

Business Licence Referral (BLR) Information

Interior Health's Health Protection program is responsible for the health and safety approval and oversight of certain provincially legislated facilities. Many of these facilities may first apply to their local municipality for a business licence.

Local governments are encouraged to forward business licence application information to EPHDirect@interiorhealth.ca to support timely health approval and ensure regulatory compliance for these businesses.

Health approval is required for the following business types:

- [Food Premises](#)
 - Including restaurants, tasting rooms, mobiles, food stores, food manufacturing/processing, etc.
- [Recreational Facilities](#)
 - Pools, hot tubs, and spray parks (single-family dwelling recreation facilities excluded)
- [Personal Service Establishments \(PSEs\)](#)
 - Businesses in which a service is provided to, or on, the body of another person, i.e. tattooing or piercings. I.e., tattooing/piercing, hair services, cold plunge facilities (lower risk pack-up PSE and services conducted by a regulated health professional excluded)
- [Tobacco and Vapour Retail Facilities](#)
- [Community Care Homes and Child Care Facilities](#)
- [Industrial Camps](#)

Health approval is required in the following circumstances:

- New Facility or Event applications
- Facility Renovations/Constructions
- Ownership Changes
- Location Moves

Prospective business owner obligations:

- Review the relevant [Interior Health Information for Business](#) webpages for more information. There is information to assist applicants in submitting a complete application package for health approval or obtaining a Permit to Operate.
- The applicant needs to submit a floor/building plan to Interior Health for health approval PRIOR to any construction, renovation, or installation.
- Applications need to be submitted well in advance of anticipated opening as processing timelines may vary due to workload, season, and completeness of the application.

For more information, please visit <https://www.interiorhealth.ca/information-for/businesses>

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