



Food Trucks

The City is conducting a review of the street vending bylaws to create more opportunities for street vendors and performers. Attend public consultations on September 10 or 22 or share your thoughts through an [online survey \(https://www.toronto.ca/services-payments/permits-licences-bylaws/street-vending-non-food-hawkerpedlar-assistants/street-vending-bylaw-review/\)](https://www.toronto.ca/services-payments/permits-licences-bylaws/street-vending-non-food-hawkerpedlar-assistants/street-vending-bylaw-review/).

What Do I Need to Do to Be Able to Operate a Food Truck?

- Obtain a motorized refreshment vehicle owner licence
- Obtain a mobile food vending permit

Where and When Can I Operate?

- Private property and commercial parking lots with the permission of the owner in areas that allow food trucks
- On public roads (with a mobile vending permit) Pay 'N Display
 - 30 linear metres from an open and operating restaurant
 - Does not include food courts or entrances to buildings containing food courts
 - No more than two food trucks per block
 - Maximum of five hours at any one time
- Green P parking lots (with a Green P permit) contact: events@greenpmobility.com (<mailto:events@greenpmobility.com>)
- Parking meter fees must be paid

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Expand All

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Who Can Apply

Sole proprietorships (individuals), partnerships or corporations.

Application Requirements

Identification



Applications must include two pieces of identification, one must be photo ID:

- Canadian Passport
- Driver's Licence
- Canadian Birth Certificate
- Citizenship Card
- Permanent Resident Card
- SIN Card (Social Insurance Number)
- Valid Work Permit

Note:

- First and last names must match on all identification
- We do not accept Health Cards
- For sole proprietorship or individual applicants, one piece of ID must provide proof of work status

Documentation

- A [Criminal Record and Judicial Matters Check](https://www.toronto.ca/business-economy/business-start-ups/criminal-referencebackground-checks/) (<https://www.toronto.ca/business-economy/business-start-ups/criminal-referencebackground-checks/>) issued by a Canadian Police Service within 280 days prior to the application.
- A copy of [provincial business name certificate and registration](https://www.ontario.ca/page/registering-your-business-name)  (<https://www.ontario.ca/page/registering-your-business-name>) or [signed franchise agreement](https://www.toronto.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/8f52-Franchise-Agreement-Declaration.pdf)  (<https://www.toronto.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/8f52-Franchise-Agreement-Declaration.pdf>).
- An original provincial vehicle registration (vehicle ownership), where the name and address match the applicants.





- A [proof of Health Inspection from Toronto Public Health \(https://www.toronto.ca/community-people/health-wellness-care/health-programs-advice/food-safety/dinesafe/\)](https://www.toronto.ca/community-people/health-wellness-care/health-programs-advice/food-safety/dinesafe/). You can arrange this by calling 311 or the Health Connection Line at 416-338-7600.
- A valid [Safety Standards Certificate !\[\]\(746d018fdf6ab02bf5fb7681133e8b29_img.jpg\) \(https://www.ontario.ca/page/safety-standards-certificate\)](https://www.ontario.ca/page/safety-standards-certificate) issued by an approved Ministry of Transportation Vehicle Inspection Centre, not be more than 36 days old, must be submitted.
- A [list of products and food items !\[\]\(5daa6eee1904cb6b9d765700250de764_img.jpg\) \(https://www.toronto.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/8fab-V15-or-V27-Refreshment-Vehicles-List-of-Items-Sold-Commissaries-Fill....pdf\)](https://www.toronto.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/8fab-V15-or-V27-Refreshment-Vehicles-List-of-Items-Sold-Commissaries-Fill....pdf) sold.
- A completed and signed certificate of insurance.
- A photo of the applicant that adheres with the [Licence Application Photo Requirements !\[\]\(d72e437c7cc5947bc0b147aba6602563_img.jpg\) \(https://www.toronto.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/79b3-Photo-Specifications.pdf\)](https://www.toronto.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/79b3-Photo-Specifications.pdf).
- A signed and completed Motorized Refreshment Vehicle Owner [Operating Information Questionnaire !\[\]\(0d2a89e6d0cbcd8e0459b972b9332401_img.jpg\) \(https://www.toronto.ca/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/982f-Motorized-Refreshment-Vehicle-Owner-OIQ-June-2025.pdf\)](https://www.toronto.ca/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/982f-Motorized-Refreshment-Vehicle-Owner-OIQ-June-2025.pdf).
- A signed and completed Motorized Refreshment Vehicle Owner [Supporting Documents Checklist !\[\]\(cdcd8a42e5993b465235781ccc1c8555_img.jpg\) \(https://www.toronto.ca/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/98c6-Motorized-Refresh-Vehicle-Owner-SDC-May-2025.pdf\)](https://www.toronto.ca/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/98c6-Motorized-Refresh-Vehicle-Owner-SDC-May-2025.pdf).

