MAC NEAL LLC

Free Help for Veteran Entrepreneurs

Programs that cost nothing to use, so your budget goes to the one-on-one work only you can do.

FOR VETERANS & MILITARY FAMILIES

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Free and low-cost resources

Check each program's site for current eligibility and locations. Programs change, so confirm details before you apply.

Program	What it offers	Where to start
Veterans Business Outreach Centers (VBOCs)	Business planning help, workshops and referrals for veterans, service members and military spouses.	sba.gov (search "VBOC")
Boots to Business	SBA's entrepreneurship training offered through the military transition program, plus follow-on courses.	sba.gov (search "Boots to Business")
SCORE	Free, confidential mentoring from experienced business owners; free workshops and templates.	score.org
Small Business Development Centers (SBDCs)	Free one-on-one advising and low-cost training, usually hosted by a local college.	americassbdc.org
SBA loans & microloans	SBA-backed loans through banks and nonprofit microlenders, including smaller loans for startups.	sba.gov (search "microloans")
Veteran small business certification (VetCert)	SBA certification for veteran-owned (VOSB) and service-disabled veteran-owned (SDVOSB) small businesses that want to sell to the government.	sba.gov (search "VetCert")
VA Veteran Readiness & Employment (VR&E)	For eligible veterans with a service-connected disability, VR&E includes a self-employment track. Talk to your VR&E counselor about eligibility.	va.gov (search "VR&E")
Community lenders & CDFIs	Mission-driven lenders that often work with first-time borrowers and smaller loan sizes.	cdfifund.gov (CDFI locator)

How to use them together

- [ ] Start with a free workshop (Boots to Business, VBOC or SBDC) to test your idea
- [ ] Get a SCORE mentor in your industry for ongoing advice
- [ ] Use our **Veteran Business Startup Checklist** to track your progress
- [ ] Use our **Startup Cost & Break-Even Worksheet** before you talk to a lender
- [ ] Bring in paid, one-on-one help for the parts that need it: entity setup, books, payroll, taxes and financial projections

Where Mac Neal LLC fits

We help veterans and military families with the numbers side of a new business: feasibility, projections, entity formation and registrations, QuickBooks and payroll setup, tax planning and financial-skills coaching, in English or Spanish. Branding and websites are available through our affiliate, Logo Grove.

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