

Do You Have a Valid Business Licence?

Having a business licence is good business practice

The City of Edmonton would like to remind business owners that anyone providing goods or services in Edmonton is required to have a licence under the <u>Business Licence Bylaw</u>. To ensure good business practices, Community Standards enforcement officers will be regularly approaching businesses in and around the city this winter to verify owners carry a valid business licence.

Anyone conducting business in Edmonton must have a valid business licence, even if they operate as a subcontractor or are not based in the city. The fine for operating without a licence is \$400 or twice the business licence fees, whichever is greater.

Business licensing ensures that the City knows who is operating businesses in Edmonton and helps the City to ensure business activities comply with local and provincial laws. Licensing is also a way the City can verify businesses are based in the right zone, so commercial activities are not disruptive to residential neighbourhoods.

For owners, a business licence is a good investment. Having a licence shows your customers that you are a legitimate business that complies with local laws and regulations while upholding health and safety standards, encouraging a competitive industry and aiding to stop illegal business practices.

For more information on licensing or to apply for a business licence:

Call 311 or visit edmonton.ca/businesslicences

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