

BUSINESS LICENSE FEES

All fees are per year unless stated otherwise

TYPE	MAIN OFFICE IN THE MD	MAIN OFFICE OUTSIDE MD
Hawkers/ Peddlers	\$50 - one day \$100 - 2-5 days \$200 - 6 days up to 1 year	\$100 - one day \$200 - 2-5 days
Home Occupations	\$100	\$200
Transient Exhibitions	Not Needed	\$100/day
All others, Except 'type A'	\$100	\$200
Additional fee for tobacco & alcohol sales	\$25	\$50
Transfer of License	\$25	\$50
Renewal	\$75	\$150

All fees are non-refundable

Business License applications can be picked up at
any MD office, or printed from our website
www.mdopportunity.ab.ca

Municipal District of Opportunity No. 17

<http://www.mdopportunity.ab.ca/>

For more information contact a Lands Administrator
at the Wabasca Administration office.

Municipal Offices

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Red Earth Creek:

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Business Licensing

Provided by:

Lands, Planning and Development Department.

Why do I need a Business License?

Every business operating within the MD of Opportunity is required, by law, to be registered and hold a current Business License. The MD can charge fines if a business is found to be operating without a business license.

Are there any Exemptions?

Only the following organizations and persons are exempted from licensing and license fees:

- Religious groups and charities
- Minor sports associations, service clubs, schools, community groups, youth clubs, etc.
- Non-profit community service organizations or registered charitable organizations
- Scouts, Brownies, Guides, and other similar organizations
- Home based craft or child care businesses
- Suppliers bringing bulk goods to a licensed business for the purposes of resale.
- Rate payers or residents of the MD selling farm produce that has been raised by them.
- Residents of the Municipal District holding garage sales, auctions, etc.

How long is my Business License good for?

Licences have to be renewed every year, before the 31st of January.

How do I get a Business Licence?

To apply, fill out the application form, and return to the MD with the fee for the type of business you will be running. If there are any federal or provincial certificates or licenses required for your line of work, be sure to submit a copy with your application.

Can I put more than one business on the same license? What if I have two locations?

In the cases where two or more *different & independant* businesses are being run from the same location, each of those businesses require their own separate business license. If there is more than one outlet of the *same* business inside *one building*, only one license is required. For businesses which are run as a chain, or have more than one location - each location must have a separate license.

TYPES of BUSINESSES

“Hawker” or “Peddler” is any person who:

- goes from house to house or business to business selling merchandise or services; or
- offers for sale to by means of samples, patterns, cuts, or blueprints, merchandise, or services, to be afterwards delivered in and shipped into the municipality; or
- sells merchandise or services, on the streets, or at a building other than their permanent place of business, but does not include any person selling meat, fruit, or other farm produce that has been produced, raised, or grown by himself, or fish of his own catching.

“Home Based Business” means a home business carried on by an occupant of a residential building as a use secondary to the residential use and which does not change the character or outside appearance thereof or have any exterior evidence of such a secondary use other than approved signage and business vehicle.

“Home Craft/Child Care” (Type A) means:

- making home crafts for sale, as a direct result of the extension of a hobby. A Home Craft may involve direct client contact, but only to a minor extent and requires no additional employees. Examples of Home Crafts are sewing, tailoring, handcrafts, hobbies, music instruction, and tutoring.
- child care of not exceeding five (5) children at any given time, and conducted within the home.

“Direct Sales” (Type B): a home based business operated by a person who carries on the business of selling goods or services, immediately available or for delivery or performance at a future date, where the salesperson operates at a location other than at the seller’s residence.

“Professional Services” (Type C): a small-scale business or professional office operated in a home by a person who lives there. A home office is limited to a desk, a telephone and related office equipment, does not engage in the warehousing or sale of goods, and requires no additional employees.

“Bed & Breakfast” (Type D) means a dwelling in which no more than four units (without cooking facilities) are made available for the temporary accommodation of the travelling or vacationing public. The number of approved units will depend on the availability of on-site parking. Bed and breakfasts are operated by someone who lives in the building.

“Other” (Light Industrial/Light Commercial) (Type E): a home based business, excluding the above noted operated in the home and may be extended to an accessory residential building provided that the on-site parking requirements are met. The number of “Outside District Boundaries” employees working on-site shall not exceed two at any given time.

“Home Occupation” shall have the same meaning as in the Municipal District of Opportunity No. 17 Land Use Bylaw.

“Outside District Boundaries” means any business that does NOT have a permanent office or place of business in the MD of Opportunity No. 17 boundaries.

“Within District Boundaries” means a business whose permanent office or place of business is situated in either a commercial, industrial, or residential district within the MD of Opportunity No. 17, or lives on an Indian Reserve within the MD of Opportunity No. 17.