



How complete is your Google My Business profile?

- Ummm... what's that?
- I haven't set it up yet.
- 50% to 65%
- 65% to 80%
- 80% or higher

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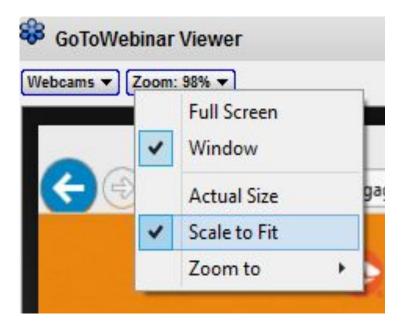
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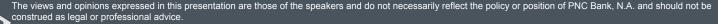
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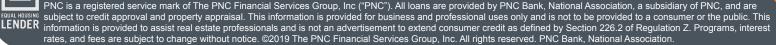


WHAT THIS WEBINAR WILL COVER:

- 1) LOCAL SEO DEFINED
- 2) GOOGLE MY BUSINESS
- 3) REVIEWS
- 4) LOCAL CONTENT
- 5) BACKLINKS & CITATIONS

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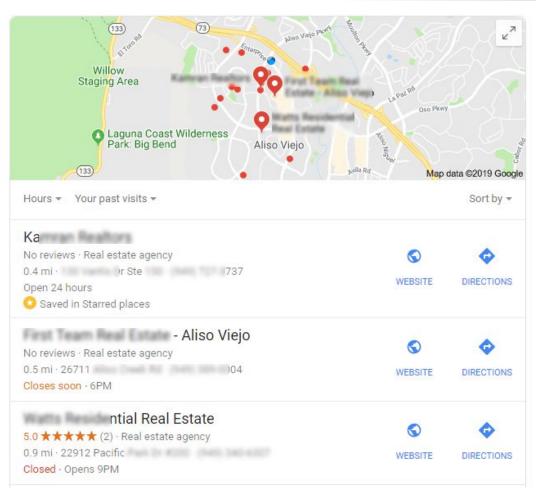


WHAT IS LOCAL SEO?

Short answer:

Results that appear alongside Google Maps[®].

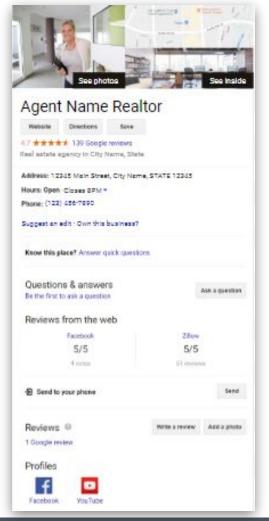
Results that help users find businesses offline.



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WHAT IS LOCAL SEO "Your.Name Realtor" Your.Town Realtor(s) Your.Town Real Estate Brokerage Realty Near Me Closest Real Estate Broker





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WHAT IS **NOT** LOCAL SEO

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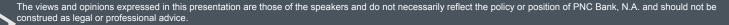
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EVOLUTION OF LOCAL SEO

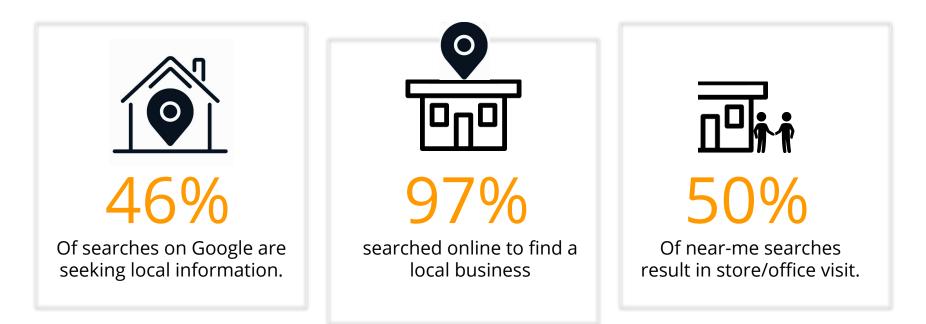
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Reviews			1







LATEST LOCAL SEO STATISTICS



Local SEO is affected by a number of ranking factors. The strongest signals are: Google My Business, Links, Reviews, On-Page, and Citations. Let's dig in.



