on knowledge gained during more than 40 years experience with CCF's, daily interaction with new CCF applicants and existing CCF's, and expertise in California Code of Regulations, Titles 17 and 22.

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