


Township of
Langley



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A Guide to the Business Licence Application Process



The Permit, Licence and Inspection Services Department promotes safe and legitimate business premises and operations within the Township of Langley. Our primary functions are to provide initial advice for new businesses and to process Business Licence applications in accordance with the Township's regulatory requirements.

Before you start



Prior to signing a lease or an agreement:

- contact these two Township departments about the following:
 - Development Services: 604.533.6034 or cdinfo@tol.ca
 - Permit, Licence and Inspection Services: 604.533.6018
- ensure your business is a permitted use
- ensure there are no outstanding orders or issues pertaining to the property you wish to lease or buy

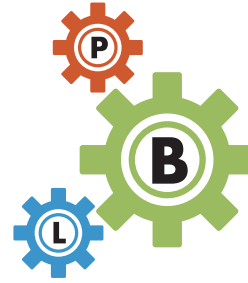
Who requires a Business Licence?

Every business in the Township of Langley is required to have a valid Business Licence before beginning operation. This includes home based businesses and commercial and industrial operations. Business Licences are also required for companies that are not located in the Township but do work within the Township of Langley, such as contractors.



PROCESSING A BUSINESS LICENCE APPLICATION

Prior to issuance of a Business Licence, the application is reviewed to ensure compliance with certain requirements. To obtain a Business Licence Application form, visit tol.ca or contact the Permit, Licence and Inspection Services Department at 604.533.6018.



A Business Licence is issued based on the information provided at the time of the initial application and observations at the time of inspection. The Business Licence is valid only for the property noted on the Business Licence and will not apply to another site or location and is not transferable in the event of a change of owner. Other changes made, after the Business Licence has been issued, may also invalidate the Business Licence.

The following, in part, are requirements that may be reviewed to ensure compliance prior to a Business Licence being issued. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure all approvals are obtained.

Zoning Regulations

To ensure the use is permitted in the zone where the business is to be operated, we recommend the business owner inquire about the permitted zones for the proposed business. Inquiries to Development Services, 604.533.6034 or cdinfo@tol.ca.

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An inspection of the premises is carried out by a Township Building Inspector to ensure compliance with the BC Building Code and Township of Langley bylaws.

Upon receiving your Business Licence application, a building inspection will be conducted within 2-3 weeks. However, this time frame may vary based on the current volume of applications, or should there be an active Building Permit in progress for this location.

A Building Permit may be required for building alterations and additions. The applicant will need to contact the Permit, Licence and Inspection Services Department for information regarding [Building Permit applications](#).

Contact the Permit, Licence and Inspection Services Department at 604.533.6018 or buildinginfo@tol.ca.

Fire Department Inspections

An inspection may be required by the Fire Department to ensure compliance with applicable Fire Codes and the Township's Fire Prevention Bylaw. Should an inspection be required, the Business Licence Coordinator will forward your application to the Fire Department. The Fire Department will contact you to schedule an inspection once your business licence application has been received. To obtain more information on Business Licence Fire Inspections, visit tol.ca/BLFI

The Fire Department approval process may take 2 - 3 weeks from your initial business licence application.

Contact the Fire Department at 604.532.7500 or fireinfo@tol.ca.





Health

Inspection and approval by provincial Fraser Health authorities is required when Business Licence applications involve child daycare centres including family daycares, or specified personal care services, and those that involve the preparation and handling of food or storage of perishable food items.

For child daycares, adult daycares, or community care facilities, the applicant is required to submit an application to [Fraser Health's Community Care Division](#) prior to submitting their application to the Township of Langley's Permit, Licence and Inspection Services Department.

For all other applications requiring Fraser Health approval, your Business Licence application will be forwarded to the Fraser Health by the Township's Business Licence Department, however it is the applicant's responsibility to follow up with Fraser Health to ensure that the necessary arrangements are made in order to obtain their approval.

Contact Fraser Health at 604.514.6121 or [Community Care](#) at 604.587.3936.

Liquor Control and Licensing

For applications involving the serving or selling of liquor, such as restaurants, pubs, and liquor stores, approval is required from the provincial Liquor & Cannabis Regulation Branch.



Contact the [Liquor & Cannabis Regulation Branch](#) at 604.586.2641.

Police Information Check

A police information check is required when a business is likely to involve interaction with minors and vulnerable persons as well as other business operations that may pose a concern, as per the Township's [Licensing Policy No.07-406](#).

Upon submitting your Business Licence application, if it is determined that a police information check is required, you will receive a Police Information Check form to complete. The applicant is required to submit the form to the local Police Detachment or Community Police Office located in the municipality in which they reside.

Additional Approvals

Applicants may be asked to provide copies of their trade certifications and qualifications as well as confirmation of provincial or federal approval where applicable. Business Licences will not be issued until all necessary approvals are provided to the Permit, Licence and Inspection Services Department.

Note: This is not an exhaustive listing of all regulations or bylaw requirements. Additional information may be requested during the processing of your Business Licence application.



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