Certificate of Insurance

Applicants must provide proof of \$1,000,000 insurance Personal Liability & Property Damage (PL/PD) insurance. The completed [Certificate of Insurance !\[\]\(cbe80b694ebd74fcfe136a095b608235_img.jpg\) \(https://www.toronto.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/8f11-1-InsurV15-Refreshment-Vehicle-Insurance-2018-.pdf\)](https://www.toronto.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/8f11-1-InsurV15-Refreshment-Vehicle-Insurance-2018-.pdf) must be signed and stamped by the insurer.

Additional documentation may be required:

- If you are applying as a corporation, please submit:
 - A copy of Articles of Incorporation (certificate and articles) (Note: If there has been a change to the list of officers and directors, please provide a current Corporate Profile Report);
 - The Annual Return for Corporation Form, signed by an officer or

- director**  (<https://www.toronto.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/8fd1-Annual-Return-No-Shares.pdf>), which lists all current directors & officers of the Corporation;
- Two pieces of government-issued identification (one must be photo ID) for each officer/director;
 - A **Criminal Record and Judicial Matters Check** (<https://www.toronto.ca/business-economy/business-start-ups/criminal-referencebackground-checks/>) for each officer/director issued by a Canadian Police Service within 280 days prior to the application.
 - **If you are applying as a designate for a corporation**, please submit all corporation requirements as well as an original **letter advising of signing authority**  (<https://www.toronto.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/873b-Sample-Letter-of-Signing-Authority-.pdf>) on corporation letterhead, signed by a director of the corporation and dated within 30 days.
 - **If you are applying as a corporation**, you will also need to apply for **Refreshment Vehicle's Driver's Licence** (<https://www.toronto.ca/services-payments/permits-licences-bylaws/refreshment-vehicle-driver/>).
 - **If you will be operating the vehicle**, please submit the following
 - A valid G Class Photo Drivers Licence;
 - A copy of the applicant's driving record abstract. This should include a three year (or more) driving history recorded by the **Ministry of Transportation**  (<https://www.services.gov.on.ca/sf/#/>). This record should be less than 30 days old.
 - **If your vehicle uses propane**, please submit a Propane Tank Field Approval and Contractor Inspection. This must include:
 - A Field Approval for equipment from the **Technical Standards and Safety Association**  (<https://www.tssa.org/en/index.aspx>) (TSSA).
 - An inspection by a TSSA-certified technician. Some certified technicians are listed on the TSSA site.
 - **You must obtain this licence before applying for a mobile vending permit**

Vehicle Requirement

Your vehicle must have the following:

- Painted with Contrasting Colours on Both Sides of Vehicle


- **Client's Name:** 10 cm. (approx. 4 inches) in height
- **Business Name:** 10 cm. (approx. 4 inches) in height
- **Licence Number:** 6.3 cm. (approx. 2.5 inches) in height
- **Plate Number:** 15 cm. (approx. 6 inches) in height
- **Address/Commissary:** 10 cm. (approx. 4 inches) in height (*for food trucks only*)

How To Apply

Applications need to be submitted online. You cannot apply for this licence/permit in-person.

Apply online

Please have all required documents ready to upload before starting the application, as it requires 10-15 minutes to complete and cannot be saved.

Download a step by step guide  (<https://www.toronto.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/96ee-Client-Guide-Application-portal-v2.pdf>) on how to submit a new application. Licence application fees can be paid **online** (<https://secure.toronto.ca/webapps/account-centric/?config=LicensingInvoices>) or by sending a cheque.

[Submit Application \(https://www.toronto.ca/business-economy/business-start-ups/business-regulations/\)](https://www.toronto.ca/business-economy/business-start-ups/business-regulations/)

If you have already submitted an application and a representative has contacted you about uploading additional documents, you may do so using the upload token provided to you by the representative. Please note, you cannot upload additional documents using this tool if you do not have an upload token.

[Upload Documents for Existing Request \(https://www.toronto.ca/business-economy/business-start-ups/b\)](https://www.toronto.ca/business-economy/business-start-ups/b)

Apply in-person

In-person services are available at the Licence and Permit Issuing Office, 850 Coxwell Avenue, 3rd Floor.

You must bring hard copies of all application requirements. Applications will not be started unless all requirements are provided. Digital copies of documents will not be accepted.

Payment can only be made by debit, credit or cheque. Cash will not be accepted.

Walk-in Services

Walk-in services are available for new applications Monday – Wednesday starting at 8:30AM subject to capacity. The office is closed from 12:30PM – 1:30PM daily.

Appointments

Appointment services are available on Fridays only.

