

The Other Side of Business Licensing:  
Professions, Trades and Businesses  
Licensed, Certified or Registered under B.C. Statutes



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In relation to the authority for a municipality to licence businesses and to impose requirements for the licences, the *Community Charter* states as follows:

**61** A provision in a bylaw under section 8 (6) [*spheres of authority – business*] that requires an examination or certification of a person engaged in a trade or occupation does not apply to a person who has been granted a certificate or other evidence of competence for that trade or occupation under a Provincial or federal Act.

Our legal researcher, Lyle Rumpel, compiled a list of Provincial requirements for licences, certification and registration to enable local governments to check business licence applications for the required provincial credentials.

Please note the following:

- This list includes operators of specified businesses (e.g. fish processing) but does not include licensing rights to use land (e.g. under the *Forest Act*; approval of the source of mineral water for trading purposes under the *Health Act*; under the *Range Act*) or its resources (e.g. hunters under the *Wildlife Act*)
- Provincial statutes not only licence for the purpose of regulating professions, trades, and businesses but also certify or register for that purpose - therefore this list includes those types of statutory provisions as well
- The list does not include statutes if they regulate without also licensing, certifying, or registering

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Accountants (Certified General) Act	•				•	accountants
Accountants (Chartered) Act	•		•		•	accountants
Accountants (Management) Act	•				•	accountants
Agrologists Act	•			•	•	agrologists
Applied Science Technologists And Technicians	•			•	•	technicians, technologists
Architects Act	•			•	•	architect
Architects (Landscape) Act	•		•	•	•	landscape architects
Bee Act	•	•		•	•	beemasters, beekeepers
Building Officials' Association Act	•			•	•	building officials, inspectors
Business Corporations Act	•	•		•		auditors
Business Practices & Consumer Protection Act	•	•				credit reporting agency
						licence & debt collectors
Chiropractors Act	•			•	•	chiropractors
Commercial River Rafting Safety Act	•		•	•	•	outfitter, guide, trip leader
Community Care Facility Act	•		•			community care facility operator
	•			•		early childhood educator
Consumer Protection Act	•		•		•	direct sellers, salespersons
Cremation, Interment and Funeral Services Act	•	•	•			operators, funeral directors, funeral directors, embalmers
Dentists Act	•		•	•	•	dentists

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Employment Standards Act	•		•			operator of employment agency, operator of talent agency, farm labour contractors
					•	employees working in private residence
Engineers And Geoscientists Act	•		•	•	•	professional engineers, professional geoscientists
Financial Institutions Act	•		•			insurance agents, insurance adjusters, insurance salesperson, employed insurance adjuster, carrying on business of a financial institution
Fish Inspection Act		•	•			fish processing
Fisheries Act	•		•			business of aquaculture, processing fish or aquatic plants or operating a cannery, dry saltery or other plant; operating floating processing plant for canning tuna or salmon; operate a fish liver reduction plant, dogfish reduction plant, fish offal reduction plant, shell fish cannery, tuna fish cannery or fish processing plant; operate a plant for treating, curing, drying or otherwise processing kelp or other aquatic plants
Food Safety Act	•	•	•			food establishment operator
Foresters Act	•			•	•	professional foresters
Fur Farm Act	•		•			raising or keeping fur bearing animals
Game Farm Act	•		•			raising and keeping game
Gaming Control Act	•			•		gaming
					•	gaming services provider & gaming workers
Geothermal Resources Act	•		•			operation of geothermal rig
Health Emergency Act	•		•		•	emergency medical assistants
Health Professions Act	•			•	•	health professionals

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Hearing Aid Act	•		•		•	hearing aid dealers and consultants
Homeowner Protection Act	•		•		•	residential builders, renovators, subcontractors
Hospital Act	•		•			operating private hospitals
Industry Training Authority	•				•	trainees
International Financial Activity	•	•			•	international financial business
Land Surveyors Act	•				•	surveyors
Legal Profession Act	•			•		specialist lawyers
Liquor Control And Licensing Act	•	•	•			selling or manufacturing liquor
Livestock Public Sale Act	•		•			livestock dealers, operators of public sales, yard workers, auctioneers
Marriage Act	•	•		•	•	religious representatives
Medical Practitioners Act	•			•	•	medicine, surgery, midwifery,
Mental Health Act			•			private mental hospital
Milk Industry Act	•		•			operation of dairy plants
	•			•		dairy farms
Mortgage Brokers Act	•				•	mortgage broker, submortgage broker
Motion Picture Act	•		•			adult film retailer, motion picture distributor, adult film distributor, Video Distributor, Adult Film Retailer, Video Retailer Or Theatre Operator
Motor Dealer Act	•	•	•	•	•	dealers
Motor Dealer (All Terrain) Act	•			•		dealer renting vehicles
Motor Fuel Tax Act	•		•			carriers
Motor Vehicle Act	•		•			manufacturers, repairers
Music Teachers (Registered) Act	•				•	music teachers
Natural Products Marketing (Bc) Act	•		•		•	producers packers, transporters, Storers, Marketers

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Notaries Act	•	•		•		notaries
Nurses (Registered) Act	•		•		•	nurses
Optometrists Act	•		•	•	•	optometrists
Passenger Transportation Act	•	•	•		•	operator of commercial passenger vehicle
Pesticide Control Act	•		•			selling pesticides
Petroleum And Natural Gas Act	•		•			geophysical explorers
Pharmacists, Pharmacy Operations And Drug Scheduling Act	•				•	pharmacists
	•		•			pharmacy manufacturing and selling medicated feeds and veterinary drugs
Podiatrists Act	•			•	•	podiatrist
Private Career Training Institutions Act	•				•	private career training institution
Private Investigators And Security Agencies Act	•	•	•			security business, security employee
Real Estate Services Act	•		•			real estate services
Safety Standards Act	•	•	•	•	•	trades & contractors
Securities Act	•				•	issuers, dealers, salespersons, underwriters, advisers
Social Workers Act	•				•	social workers
Teaching Profession Act	•			•	•	teachers
Tobacco Sales Act	•		•			dealers
Veterinarians Act	•		•	•	•	veterinarians
Veterinary Laboratory Act	•		•			operation of veterinarian laboratory
Wildlife Act	•	•	•	•		guide outfitter, angling guide, assistant guide