

## INCORPORATION QUESTIONNAIRE

### WHY SHOULD I CONSIDER INCORPORATING MY BUSINESS?

- TO SEPARATE PERSONAL AND BUSINESS LIABILITIES, REDUCING PERSONAL RISK.
- FOR POTENTIAL TAX BENEFITS, SUCH AS INCOME SPLITTING OR LOWER CORPORATE TAX RATES.
- $\circ$   $\hfill TO INCREASE CREDIBILITY AND TRUST WITH CLIENTS, SUPPLIERS, AND INVESTORS.$
- TO ENABLE EASIER TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP OR RAISING OF CAPITAL.
- TO PROVIDE CONTINUITY FOR THE BUSINESS BEYOND THE OWNER'S INVOLVEMENT.

ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS TO DETERMINE WHETHER **CANADIAN INCORPORATION** (FEDERAL) OR ALBERTA INCORPORATION (PROVINCIAL) IS THE BEST CHOICE FOR YOUR BUSINESS.

## 1. WILL YOUR BUSINESS OPERATE IN MULTIPLE PROVINCES OR TERRITORIES IN CANADA?

 $\Box$  Yes  $\rightarrow$  Canadian Incorporation  $\Box$  No $\rightarrow$  Alberta Incorporation

#### 2. DO YOU PLAN TO EXPAND YOUR BUSINESS OUTSIDE OF ALBERTA IN THE NEAR FUTURE?

 $\Box \textbf{ Yes} \rightarrow \textbf{Canadian Incorporation} \qquad \Box \textbf{ No} \rightarrow \textbf{Alberta Incorporation}$ 

#### 3. ARE YOU COMFORTABLE WITH STRICTER COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR BROADER BENEFITS?

#### 4. ARE YOU WILLING TO PAY HIGHER UPFRONT AND ONGOING FEES FOR NATIONWIDE FLEXIBILITY?

 $\Box \textbf{ Yes} \rightarrow \textbf{Canadian Incorporation} \qquad \Box \textbf{ No} \rightarrow \textbf{Alberta Incorporation}$ 

#### 5. IS HAVING NATIONWIDE NAME PROTECTION IMPORTANT TO YOU?

 $\Box \ \textbf{Yes} \rightarrow \textbf{Canadian Incorporation} \qquad \Box \ \textbf{No} \rightarrow \textbf{Alberta Incorporation}$ 



#### 6. ARE YOU PREPARED TO HANDLE THE ADMINISTRATIVE WORKLOAD ASSOCIATED WITH ANNUAL

#### **COMPLIANCE FILINGS?**

 $\Box$  **Yes** $\rightarrow$  Canadian Incorporation

 $\Box$  **NO** $\rightarrow$  ALBERTA INCORPORATION

7. IS SECURING INVESTORS A CRITICAL PART OF YOUR BUSINESS STRATEGY IN THE NEXT 1-3 YEARS?

 $\Box \textbf{ Yes} \rightarrow \textbf{Canadian Incorporation} \qquad \Box \textbf{ No} \rightarrow \textbf{Alberta Incorporation}$ 

8. WILL YOUR BUSINESS RELY ON BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS WITH NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS OR CORPORATIONS?

 $\Box$  **Yes** $\rightarrow$  Canadian Incorporation

 $\Box$  **NO** $\rightarrow$  ALBERTA INCORPORATION

9. DO YOU PRIORITIZE THE ABILITY TO OPERATE SEAMLESSLY ACROSS CANADA OVER A SIMPLER INCORPORATION PROCESS?

 $\Box \textbf{ Yes} \rightarrow \textbf{Canadian Incorporation} \qquad \Box \textbf{ No} \rightarrow \textbf{Alberta Incorporation}$ 

#### **EVALUATION KEY:**

- IF MOST OF YOUR ANSWERS ARE "YES" → CANADIAN INCORPORATION MAY BE THE BETTER OPTION FOR YOUR BUSINESS.
- IF MOST OF YOUR ANSWERS ARE "NO" → ALBERTA INCORPORATION MAY BE THE BETTER OPTION FOR YOUR BUSINESS.

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# **INCORPORATION COMPARISON**

CATEGORY	CANADIAN INCORPORATION (FEDERAL)	ALBERTA INCORPORATION (PROVINCIAL)
Pros	OPERATE ACROSS ALL PROVINCES/TERRITORIES WITH A SINGLE NAME.	SIMPLER PROCESS; FEWER REGULATIONS TO COMPLY WITH.
	EXCLUSIVE NAME PROTECTION ACROSS CANADA, ENSURING UNIQUENESS NATIONWIDE.	LOWER INCORPORATION AND MAINTENANCE FEES.
	ENHANCED CREDIBILITY FOR BUSINESSES TARGETING NATIONAL MARKETS. EASIER TO SECURE NATIONAL OR INTERNATIONAL INVESTORS.	TAILORED TO BUSINESSES OPERATING PRIMARILY WITHIN ALBERTA.
Cons	MORE EXPENSIVE UPFRONT AND ONGOING FEES.	NAME PROTECTION LIMITED TO ALBERTA.
	Annual federal filings (corporate returns and ISC registry updates).	ADDITIONAL COSTS FOR EXTRA-PROVINCIAL REGISTRATION IF EXPANDING OUTSIDE ALBERTA.
	MAY REQUIRE EXTRA-PROVINCIAL REGISTRATION IN EACH PROVINCE OF OPERATION.	LIMITED RECOGNITION OUTSIDE ALBERTA, POTENTIALLY REDUCING APPEAL TO NATIONAL CLIENTS OR INVESTORS.
INCORPORATION FEE	\$200 FEDERAL FILING FEE. + SERVICE PROVIDER FEES.	\$275 Alberta government fee + NUANS (\$50).
NUANS Search	Mandatory for federal incorporation (~\$13.80 + \$50 for official report).	REQUIRED FOR ALBERTA INCORPORATION (~\$50 FOR OFFICIAL REPORT).
Annual Return Costs	\$12 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FEE + SERVICE PROVIDER FEES (IF APPLICABLE).	<b>\$50</b> ALBERTA GOVERNMENT FEE <b>+</b> ~ <b>\$25</b> SERVICE FEES.
Ongoing Requirements	ANNUAL FEDERAL FILINGS (CORPORATE RETURNS AND REPORTS).	ANNUAL ALBERTA FILINGS (CORPORATE RETURNS AND REPORTS).
GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE	NATIONWIDE NAME PROTECTION AND OPERATION.	LIMITED TO ALBERTA UNLESS EXTRA- PROVINCIAL REGISTRATION IS COMPLETED.
BEST SUITED FOR	BUSINESSES PLANNING TO OPERATE ACROSS CANADA.	BUSINESSES OPERATING PRIMARILY WITHIN ALBERTA.

This table includes key considerations but is not an exhaustive list. Be sure to evaluate all factors

relevant to your business before deciding.