Book Appointment [🔗](https://reservation.frontdesksuite.ca/torontocotprod/Coxwell/Home/Index?Culture=) (<https://reservation.frontdesksuite.ca/torontocotprod/Coxwell/Home/Index?Culture=>

Please arrive 10-15 mins early to check in and be on time for your appointment or you may be turned away and asked to re-book for another day and time, subject to availability.

Fees

Application fees and licence fees must be paid online (<https://secure.toronto.ca/LicensingPayment/main.do>).

Application fee: \$275.46 (inclusive of HST)

- The application fee is non-refundable and is required upon submittal of a complete application.

Licence fee: \$1,132.37 (inclusive of HST)

- The licence fee is due upon approval of the application.

Total fee (Application fee + Licence fee): \$1,407.83

Mobile Vending Permit

Mobile Food Vending Permit holders are allowed to operate at all pay-and-display stations on major, minor arterial and collector roads. These vendors are required to abide by all relevant parking regulations, and pay for parking. Vendors are encouraged to identify areas of the road, such as non pay and display stations and lay-bys that may be suitable for mobile vending. Upon review, these areas

may be designated as Mobile Vending Zones, where food trucks could operate for up to five hours at a time.

Business Licence

A Motorized Refreshment Vehicle business licence (Food/Ice Cream truck) is required in order to qualify for the Mobile Vending permit.

Without a business licence (starting with V15) an application for Mobile Vending permit will not be processed.

Please review 'How To Apply' instructions above, for submitting a Motorized Refreshment Vehicle owner business licence.

Permit fee


Six-month permit: \$3,746.71

Nine-month permit: \$5,620.08

One-year permit: \$7,493.41

*Inclusive of HST

Insurance

Applicants must provide proof of \$2,000,000 in Commercial General Liability (CGL) insurance. The completed **Certificate of Insurance**  (<https://www.toronto.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/8fc8-Certificate-of-Insurance.pdf>) must be signed and stamped by the insurer. The Certificate must be sent by email to MLSroadallowance@toronto.ca (<mailto:MLSroadallowance@toronto.ca>) directly from the Insurance Representative.

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In-person services are available at the Licence and Permit Issuing Office, 850 Coxwell Avenue, 3rd Floor.

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Payment can only be made by debit, credit or cheque. Cash will not be accepted.

Walk-in Services

Walk-in services are available once a week.

Please contact MLSroadallowance@toronto.ca

[\(mailto:MLSroadallowance@toronto.ca\)](mailto:MLSroadallowance@toronto.ca) for the next weekday availability.

Please note office hours:

Monday – Friday 8:30am-12:30pm and 1:30-4:00pm.

The office is closed from 12:30–1:30pm daily.

Appointments

Appointment services are available. Please contact

MLSroadallowance@toronto.ca [\(mailto:MLSroadallowance@toronto.ca\)](mailto:MLSroadallowance@toronto.ca).

Please arrive 10-15 mins early to check in and be on time for your appointment or you may be turned away and asked to re-book for another day and time, subject to availability.

Screening Criteria

ML&S shall deny an application for, or a renewal for any business, trade or calling for which a vehicle and it's driver are licenced or required to be licenced by the City under this Chapter and for which a licensee is required to hold a valid provincial driver's licence under this Chapter where the licensee or applicant has:

- a. Been convicted at any time of a sexual offence against a minor or a person with a disability under any of sections 151 to 153.1 of the Criminal Code;
- b. Been convicted of any sexual offence under the Criminal Code in the preceding ten years;
- c. Been convicted of an offence under the following Criminal Code sections in the preceding five years:
 - i. 84 to 117.15 (Firearms and Other Weapons);
 - ii. 264.1 to 286.1 (Offences Against the Person);
 - iii. 321 to 378 (Offences Against Rights of Property);
 - iv. 379 to 462 (Fraudulent Transactions, Wilful and Forbidden Acts of Certain Property, Offences Relating to Currency);
 - v. 462.3 to 462.5 (Proceeds of Crime).

