

Industry Specific Licenses

Many businesses including retail and service outlets, restaurant and lounges, manufacturing and processing operations, may be subject to licenses. These licenses are designed to protect the interest and safety of the public regarding the use, application or sale of certain items or services.

For information contact:

- Ministry of Government Services: 416-326-8555 or Toll Free 1-800-268-1142
- Ontario statutes and regulations: www.e-laws.gov.on.ca
- Canada Business Ontario at 1-888-745-8888 or visit their website www.cbo-eco.ca
- Federal, Provincial, and Municipal Licenses www.bizpal.ca

Government Department/ Agency	Website	Area of Responsibility
Canada Post Corporation	www.canadapost.ca	Non-mailable matter (e.g. perfume, perishable items, flammable liquids)
Canada Food Inspection Agency	www.inspection.gc.ca	Agricultural products Food labeling Animals and animal products Fruits Aquatic commodities Soil related matter, wood packaging
Competition Bureau Canada	www.competitionbureau.gc.ca	Clothing labels, packaging and labeling of non-food products
Environment Canada	www.ec.gc.ca	Endangered animals or plants, hazardous waste, goods containing cfc's, ozone-depleting substances
Fisheries and Oceans Canada	www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca	Live fish, fish not for human consumption
Foreign Affairs and Int. Trade Canada	www.international.gc.ca	Agricultural products, steel, clothing, goods under trade embargoes, textiles
Health Canada	www.hc-sc.gc.ca	Consumer goods, pesticides, drugs, food, medical devices, natural health products, pharmaceuticals, vitamins, toxic substances
Transport Canada	www.tc.gc.ca	Tires, transportation of dangerous goods, vehicles

Technical Standards and Safety Authority	www.tssa.org	Elevators, fuel safety, pressure vessels and amusement rides
Ontario Motor Vehicle Industry Council	www.omvic.on.ca	OMVIC is responsible for administering Ontario's <i>Motor Vehicle Dealers Act</i>
The Travel Industry Council of Ontario (TICO)	www.tico.ca	Administers the Ontario <i>Travel Industry Act</i> which governs travel retailers and travel wholesalers registered in Ontario
The Electrical Safety Authority	www.esasafe.com	ESA is responsible for public electrical safety in Ontario as designated by Ontario Regulation 89/99
Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO)	www.agco.on.ca	Regulates the sale, service and consumption of beverage alcohol, charitable gaming and lotteries.
Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing—Building and Development Branch	www.mah.gov.on.ca/site4.aspx	Administers the <i>Building Code Act</i> and the Ontario Building Code which govern the construction of new buildings and the renovation and maintenance of existing buildings
Halton Region Health Department	http://www.halton.ca/living_in_halton/public_health/food_safety	Businesses in Halton Region that prepare and/or sell food must be inspected and meet certain standards. Contact the Halton Region Health Department Health Protection Services office to advise them if you are starting a food service business of any kind