



YUROK TRIBE

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Yurok Corporations

Advantages to Incorporating Your Business Under Yurok Law

In 2008, the Yurok Tribal Council adopted the Yurok Tribe Business Corporation Ordinance to provide a legal avenue for Yurok members and non-members to incorporate their businesses and non-profits under Yurok law.

The benefits of incorporating under Yurok law include:

- Eliminates the need to incorporate under state law;
- Exempt from state taxes if the business is: (1) incorporated under Yurok law, (2) wholly-owned by tribal members, and (3) only conducts business on the Yurok reservation;
- Easy to form with a simple application; and
- Annual registrations fees are only \$20.

Application Process

1. Apply for a Yurok business license
 - a. Fill out the Yurok business license application.
 - b. Pay the filling fee of \$50.
2. File to incorporate under Yurok law
 - a. Fill out the application for incorporation form.
 - b. Provide a copy of your corporation's articles of incorporation. Please make sure your articles of incorporation follow the requirements of the Yurok Tribe Business Corporation Ordinance. The Yurok Tribe Office of the Tribal Attorney can provide a template articles of corporation, by request.
 - c. Pay the filling fee of \$50.
3. Tribal Council approval
 - a. After reviewing and approving the business license application, the Yurok Tribal Employment Rights Office will submit a resolution requesting the Yurok Tribal Council issue a business license.
 - b. After reviewing and approving the application for incorporation, the Yurok Tribe Office of the Tribal Attorney will submit a resolution requesting the Yurok Tribal Council certify the articles of incorporation.

Please note each corporation will have to file two annual reports every year by January 1 to renew its business license and corporation status. There is an annual fee of \$10 for each annual report. Corporations having a business license and incorporating under Yurok law are consenting to Yurok jurisdiction.

Please call the Yurok Tribe Office of the Tribal Attorney at (707) 482-1350 for any questions.





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YUROK TRIBE APPLICATION FOR INCORPORATION

Complete and Submit to:

Yurok Tribe
Attn: Office of the Tribal Attorney
190 Klamath Boulevard
P.O. Box 1027
Klamath, CA 95548-1027
(707) 482-1350

1. **Name of Business:** _____
2. **Street Address of Business:** _____
(Address, City, Zip Code)
3. **Mailing Address of Business:** _____
(Address, City, Zip Code)
4. **Federal Employer Identification Number (EIN) if any:** _____
5. **Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) Number if any:** _____
6. **California or Other State(s) Contractor/Business License Number if any:** _____
7. **Name of Registered Agent for the Corporation:** _____
(First, Middle, Last)
8. **Residence Address:** _____
(Street/P.O. Box, City, State, Zip Code)
9. **Telephone Number:** () _____
10. **Email Address:** _____
11. **Fax Number:** () _____
12. **Please provide with this application two (2) original copies of the corporation's articles of incorporation following the requirements pursuant to Yurok Business Code §8.05.070.**
13. **Please provide with this application a check made out to the Yurok Tribe for fifty-dollars (\$50.00 U.S.) as an application filing fee.**

14. Name and Contact Information of all Partners, Directors, and/or Officers of the Corporation

(Attach additional pages if more space is needed):

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PLEASE READ THE MATERIAL BELOW CAREFULLY – IF YOU DO NOT UNDERSTAND THE TERMS, PLEASE ASK FOR CLARIFICATION.

BY SIGNING THIS APPLICATION, YOU ARE ACKNOWLEDGING THAT YOU HAVE READ, AND UNDERSTAND, IT'S CONTENTS.

Certifications: By signing this annual report, the applicant is certifying:

- (1) That the applicant possesses, as of the date entered on the application, a current, valid, liability insurance policy that covers any and all business activities that will be undertaken by the above-named corporation under the auspices of the Yurok Tribe business license.
- (2) That if the corporation for which the license is requested is also required to be licensed, and/or permitted, and/or inspected by the State of California, the Federal Government, or any County, the applicant possesses a current, valid license, and/or permit and/or inspection for that business enterprise.
- (3) That by printing and signing below, you agree to submit to the jurisdiction of the Yurok Tribe:
- (4) That by printing and signing below, the applicant agrees to submit to all relevant environmental and health/safety inspections conducted by the Yurok Tribe where relevant and necessary (i.e. food service establishment; campground; elder/child care facility). You also agree to be bound to comply with any directives relative to health, safety and welfare issues discovered during the course of any such inspection pursuant to direction of the relevant tribal department conducting the inspection:
- (5) The applicant agrees to pay the Yurok Tribe a fifty-dollar (\$50.00 U.S.) application for incorporation fee and for every following year pay a ten-dollar (\$10.00 U.S.) annual report filing fee by the first day in January.
- (6) The applicant will hold harmless the Yurok Tribe from any and all incidents or accidents for any and all activities taken while in possession of the Yurok tribal business license.
- (7) The applicant understands that incorporating under Yurok Law does not extend the Yurok Tribe's sovereign immunity to the corporation. In relation to the corporation, the Yurok Tribe has not waived sovereign immunity for any reason.
- (8) The applicant understands if any information provided to the Yurok Tribe is found to be knowingly false or misleading, the Yurok Tribe will:
 - (a) Immediately suspend the corporation's certificate of incorporation;
 - (b) Issue a fine of \$500.00; and
 - (c) Issue a six-month penalty period, during which the applicant will not be permitted to apply for incorporation under Yurok law.