- d. Been convicted at any time of an offence under the following Criminal Code sections:
 - i. 83.01 to 83.33 (Terrorism);
 - ii. 219 to 248 (Major Offences Against the Person);
 - iii. 267, 268, 270.01, 272, 273 (Major Assaults or Major Sexual Assaults).
- e. Been convicted of an offence under the following Controlled Drugs and Substances Act sections in the preceding ten years:
 - i. 5 (Trafficking);
 - ii. 6 (Importing and exporting);
 - iii. 7 (Production);
 - iv. 7.1 (Possession for use in production or trafficking).
- f. Been convicted of any offence under section 4 (Possession or obtaining) of the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act in the preceding five years;
- g. Been convicted of five or more offences under Chapter 545 or 546 of the Toronto Municipal Code in the preceding three years;
- h. Any overdue by-law fines, unless the applicant provides proof that such fines have been subsequently paid.
- i. Been convicted of any offence under sections 249, 252, or 253 of the Criminal Code or sections 320.13 to 320.18 (Offence Relating to Conveyances) (Motor Vehicles, Vessels, and Aircraft) in the preceding five years;
- j. Accumulated nine or more demerit points on his or her driving record abstract at the time the application for a licence or renewal is made;
- k. Been convicted of any of the following offences under the Highway Traffic Act in the preceding five years:
 - i. Careless driving;
 - ii. Racing or stunt driving;
 - iii. Exceeding the speed limit by 50 km/hour or more;
 - iv. Failing to stop for a school bus or when signaled or asked by a police officer;
 - v. Failing to remain at the scene of a collision;
 - vi. Driving while licence suspended.

Despite these screening criteria, if a licence has been previously issued or renewed and the applicant's or licensee's record discloses no new breach of the

screening criteria, the licence may be issued or renewed without the matter being referred to the Toronto Licensing Tribunal.

These screening criteria do not apply to any offence for which a licensee or applicant has been granted a criminal record suspension (i.e. a pardon) by the Parole Board of Canada.

December 4, 2023

Renewing a Licence

Your licence will expire annually on the anniversary of the date that the licence was first issued. The expiry date is written on your licence for your reference.

A courtesy notice will be mailed to your mailing address on file identifying any documents required to renew the licence. As a licensee you are responsible for ensuring that your business licence is valid while operating. If you have not received your renewal notice and your licence is about to expire, please contact us at mlsbusinesslicence@toronto.ca (<mailto:mlsbusinesslicence@toronto.ca>) for additional information.

The renewal fee is \$936.45

Find your [outstanding business licence or permit renewal invoice](https://www.toronto.ca/data/mls/invoices/index.html) (<https://www.toronto.ca/data/mls/invoices/index.html>).

Existing licensees must renew their licences online or in-person. Licence renewal fees can be made in-person, [paid online](https://secure.toronto.ca/webapps/account-centric/?config=LicensingInvoices) (<https://secure.toronto.ca/webapps/account-centric/?config=LicensingInvoices>) or by sending a cheque.





If you fail to renew your licence according to the bylaw, your licence will be cancelled and you will have to reapply.

[Renew Licence](https://www.toronto.ca/business-economy/business-start-ups/business-regulations/busi) (<https://www.toronto.ca/business-economy/business-start-ups/business-regulations/busi>)

Renew In-Person

Walk-in renewal services are available Monday, Wednesday and Thursday at the Licence and Permit Issuing Office, 850 Coxwell Avenue, 3rd Floor starting at 8:30AM subject to capacity. The office is closed from 12:30PM – 1:30PM daily.

Renewals Forms

- **Certificate of Insurance**  (<https://www.toronto.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/8f11-1-InsurV15-Refreshment-Vehicle-Insurance-2018-.pdf>)
- **Annual Return for Corporation Form**  (<https://www.toronto.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/8fd1-Annual-Return-No-Shares.pdf>)
- **Criminal Record and Judicial Matters Check**  (<https://www.toronto.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/8f30-1-Criminal-Record-Judicial-Matters-Check-Info-2019-Jan-31-1-pg.pdf>)
- **Photo**  (<https://www.toronto.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/79b3-Photo-Specifications.pdf>)

Contact Information

Licence & Permit Issuing Office

East York Civic Centre
850 Coxwell Avenue, 3rd Floor
Toronto, ON M4C 5R1

Monday to Friday, 8:30a.m. to 4:00p.m.
Except on Statutory holidays.

Availability of in-person services for some licence types may vary. Please refer to the “How to Apply” tab on licence category webpages below for more information.

Fax: 416-392-4515

Email: MLSBusinessLicence@toronto.ca (<mailto:MLSBusinessLicence@toronto.ca>)

Email: MLSRoadAllowance@toronto.ca (<mailto:MLSRoadAllowance@toronto.ca>)

311

Phone outside Toronto:

416-392-CITY (2489)

TTY: [Use 711 \(https://www.toronto.ca/city-government/accessibility-human-rights/accessibility-at-the-city-of-toronto/711-relay-service/\)](https://www.toronto.ca/city-government/accessibility-human-rights/accessibility-at-the-city-of-toronto/711-relay-service/)

Telephone: 311

Email: 311@toronto.ca (<mailto:311@toronto.ca>)

Related Information

Licensing Bylaw  (http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/municode/1184_545.pdf)

Streets and Sidewalk Bylaw  (http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/municode/1184_743.pdf)

Street Vending Bylaw  (<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/municode/toronto-code-740.pdf>)