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## Preparing to become a Rideshare Driver

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# Seattle Rideshare Driver's Association



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- Strength in Numbers: Come join our association !
- We are an association of drivers who work for UBER, LYFT, and other app-based transportation platforms to promote fairness, justice, and transparency in Washington's personal transportation industry.
- Bringing drivers together for a collective voice. By creating unity we can ensure that everyone is able to share in the prosperity.
- Join a safe, reliable transportation network that works for both riders and drivers.



# Why we work together:

In 2024, The Washington State Legislature passed the first in the nation Rideshare Driver's rights for UBER & LYFT drivers in our state.

This landmark protections offer's support to drivers who have fought for fair worker's rights.

Washington drivers are now one of the highest paid in the country, and are eligible for paid sick leave, Unemployment benefits and Paid family Medical leave.



# Join Now!

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# Applying for a Business License:

Washington State Business License Office: 6500 Linderson Way SW, Tumwater, WA 98501

[\(360\) 705-6741](tel:3607056741) <https://dor.wa.gov/>

Most individuals or companies that conduct business in Washington State must obtain a state business license from the Business Licensing Service.

In addition, your County May have restrictions or guidelines to follow:

Below is a list of the 4 counties out on the Western Washington Peninsula's.

Kitsap County: [Kitsap.gov](http://Kitsap.gov) 360-337-7140

Mason County: [Masoncountywa.gov](http://Masoncountywa.gov) 360-427-9870

Clallam County: [Clallamcountywa.gov](http://Clallamcountywa.gov) 360-417=2262

Jefferson County: [co.Jefferson.wa.us](http://co.Jefferson.wa.us) 360-385-0160



# Know your City or Town's Expectations:

Some cities or towns may also require a separate business license in order to legally conduct business within their jurisdiction.

For cities, business licenses can serve several different functions, including monitoring business activities operating within the city's jurisdiction, regulating certain types of business activities to ensure public safety and code compliance, and generating revenue.

Click here to find your city or town: <https://mrsc.org/research-tools/washington-city-and-town-profiles>

If you aren't sure if you fall within the city limits, most counties have a "Verify your location here":

<https://psearch.kitsap.gov/pdetails/Default>



# Know your City or Town's Expectations:

**For Example, in the City of Bremerton –**

Any business with a **physical location within City limits** must obtain a **City of Bremerton Business License**:

## **Ride Share**

- WA State Business License
- City of Bremerton Endorsement
- Home Based Permit

**Apply for your WA State Business License with your City of Bremerton Endorsement**

*(The endorsement becomes your City of Bremerton Business License)*

Apply online through the **Washington State Department of Revenue (WA DOR)**.



## UBER:

[Link to register/apply?](#)

[Uber Technologies](#), Inc. is an American multinational transportation company that provides ride-hailing services, courier services, food delivery, and freight transport. It is headquartered in San Francisco, California, and operates in approximately 70 countries and 15,000 cities worldwide.

### Set your own hours:

Some driving opportunities can mean long hours and rigid schedules. If you become a driver using Uber, you decide when and how often you drive



## UBER:

[Link to register/apply?](#) .

### Get paid fast:

When you get paid to drive using Uber, your earnings automatically get transferred to your bank account every week. Plus, with Instant Pay, you can cash out up to 6 times a day.

### Get Support at Every Turn:

If you have questions, you can reach us anytime online or in the app.

### More confidence behind the wheel with Women Preferences:

We've heard from women drivers that they want even more control on the road. That's why we've designed Women Preferences, so women drivers and riders have the option to be matched with other women on trips.



