

## STATE REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR BUSINESSES THAT CONDUCT REPAIRS ON APPLIANCES AND ELECTRONICS

**Appliance Repair:** Washers, dryers, refrigerators, freezers, ranges, microwave ovens, dishwashers, trash compactors, and room air conditioners.



### Electronic Repair:

Smartphones, tablets, personal computers, televisions, radios and stereos, video cameras, gaming consoles, photocopiers, fax machines, car stereo and alarm installations, ignition interlock device installations, and home satellite system installs. If you have a Contractors State Licensing Board license for satellite systems, you're not required to have the Electronic Repair (Electronic Service Dealer) registration as well for these types of installs. The Bureau of Automotive Repair (BAR) covers ignition interlock devices, having dual authority as well; therefore, if you have a BAR license, you are not required to have the Bureau's registration for the interlock equipment installs.

**Subcontractors:** Individuals acting in an independent subcontractor capacity in appliance or electronic repairs who are hired by a licensed company are required to have a registration as well. If you are a separate company or an individual operating a repair business who is not an employee of that company, registration is required.



## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

California Department of Consumer Affairs  
(800) 952-5210  
[www.dca.ca.gov](http://www.dca.ca.gov) and [www.dca.ca.gov/licensee/](http://www.dca.ca.gov/licensee/)

State Board of Equalization  
(800) 400-7115  
[www.boe.ca.gov](http://www.boe.ca.gov)

California Mattress Stewardship Program—  
Used Mattress Recovery and Recycling  
(855) 229-1691  
[www.mattressrecyclingcouncil.org](http://www.mattressrecyclingcouncil.org)

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# STATE LICENSING REQUIREMENTS

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## STATE LICENSING IS REQUIRED BEFORE YOU CAN OPERATE THE FOLLOWING BUSINESSES:

**Furniture Retailer**—A store operation selling upholstered furniture.

**Bedding Retailer**—A store operation selling bedding products (includes pillows, mattresses, quilts, comforters, and sleeping bags).

**Furniture and Bedding Retailer**—A store operation selling both upholstered furniture and bedding products.

**Custom Upholsterer**—Repairs, reupholsters, re-covers, renews upholstered furniture, or who makes to order and specification of the user any article of upholstered furniture, using either new materials or the owner's materials.

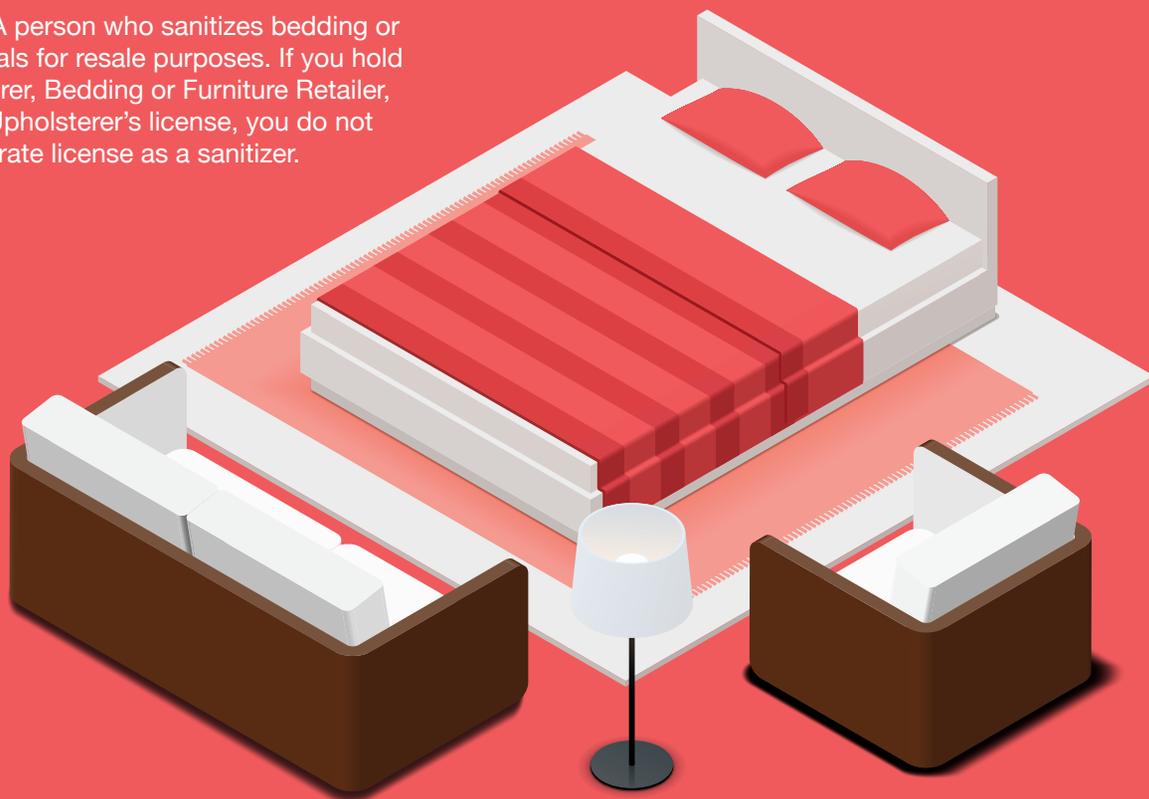
**Furniture and Bedding Manufacturer**—A company that produces upholstered furniture or bedding in whole or in part, or who uses new or secondhand materials to upholster any product.

**Sanitizer**—A person who sanitizes bedding or filling materials for resale purposes. If you hold a Manufacturer, Bedding or Furniture Retailer, or Custom Upholsterer's license, you do not need a separate license as a sanitizer.

**Supply Dealer**—A company that manufactures, processes or sells any felt, batting, pads, woven or plastic fabrics, or loose material in bags or containers, concealed or not concealed, to be used or that could be used in articles of upholstered furniture or bedding.

**Wholesaler**—A company that sells any article of upholstered furniture or bedding or filling materials to another for the purpose of resale, but shall not include an affiliate or subsidiary where the ownership and name are identical, and that is the exclusive sales outlet of a manufacturer.

**Importer**—A person who manufactures or wholesales, through employees or agents, any articles of upholstered furniture, bedding, or filling material manufactured outside of the United States for the purpose of sale or resale in California.



## IT'S THE LAW!

**Businesses are required to have a valid license/registration BEFORE they operate.**

State Inspectors and Representatives conduct investigations of businesses, and if a business is discovered to be operating without a license/registration, fines and citations may be issued for violations specified under the Business and Professions Code.

Fines/citations for being out of compliance range from \$250 to \$2,500, and/or by imprisonment for not less than three and not more than six months.

## BUSINESS REGISTRATION AND LICENSING INFORMATION

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You may download and print the State application by visiting our website: [www.bhfti.ca.gov](http://www.bhfti.ca.gov)

After submitting an application, it will be reviewed by the Bureau and if there are no grounds for denial, a license/registration will be issued within four to six weeks.