



## Business Licences Now Available Online

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VICTORIA, BC – The City of Victoria has made it easier to apply for a new or a renewed business licence with an E-apply online service.

This new online tool makes renewing or applying for a business licence quicker and more convenient for new and current business owners.

Without having to visit City Hall, E-apply allows business owners to do the following online:

- Apply for a business licence online and submit required documents
- Pay a business licence invoice online
- Print off a business licence

“City staff were already working towards streamlining the way we do business at the City of Victoria and this was prioritized during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic,” said Mayor Lisa Helps. “It’s also great timing and we’re proud to be able to launch this new online option during Small Business Month.”

Small Business Month in B.C. is celebrated every October and recognizes the contributions entrepreneurs and small business owners make towards the economy and local communities.

"Making it easier to do business in British Columbia is a must. Offering digital, streamlined services helps small business owners by making it quicker and simpler to accomplish necessary tasks," said Muriel Protzer, Canadian Federation of Independent Businesses. "CFIB congratulates the City for its new E-Apply portal, which will make it easier to apply for a business license and access records online."

Some categories of business licences require in-depth application documentation and more detailed staff review, such as taxis, restaurants and short-term rentals, and will not be available for online application at this time. For more information visit: [victoria.ca/businesslicences](https://victoria.ca/businesslicences)

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