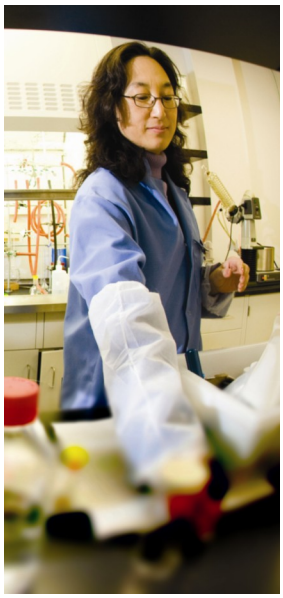
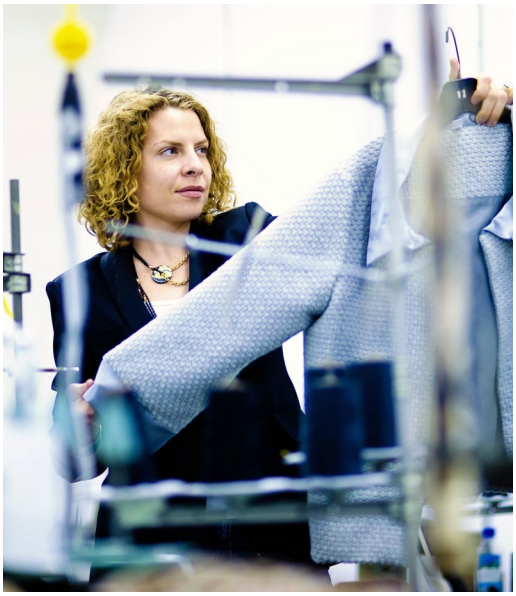
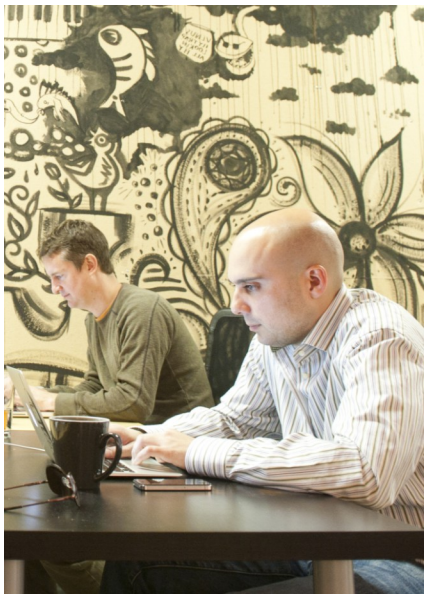

# City of Philadelphia - Jump Start Philadelphia

Jump Start Philadelphia exempts new businesses that create jobs in Philadelphia from paying the Business Income and Receipts Tax during the first two years of operations. Additionally, fees will be waived for eligible new businesses for a variety of licenses and registrations.

## ELIGIBILITY

The business must be a "New Business," defined as a business not subject to Philadelphia business taxes at any time during the previous five Tax Years.

To qualify for Jump Start Philadelphia, the New Business must:

- Have at least three full-time employees by the first 12 months of business operations continuously through the 18-month anniversary of becoming a new business
- Then have at least six full-time employees from the 18 month anniversary of business operations continuously through to the 24-month anniversary of operations.

These employees:

- Must work in Philadelphia at least 60% of the time
- May NOT be family members - *a family member is defined as: a parent, spouse, life partner, child, sibling or relative-in-law*

## HOW TO APPLY

The New Business must file a New Business Waiver Application with the Department of Revenue. This application is automatically part of the online process of registering for the Business Income and Receipts Tax, and within the paper application for the Commercial Activity License.

Contact **startupphl@phila.gov** for more information.

*All businesses are required to apply for applicable licenses, but eligible New Businesses pay no fee.*

"New Businesses" that are NOT eligible are:

- Businesses affiliated with or sharing substantial ownership or control with a business that has filed tax return in Philadelphia
- Businesses created through an ownership change of a business that has filed a business tax return, including, but not limited to:
  - A merger, acquisition or reorganization
  - The transfer of an existing business to a person who maintains the same or substantially similar business
  - The closing of an existing business and its subsequent reopening as the same or similar business
  - A business formed for the purpose of evading or avoiding payment of taxes or fees
  - A business primarily engaged in holding, selling, leasing, transferring, managing or developing real estate