Agent's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____



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APPLICATION FOR YUROK BUSINESS LICENSE

Complete and Submit to:

Yurok Tribe
Attn: Tribal Employment Rights Office
190 Klamath Boulevard
P.O. Box 1027
Klamath, CA 95548-1027
(707) 482-1350

1. **Name of Business:** _____

2. **Street Address of Business:** _____
(Address, City, Zip Code)

3. **Mailing Address of Business:** _____
(Address, City, Zip Code)

4. **Federal Employer Identification Number (EIN) if any:** _____

5. **Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) Number if any:** _____

6. **California or Other State(s) Contractor/Business License Number if any:** _____

7. **Organizational Structure**

- Sole Proprietor
- Partnership
- Corporation – where is your business incorporated? _____
- Joint Venture
- Other _____

8. **Name of Owner and Registered Agent for the Business:** _____
(First, Middle, Last)

9. **Social Security Number:** _____

10. **Driver's License Number/State:** _____

11. **Residence Address:** _____
(Street/P.O. Box, City, State, Zip Code)

12. **Telephone Number:** () _____

13. **Email Address:** _____

14. **Fax Number:** () _____

15. Name and Contact Information of all Partners, Directors, and/or Officers of the Business

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16. Briefly describe the business activities that will be conducted:

17. Name and Address of Owner of Business Property if Other than Applicant (i.e. – finance company or bank):

18. Are you buying an existing business?

- Yes
- No

19. If “yes,” is this business already licensed by the Yurok Tribe?

- Yes
- No

20. If “yes,” what is the name of the business already licensed by the Yurok Tribe?

21. Does your business also require State and/or Federal and/or County and/or local government licenses, permission to operate, or inspections to operate?

- Yes
- No

22. If “yes”, please list and attach hereto a photocopy of all relevant licenses, inspection reports, and permission(s) to operate, whether favorable or not. Licenses can include, but not limited to: California State Licensing Board (CSLB) licenses (e.g. electrical, plumbing, roofing, etc.); food handlers permits; and professional licenses.

23. Have any licenses been revoked at any time in the last five years? If yes, please explain on a separate sheet.

- Yes**
- No**

24. Has your business or owning partners filed for bankruptcy within the last 10 years? If yes, please explain on a separate sheet.

- Yes**
- No**

25. Does your business have any certifications? Certifications include, but not limited to: any state Minority Business Enterprise (MBE), Women Business Enterprises (WBE), Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (VBE), or Emerging Small Business (ESB) programs, and Small Business Administration 8(a) certification.

- Yes**
- No**

26. If “yes,” please list, indicate which state awarded the certifications, certification numbers, expiration date, and attach hereto a photocopy of all relevant certifications.

27. Are you applying for “Indian Preference”?

- Yes**
- No**

28. If “yes,” please list the percentage of Indian ownership of the business.

- Partial ownership _____%
- 100% ownership

29. please provide name, tribal affiliations, and a photocopy of proof of enrollment of the registered agent, partners, and owners.

YUROK BUSINESS LICENSE AGREEMENT FORM

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Certifications: By signing this application for a Yurok tribal business license, you are certifying:

- (1) That you possess, as of the date entered on the application, a current, valid, liability insurance policy that covers any and all business activities that will be undertaken by the above-named business under the auspices of the Yurok Tribe business license.
- (2) That if the business enterprise for which the license is requested is also required to be licensed, and/or permitted, and/or inspected by the State of California, the Federal Government, any County or local government, you possess a current, valid license, and/or permit and/or inspection for that business enterprise.
- (3) That by printing and signing below, you agree to submit to the jurisdiction of the Yurok Tribe and the Yurok Tribal Court.
- (4) That by printing and signing below, you agree to submit to all relevant environmental and health/safety inspections conducted by the Yurok Tribe where relevant and necessary (i.e. food service establishment; campground; elder/child care facility). You also agree to be bound to comply with any directives relative to health, safety and welfare issues discovered during the course of any such inspection pursuant to direction of the relevant tribal department conducting the inspection.
- (5) You agree to pay the Yurok Tribe a fifty-dollar (\$50.00 U.S.) business license application fee.
- (6) You agree to submit a truthful and complete annual report form and pay the annual business license renewal fee of ten-dollars (\$10.00 U.S.) due every year on the first day of January.
- (7) You will hold harmless the Yurok Tribe from liability for any and all incidents or accidents for any and all activities taken while in possession of the Yurok tribal business license.
- (8) You understand that a Yurok business license does not extend the Yurok Tribe’s sovereign immunity to the business enterprise. If Tribal Council grants a business license, the Yurok Tribe has not waived its sovereign immunity for any reason.
- (9) You understand if any information provided to the Yurok Tribe is found to be knowingly false or misleading, the Yurok Tribe will:
 - (a) Immediately suspend any license already issued;
 - (b) Issue a fine of \$500.00; and
 - (c) Issue a six-month penalty period from the date of the application, during which the applicant will not be permitted to apply for another Yurok business license.

Applicant/Owner's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Co-Owner/Partner’s Signature: _____ **Date:** _____