

Business License Information and Referral

Interior Health's Environmental Public Health & Licensing (EPH&L) are involved in approval and oversight of many regulated facilities under provincial legislation which also require a business license.

Local Governments are encouraged to include EPH&L in a business license referral process by sending them to EHDirect@interiorhealth.ca. A referral would be beneficial to ensure that the activities of the business comply with health legislation. Application status will be shared by EPH&L with the business license office.

Health approval may be required if the business activities meet the following criteria:

- New facilities or Events**
- Closures**
- Renovations/Construction**
- Ownership Changes**
- Location Moves**
- [Food Premises](#) (includes restaurants, tasting rooms, mobiles, food stores, food manufacturing/processing, etc.)
- [Pools, Hot Tubs and Spray Parks](#) (excluding those for only a single family dwelling)
- [Personal Service Establishments](#) (where a person provides a service to, or on, the body of another person, such as tattooing or piercing)
- [Tobacco and Vapour Retail Facilities](#)
- [Community Care Homes and Child Care Facilities](#)

In order to help avoid potential delays in the Interior Health application approval process:

- The applicant should review the [Interior Health website](#) for more information to assist in submitting a complete application package for health approval or obtaining a Permit to Operate. Failure to submit the necessary information may result in delays in processing.
- The applicant needs to submit a floor/building plans 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 timelines will vary by workload, season and completeness of the application.

Visit <https://www.interiorhealth.ca/information-for/businesses> then follow the links to the applicable program area for your application.

For submissions of business licence referrals email: EHDirect@InteriorHealth.ca