# UBER:

## What you Need to become a Driver:

### Requirements:

- \*Meet the minimum age to drive in your city
- \*Have at least one year of driving experience
- \*Clear a background check

### Documents:

- \*Valid driver's license
- \*Proof of residency in your city, state, or province
- \*Insurance if you plan to drive your own car

### Signup Process:

- \*Submit documents and photo
- \*Provide information for a background check
- \*Find out if your car is eligible, or get a car



## LYFT:

[Link to register/apply?](#)

LYFT American transportation service company, founded in 2012, that operates a peer-to-peer ridesharing mobile app. It connects passengers with nearby drivers for on-demand, affordable rides, serving as a popular alternative to traditional taxis in over 200+ cities across the U.S. and Canada.

### Why Lyft?:

Some driving opportunities can mean long hours and rigid schedules. If you become a driver using Lyft, you decide when and how often you drive.

Plus you can earn bonuses to reach your goals faster and enjoy peace of mind with exclusive features like out-of-your-way pay and 5-minute-delay pay.



## LYFT:

[Link to register/apply?](#)

### Pay Transparency:

You keep [70% or more](#) of passenger payments after external fees each week with our earnings commitment.

### Enjoy More Choice:

The new [Women+ Connect](#) feature gives women and nonbinary drivers more control and choice in how they earn.

### Passenger Ratings:

Drivers rate passengers after each ride, so you've always got a say.

They also require passengers to provide valid credit card information for identity verification purposes.



## LYFT:

### **Auto Insurance Protection:**

- \*You're required to maintain personal auto insurance that meets minimum state requirements.
- \*However, most personal auto policies will not cover you while you're using the Lyft app.
- \*Where consistent with state and local laws, Lyft maintains commercial insurance on behalf of drivers.
- \*This commercial insurance provides certain coverages while you're using the Lyft app

## **LYFT:**

### **How long does the application process take?**

- \*Typically, filling out basic information (like your mobile phone number, driver's license, and other documents) takes less than 30 minutes.
- \*Then a few more things need to happen:

### **Vehicle Inspection:**

- \*If you're using your own car, it will need to pass a Lyft inspection to make sure it's road-ready.
- \*We'll help you find a location and schedule an appointment.

### **Background check:**

- \*Safety is our top priority, so we'll need to run a background check to review your driving history.
- \*This can take a few days to be completed.

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## Who we are:

- \*SRDA was founded in August 13, 2014
- \*We represent both Uber and Lyft drivers.
- \*We arose after 700 drivers in the area went on strike for better work conditions.
- \*We represent approximately 3000 members.
- \* There are approximately 34,000 drivers around the Puget Sound's I5 corridor.
- \*92% are residents of Kings County
- \* 87% identify as immigrants.
- \*We offer state certified interpreters for over 10 languages
- \* We assist with state and local licenses
- \*We help with SeaTac and Port regulations



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## **What's our impact:**

- \*In 2019 we provided 28 Million trips.
- \*In 2019 we provided 43 Million trips
- \*Rideshare numbers have been consistently increasing annually.
- \*Being a rideshare driver offers additional income to drivers already employed.
- \*Being a rideshare driver can be either fulltime or parttime.
- \* We offer support, both individually and collectively.
  - Language interpretation
  - License and regulation updates
  - Unemployment benefits and website navigation
  - Voter registration
  - Organized Covid 19 testing since we were 'essential workers'



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## *Driver's Solidarity and Resource Center:*

- \*Membership meetings and collective driver advocacy
- \*Multi-lingual workshops and trainings on rideshare company policies
- \*Rideshare customer service training
- \*Advocacy and training to challenge driver deactivations
- \*Voter registration drives
- \* Legal and driver rights training





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Questions?





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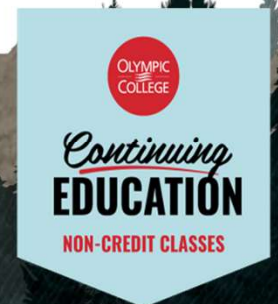
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## Kitsap Economic Development Alliance

a public/private non-profit corporation established in 1983 to drive economic growth, job creation, and business retention in Kitsap County, Washington.

<https://www.kitsapeda.org/>



  
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