



State of Washington  
Business Licensing Service  
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## Endorsement Fee Sheet

Use the **Business License Application** to obtain any of the endorsements listed on this form. We have indicated which endorsements you can apply for using our online application. To apply for endorsements not available online please fill out the required forms and send them by mail.

We have also indicated if an endorsement requires agency approval. Do not begin an activity requiring approval until you receive a *Business License* that displays the name of that endorsement.

There are many other endorsements not available through the Business Licensing Service. To determine if you need any others, or to download application forms, visit our Business Licensing Guide at [business.wa.gov/BLS](http://business.wa.gov/BLS) or call us at 1-800-451-7985.

### Application Fee

**\$19** - non-refundable fee

Department of Revenue

Must be paid each time a Business License Application is submitted.

**The following endorsements are valid as long as you remain in business.**

### Tax Registration

**No additional fee**

Department of Revenue

You must obtain a tax registration if you answer "yes" to any of the questions listed below. A tax registration cannot be transferred to another business.

- Do you plan to gross over \$12,000 per year?
- Will you be selling at retail any item or product to another person?
- Will you be repairing, installing, altering, decorating, or improving any item or product for another person (e.g., car repair, construction)?
- Will you engage in a business that is responsible for any other state taxes (e.g., timber, fish, litter, public utility, hazardous substance/waste, etc.)?

### Industrial Insurance

**No additional fee**

Department of Labor & Industries

If you employ one or more people, you must apply for industrial insurance coverage. **Excluded Groups:** The groups listed below are excluded from mandatory coverage, but **you may request optional coverage** by completing the Employment section of the Business License Application. An *Application for Optional Coverage* will be sent to you. Excluded groups include:

- Sole proprietors, partners, LLC members with management responsibility.
- Executive officers and corporate officers who are directors and shareholders. If you select elective coverage for your executive officers, all executive officers must be covered.
- Domestic servants (if less than 2 full time employed) and those performing gardening, maintenance or repair around the private home.
- Services in return for aid or sustenance received from a religious or charitable organization.
- Minors under 18 employed on the family farm.
- Jockey racing.

- Entertainers and musicians.
- Volunteer law enforcement officers.
- Volunteer workers or student volunteers (K-12).
- Community service workers.
- Cosmetologists, barbers, estheticians or manicurists who lease stations.
- Newspaper carriers and freelance journalists.
- Insurance agents, brokers and solicitors.

### Unemployment Insurance

**No additional fee**

Employment Security Department

If you employ one or more people, you must apply for unemployment insurance coverage. Social Security numbers are required for all owners of a business that hires employees.

All corporate officer wages of profit corporations are exempt from UI Taxes in Washington. However a corporation may elect to pay taxes on all officer wages by completing the Voluntary Election Form with the Employment Security Department and choosing voluntary coverage on the Business License Application.

Non profit 501(c)(3) corporations must report and pay taxes on officer wages.

### Trade Name(s)

**\$5 per name**

Department of Revenue

Trade Name or "Doing Business As" name must be registered if:

- Sole proprietor or partnership is using a name other than the full legal name of all the owners; or
- Corporations, limited partnerships or limited liability companies are operating under a name other than the name registered with the Office of the Secretary of State.

Please indicate all "Doing Business As" names on Section 2 of the Business License Application.

This registration does not provide protection of the name. To see if the Trade Name you are planning to use is already registered, visit the Business Licensing Service website at: [www.bls.dor.wa.gov/licensesearch/](http://www.bls.dor.wa.gov/licensesearch/)

Please contact the Business Licensing Service at 1-800-451-7985 for more information.

## Renewable Endorsements

Must be renewed annually

### Architect Firm

#### Certificate of Authorization

**\$100 main location**

Additional forms required

*Department of Licensing*

Required for businesses practicing or offering to practice architectural services in Washington. Each firm is required to have at least one Designated Architect listed at the licensed location. The Designated Architect must have an active architect registration.

### Bulk Fertilizer Distributor

**\$25 per location**

*Department of Agriculture*

Required for any business that brings into or that distributes within Washington commercial fertilizer in bulk (nonpackaged form).

### Cigarette/Tobacco Sales, Retail and Wholesale

*Liquor and Cannabis Board*

The cigarette and tobacco product endorsements must both be held if cigarette and other tobacco products are sold at the same location. