

Corporate Name Searches Tipsheet

Name Availability

An Alberta Search report must be obtained and submitted with every filing resulting in the use of a new corporate name in Alberta. Numbered corporations, Canada corporations (Federally incorporated corporation), and Alberta corporations which are being revived within three years of being struck off the register are exempt from this requirement.

When applying for a name for an Alberta corporation, extra-provincial corporation, or cooperative association, the decision regarding the use of the name is the incorporator's. However, the Alberta Search Report on which this decision is based must be filed at Service Alberta within 90 days of the date the name was proposed.

When applying for a name for a society, religious society or non-profit company, Corporate Registry uses the Alberta Search Report supplied by the applicant to decide whether its proposed name is available for use in Alberta.

An Alberta Search Report can be obtained from any private search house.

A list of private search houses are available on the NUANS website, www.nuans.com. Some search houses are listed under the heading "Searchers of Records" in the telephone directory SuperPages.

For information call:

Edmonton: (780) 427-2311

To contact Alberta Government offices toll free, dial 310 0000 then follow the instructions.