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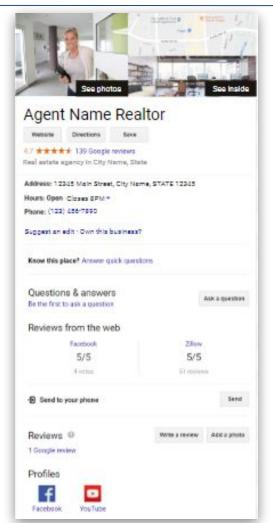
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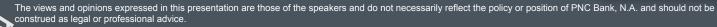
Free business profile platform offered by Google[®].

Business owners are able to provide business details for local searches.

Feeds into Google Maps and the Local Pack to help you rank locally.

Creates business listing on Google SERPs (search engine results pages).









GMB SETUP & VERIFICATION

Since you have the option to either claim a business listing or create one, start by completing a search for yourself on Google AND in Google Maps for a preexisting knowledge panel or listing. While it may be easier to create one of your own, duplicate listings should be avoided if at all possible.

Complete the following searches on Google and Google Maps: "Business Name" + "City" "Your Name" + "Realtor" "Phone Number" "Business Address"





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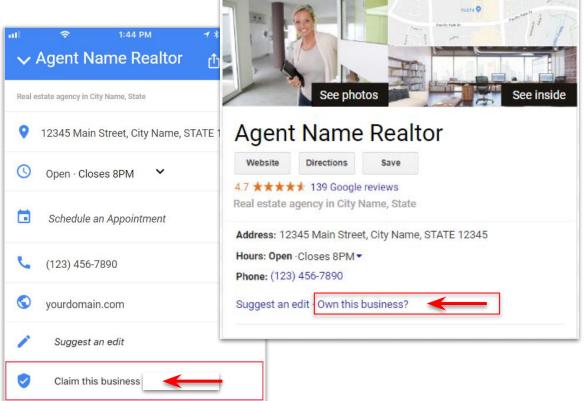


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Claiming an existing business listing can take 7-10 business days. You will receive a letter.

Controlling your business data is priority. However, besides the benefit of avoiding duplicate listings, there are several features that you can access once you own a verified listing.

An unverified listing prevents your access to create posts, respond to review, answer FAQs, and messaging.



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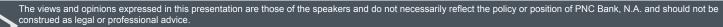




GMB SETUP & VERIFICATION

If no listing exists, you can create one! Here's how: Business.google.com > Add Location > Add Single Location

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GMB SETUP & VERIFICATION

Wh	at's the name of your business?	Do you want to add a location customers can visit, like a store or office?
	Business name	This location will show up on Google Maps and Search when
		customers are looking for your business
	By continuing you agree to the following Terms of	O Yes
	Service and Privacy Policy	O No
N	ext 1	Next 2

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GMB SETUP & VERIFICATION

	Wha	at's the address?	Is this your business?
	0	United States	It looks like your business might already have a listing on Google Search or Maps. If you see your business below, select it, and we'll help improve your listing.
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Use a precise, accurate address. Avoid P.O. Boxes or remote mailboxes.



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Service Area

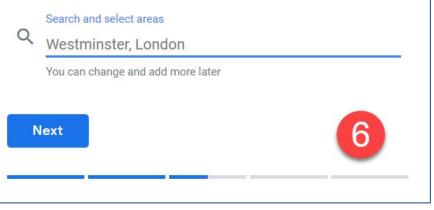
Do you also serve customers outside this location?

For example, if you visit or deliver to your customers, you can let them know where you are willing to go

(Yes, I also serve them outside my location	
(O No, I don't	
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Add the areas you serve (optional)

You can list your service areas below. They will show up on your listing and help bring relevant customers.



Specify your service area by region, city, or ZIP code. This is critical.



