

## 1<sup>st</sup> STOP CHECKLIST: PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION

A professional association is an organized group of professionals who are all licensed in the same profession (such as attorneys, public accountants, architects, engineers, physicians, etc.).

### REQUIREMENTS & REGULATIONS

- [] Professional associations must register with the **Secretary of State** as some form of corporation (such as a C-Corporation, Limited Liability Corporation, etc.). If you have questions, contact the **Secretary of State's Office** at **(614) 466-3910** or **(877) 767-3453**; or online at [www.sos.state.oh.us](http://www.sos.state.oh.us).
  
- [] Shares can only be sold to professionals licensed in the same profession as the association.
  
- [] For more information, please see **Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Sections 1701 and 1785**. The ORC can be found at your local library or on-line at <http://codes.ohio.gov/orc>.

**For more help, contact your local Small Business Development Center (SBDC).**

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**\*REMEMBER TO CHECK LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES\***

**THIS CHECKLIST IS ABOUT STATE REQUIREMENTS.**