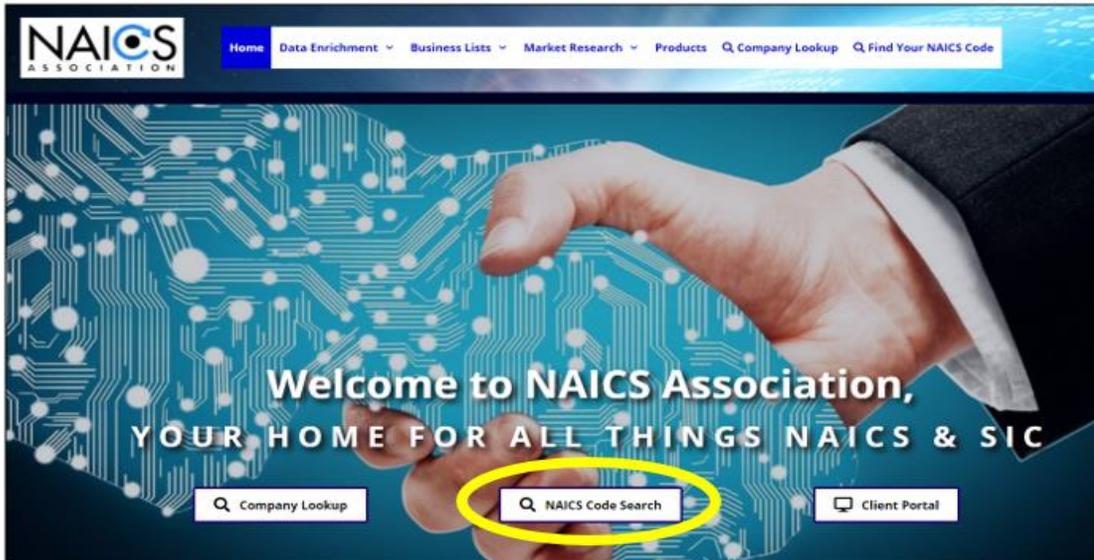


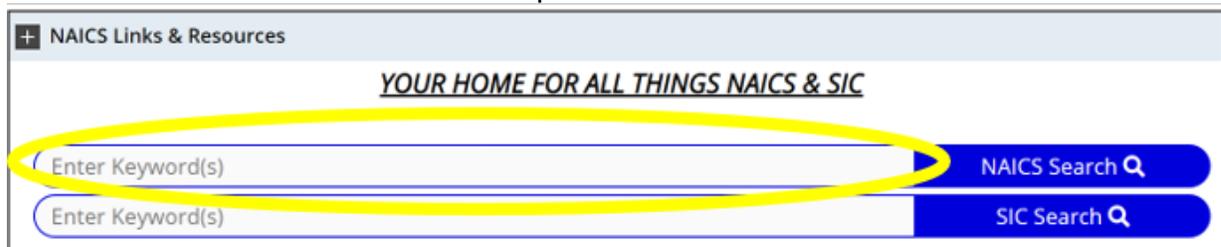
How to Find a Business's Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) Code

- 1) Open your internet browser and go to [North American Industrial Classification System \(NAICS\) Association web site](https://naics.com) (<https://naics.com>).

Select NAICS Code Search Button:



- 2) Enter a keyword(s) that describes the primary business activity or activities.¹ The NAICS search option gives more detailed results over the SIC search option, but the SIC search can be used if preferred.



¹A business may be made up of one or more establishments, and each establishment may have a different primary business activity or activities requiring a unique SIC Code(s). Per the [SIC Manual](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/stormwater/docs/industrial/sic_manual_1987.pdf), (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/stormwater/docs/industrial/sic_manual_1987.pdf) where “distinct and separate economic activities are performed at a single physical location..., each activity should be treated as a separate establishment where: (1) no one industry description I the classification includes such combined activities; (2) the employment in each such economic activity is significant; and (3) separate reports can be prepared on the number of

3) Review the NAICS search results. If an NAICS code is identified matching the primary business activity or activities, click the blue 'View SIC' button on the right.

NAICS	NAICS Title	Common Keywords	SIC Crosswalk
452311	Warehouse Clubs and Supercenters	Warehouse clubs (i.e., food and general merchandise)	View SIC
236220	Commercial and Institutional Building Construction	Warehouse construction (e.g., commercial, industrial, manufacturing, private)	View SIC
236210	Industrial Building Construction	Industrial building (except warehouses) construction, general contractors	View SIC
238220	Plumbing, Heating, and Air-Conditioning Contractors	Warehouse refrigeration system installation	View SIC
926120	Regulation and Administration of Transportation Programs	Railroad and warehouse commissions, nonoperating	View SIC
332311	Prefabricated Metal Building and Component Manufacturing	Warehouses, prefabricated metal, manufacturing	View SIC
332321	Metal Window and Door Manufacturing	Rolling doors for industrial buildings and warehouses, metal, manufacturing	View SIC

4) Select the applicable SIC Code(s) for the primary business activity or activities and click on the four-digit number to view the SIC Code(s) description.

NAICS	NAICS Title	Common Keywords	SIC Crosswalk
452311	Warehouse Clubs and Supercenters	Warehouse clubs (i.e., food and general merchandise)	Back
SIC	SIC Description		
5311	Department Stores		
5399	Miscellaneous General Merchandise Stores		
5411	Grocery Stores		

employees, their wages and salaries, sales or receipts, and other types of establishment data.”

- 5) Review the SIC Code(s) description to determine if the code matches the primary business activity or activities.

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Enter Keyword(s) SIC Search

Enter Keyword(s) NAICS Search

Industry: 5399—Miscellaneous General Merchandise Stores

Establishments primarily engaged in the retail sale of a general line of apparel, dry goods, hardware, housewares or home furnishings, groceries, and other lines in limited amounts. Stores selling commodities covered in the definition for department stores, but normally having less than 50 employees, and stores usually known as country general stores are included in this industry. Establishments primarily engaged in the retail sale of merchandise by television, catalog and mail-order are classified in Industry 5961.

Catalog showrooms, general merchandise: except catalog	General merchandise stores—retail
Country general stores—retail	General stores—retail

- 6) Document the SIC Code(s) number on your business license when the SIC description matches your primary business activity or activities. If the SIC description does not match your primary business activity or activities, select different SIC Code(s) or try searching again using different keywords.

Determine if the business’s primary SIC Code(s) is regulated by the State Water Resources Control Board by referring to the [State Water Resources Control Board list of SIC Code\(s\) regulated by the Industrial Stormwater General Permit \(https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/stormwater/sicnum.shtml\)](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/stormwater/sicnum.shtml). If the business’s SIC code(s) does not fall into one of the regulated categories of the Industrial General Permit, nothing further is required by the Water Boards. Enrollment may still be required if the business is otherwise described by one of the entries in Attachment A of the Industrial Storm Water General Permit.

- 7) If the SIC Code(s) is listed, the business must submit electronic permit registration documents for coverage under the Industrial Stormwater General Permit or a Notice of Non-Applicability. Please visit [the State Water Resources Control Board Senate Bill 205: Business License Requirements web site \(https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/stormwater/sb_205_business_license_requirements.html\)](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/stormwater/sb_205_business_license_requirements.html) for additional information on permit enrollment.

Or

Contact the State Water Resource Control Board for more information regarding permit coverage enrollment at:

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 stormwater@waterboards.ca.gov
 1-866-563-3107