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GMB SETUP & VERIFICATION

Category

Choose the category that fits your 4 Choose the category that fits your business best This helps customers find you if they are looking for a business best business like yours. Learn more This helps customers find you if they are looking for a 8 **Business category** Q business like yours. Learn more Real Estate Real estate fair Real estate agency Real estate agents **Business category** Real estate school Q Real estate attorney Real estate surveyor Real Estate Appraiser You can change and add more later Real estate developer Real estate auctioneer Real estate consultant Real estate rental agency Next Commercial real estate agency Industrial real estate agency Commercial Real Estate Inspector

Choose a category that describes your core business and also matches the commonly used search terms (i.e. real estate agent near me). You must choose one category during setup, but can add more later.

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GMB SETUP & VERIFICATION

What contact details do you want to Finish and verify this business show to customers? To manage your listing, you'll need to verify your connection Help customers get in touch by including this info on your with this business. What you'll get with verification: listing (optional) Allow new customers to find you on Google Search & Maps Contact phone number Promote your business with photos and posts \bigcirc \bigcirc Current website URL Track business analytics to understand your customers I don't need a website Respond to customer reviews \bigcirc Get a free website based on your info. See details Finish 10 Next 9

Usa a local phone number and a website URL (not a Facebook Profile) that contains similar content and keywords to your description and selected category.

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Choose a way to verify

None of these work for me

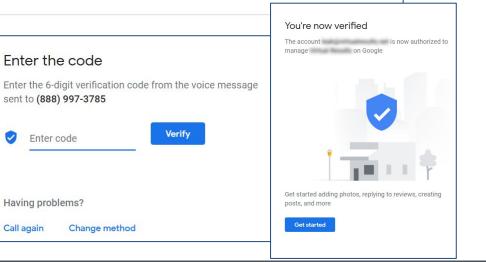
Explore slower options

In order to fully manage and represent this business on Google, you'll need to confirm that it's yours.

Select how you'd like to get a verification code. Learn more

Get your code at this number now by automated call (standard rates apply)

Call



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GMB SETUP & VERIFICATION

The GMB Dashboard

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ESSENTIAL FEATURES: NAP

NAP (Name, Address, Phone Number)

It's critical that your NAP be consistent on every website/directory you are listed on. This doesn't just refer to to the data itself, but the format, as well. Here are our recommendations.

NAME

If it's possible to include your selected category without it looking spammy, you should.

FORMAT:

Your Name Your Name, Realtor Your Name Real Estate

ADDRESS

Use a local and valid address (Avoid using a P.O. Box).

FORMAT:

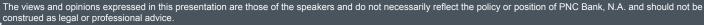
Spell-out v Abbreviate - Decide! Street Type (St, Ave, Blvd) Unit Type (Ste. Unit, #) State Name

PHONE NUMBER

Use a local number. Avoid call center or national numbers, if possible.

FORMAT:

888-997-3785 888.997.3785 (888) 997-3785







ESSENTIAL FEATURES: DESCRIPTION

Description

This is something Google reviews and can reject, so you need to make sure to do it right. In less than 750 characters, describe what you do and where you do it. You want to include your category and your location without resorting to keyword stuffing. Do not add links, but phone numbers and addresses are okay, though unnecessary.

Sample:

Agent Name Real Estate is a real estate agency serving Laguna Beach, CA. Specializing in luxury homes and condominiums for 27 years, this team of highly trained real estate professionals can help anyone looking to buy or sell their home.

View Google My Business Guideline: <u>https://support.google.com/business/answer/3038177#description</u>



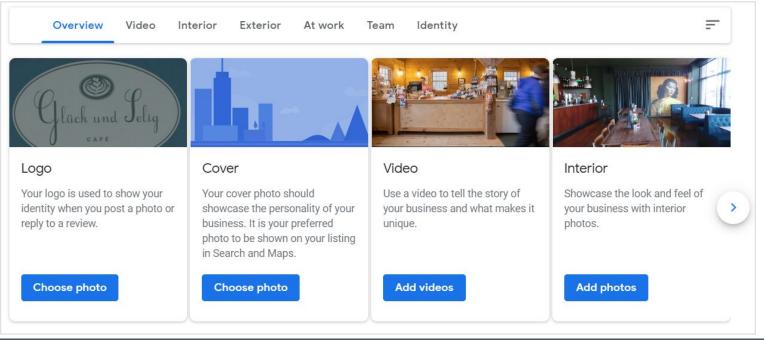
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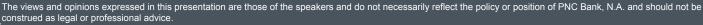




