

BEP Office Locations

Western Region

NYSCB
295 Main Street
Buffalo, NY 14203
716-847-3518

Southern Region

NYSCB
80 Maiden Lane, 23rd Floor
New York, NY 10038
212-383-1740

Central Region

NYSCB
52 Washington Street, Room 201 South
Rensselaer, NY 12144
518-474-5198

NYSCB Office Locations

Albany
40 N. Pearl St., 10th Fl., Ste. D
Albany, N.Y. 12243
(518) 473-1675

Buffalo
295 Main St., Rm. 590
Buffalo, N.Y. 14203
(716) 847-3516

Harlem
163 West 125th St., Rm. 209
New York, N.Y. 10027
(212) 961-4440

Hempstead
50 Clinton St., Ste. 208
Hempstead, N.Y. 11550
(516) 564-4311

Garden City
711 Stewart Avenue
Garden City, N.Y. 11530
(516) 564-4311

NYSCB Office Locations-cont.

New York City
80 Maiden Lane, 23rd Fl.
New York, N.Y. 10038
(212) 825-5710

Rochester
259 Monroe Ave., Rm. 303
Rochester, N.Y. 14607
(585) 238-8110

Syracuse
100 S. Salina St., Ste. 105
Syracuse, N.Y. 13202
(315) 423-5417

White Plains
445 Hamilton Ave., Rm. 503
White Plains, N.Y. 10601
(914) 993-5370

If you think that you have what it takes to operate your own business, contact your VR Counselor or call your nearest BEP office.

For information
on services call:
(866) 871-3000

-OR-

Visit our website:
visionloss.ny.gov

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Business Enterprise Program (BEP)



**Business training and
management opportunities
for eligible consumers.**

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What is the Business

Enterprise Program (BEP)?

- The Business Enterprise Program was created in 1936 through federal legislation called the Randolph Sheppard Act.

Government statutes that govern this program provide a priority for blind vendors to operate food service facilities in federal and state government buildings.



Who is eligible for the BEP Program?

- Any United States citizen, 18 or over, who is legally blind and is a New York State resident may be eligible.

How does BEP work?

- BEP teaches eligible New York State Commission for the Blind (NYSCB) consumers how to successfully manage a food service business, vending route or newsstand. Qualified program participants learn business math, labor and merchandise management, purchasing, legal requirements and customer service.

Participants will also earn (through study and passing a test) the nationally-accredited ServSafe® food safety certification from the National Restaurant Association.

- When training is successfully completed, participants get an interest-free, three-year loan to buy their initial product inventory. Once the business is up and running, a BEP business services specialist visits monthly to provide support and assist with any issues.



To learn more about becoming a Business Enterprise Program (BEP) participant:

For current NYSCB consumers, contact your counselor.

If you are not yet an NYSCB consumer, contact the New York State Commission for the Blind by phone, toll free, at

866-871-3000.

Indicate that you are interested in the Business Enterprise Program when you call, or include that information in the "Remarks" section when you fill out an NYSCB OCFS-1002, Application for Services, located on our website.

<http://ocfs.ny.gov>

