

Where do I file my assumed name certificate?

Regardless of where in Texas you are using an assumed name, an assumed name certificate must be filed as follows:

The following types of persons are required to file an assumed name certificate with the county clerk in each county in which a business office is or will be maintained. If the person does not maintain a business office in Texas, then in each county in which the person conducts business.

- Sole proprietorship
- General partnership or joint venture
- Estates
- Real Estate Investment Trusts
- Any other type of business entity not included above or those listed below as filing with the secretary of state.

Persons who file on the county level should contact the applicable county clerks' offices for information on fees and on filing a certificate.

The following types of Texas or foreign business entities are required to file an assumed name certificate with the secretary of state.

- Corporations (for-profit, nonprofit and professional) or other incorporated entities
- Limited liability companies (including professional limited liability companies)
- Limited partnerships
- Professional associations
- Limited liability partnerships
- Foreign filing entities

Business entities that file an assumed name certificate with the secretary of state are not required to file an assumed name certificate with the county clerk. House Bill 3609 (PDF), which became effective September 1, 2019, amended Chapter 71 of the Texas Business & Commerce Code to eliminate the county-level filing requirement for such entities.