ESSENTIAL FEATURES: PHOTOS/VIDEOS

- Geotag your photos
- Name photos with your selected category + location
- Don't use stock images or use overly fancy pictures. Day-to-day, smartphone photos are better.
- Update photos monthly. Keep them current.









ESSENTIAL FEATURES: LINKS

- Add your website URL to direct traffic to your site. Add an appointment URL to generate leads.
- Make sure your landing page contains content relevant to the selected category.

Appointment URL https://calendly.com/virtualresults	
Appointment URL	
https://virtualresults.com	
Website	
URLs with live websites.	
Enter URLs to improve business info. Only	enter
URLs	



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ESSENTIAL FEATURES: SERVICES

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*	Reviews		Add or edit items		Examples: Massages, Facials, Haircu

- Use Service Sections.
- Make sure you have content on your site to support the services listed in your GMB Profile.

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Section name			
STAGING SERVICES			
Examples: Massages, Facials, Haircuts, Golf lessons, Tax services			16/140
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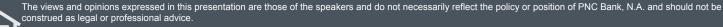
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ESSENTIAL FEATURES: HOURS

While seemingly an insignificant element, doing this better than your local competitors can actually bring you leads.

- Complete an audit of the hours of your local competitors, as displayed on their knowledge panel.
- Set your hours to offer more availability (if feasible).
- Make sure you are ACTUALLY available during the hours posted.

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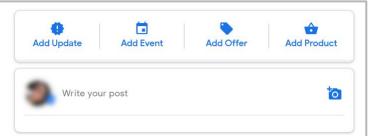
ESSENTIAL FEATURES: POSTS

This form of microposting provide an opportunity to add value content on your knowledge panel and grab clicks you might not normally get. They are an effective way to drive traffic.

- Home Valuation
- Real Estate News/Market Updates
- Open House Announcements
- First Time Home Buyer Consultation/Ebook
- Local News & Events
- Latest Home for Sale In SERVICE AREA NAME]
- 30-Second Video Tutorials or Promos

TIPS:

Keep your posts under 500 words, even though the limit is 1500. With the exception of event posts, all posts last 7 days, so keep posting!





Open House This Sunday! Apr 27, 1:00 PM - Apr 27, 5:00 PM

Look no further...welcome to your new luxury home in Shaws Cove, Laguna Beach, CA. This beachfront property boasts spectacular sunset views of Catalina and San Clemente Island. Masterfully redesigned, this home exudes the finest finishes one expects to find in a property of this caliber. Come get a taste of what your life would be like living in this beautiful luxury home.



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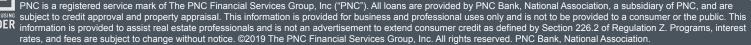


TOP RANKING FACTORS FOR GMB PROFILE

- Proximity of Address to the Point of Search (Distance from Searcher to Business)
- 2. Proper Category Associations
- 3. Physical Address in City of Search
- 4. Category Keyword in Your GMB Business Title
- 5. Location Keyword in Your GMB Business Title
- 6. Completeness of GMB Profile
- 7. GMB Landing Page (to your site)

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REVIEWS: WHY ARE THEY SO IMPORTANT?

TO START, FOCUS ON THE BIG THREE.



Reviews are everywhere now (exploding on search engine results pages within the last 5 years), but they are still a competitive factor in local search results. They can result in a higher engagement rate, a higher click-through rate and leads. We are also seeing evidence that keywords found WITHIN reviews are becoming a ranking factor, as well. As of November of 2018, Google Maps now includes clickable hashtags within reviews. Pay attention to **QUALITY**, **VELOCITY** and **DIVERSITY**.



