

Not all businesses are required to have a Municipal Business Licence to operate. These fall into two categories: business activities that are out of scope for Bylaw purposes and businesses that fall under other regulatory or oversight bodies. Currently there are eleven bylaws that set out business licence requirements.

- Business Licence Bylaw 32M98
- Alarm Services Bylaw 31M95
- Bicycle Courier Licensing Bylaw 48M90
- Body Rub Licence Bylaw 53M2012
- Combative Sports Commission Bylaw 53M2006
- Concert Bylaw 4M83
- Dating and Escort Service Bylaw 48M2006
- Downtown Pushcart Vendor Licence Bylaw 3M97
- Exotic Entertainers Bylaw 47M86
- Extended Dance Event Bylaw 34M2000
- Massage Licence Bylaw 52M2012

Many business types are required to hold multiple licences. For example, a single restaurant may be licenced as a food service premises, a retail dealer, and a wholesaler. A variety store might hold a tobacco retailer licence as well as food service and retail dealer licences. A yoga studio may be required to have licences for personal services, retail, food service, and as a massage centre.

Some businesses hold licences for specific activities that are related to their business rather than the business itself. For example, Architects and Electricians may be licenced as Contractors rather than professional or trade-specific businesses; and, Moving Companies or import-export companies may be licenced as wholesalers, distribution managers, or retail businesses.

Other business types are not licenced by The City at all because they fall under other regulatory or oversight bodies. Examples include:

- Chiropractors, which are regulated by Provincial Chiropractic Profession Act;
- Day Care Centres, which are regulated by Calgary Family & Child Services;
- Dentists, which are regulated by the Alberta Dental Association;
- Insurance Industries, which are regulated by the Provincial Insurance Act;
- Legal Profession, which are regulated by the Provincial Legal Professions Act; and
- Medical Doctors, which are regulated by the College of Physicians and Surgeons.