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REVIEWS: YOU HAVE TO ASK FOR THEM

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[CLIENT NAME]	
Your opinion matters to us!	
Hello [CLIENT NAME]!	
Congratulations on your new home at [ADDRESS]! We hope you enjoyed the service provided by our team and would very much care to hear about your experience so that we can better serve you and others in the future!	
If you feel so inclined, please take a minute to review us on Google, Yelp and/or Facebook. Please click the logos below to be directed to our pages to submit your review or simply check out the latest news and events. Thank you in advance and good luck with your new home!	
Best Regards,	
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Please review the policies for each social network, so as to remain in compliance.







REVIEWS: YOU HAVE TO RESPOND



BE TIMELY

Best response time for reviews is less than ONE DAY, although surveys suggest that most clients expect a response back within 3 days. People frequently use review sites to vent their frustrations. Reputation is critical so respond to every review, good or bad. In fact, thoughtful responses can win back clients.

RESPOND TO EVERYONE

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ON-SITE FACTORS

- 1. Prominently Placed NAP
- Important keywords in Titles, Tags & Content
- 3. External Links
- 4. Domain Age (Ownership)
- 5. Size of Website
- 6. Frequency of updates
- 7. Quality of Content/Keywords



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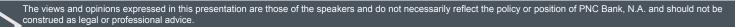
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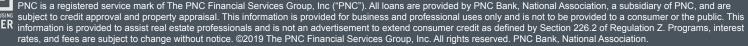
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- 1. Alternative Press/Weekly Website
- 2. Interview local community leaders/members on your blog
- 3. Invest in local Charities
 - i. Sponsor *(money)*: exchange money for a link to your site.
 - ii. Serve *(time)*: talk about your community service on social media and in your site blog.
- 4. Find local influencers & partnership opportunities.



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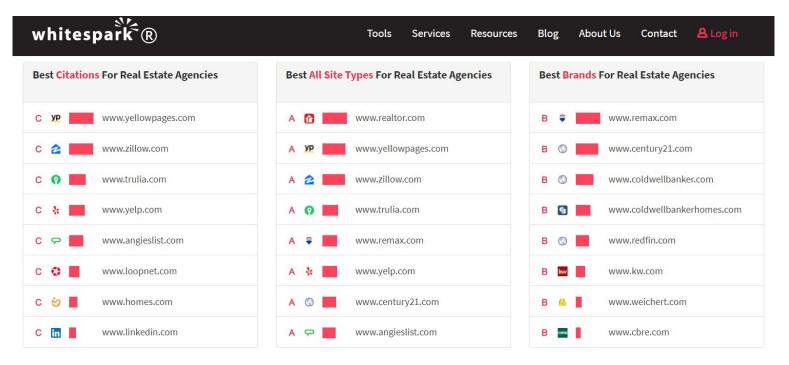
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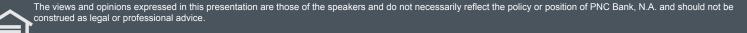
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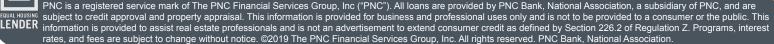


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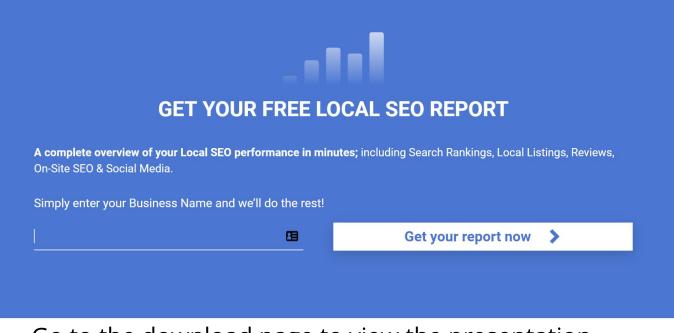
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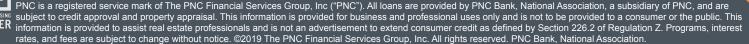


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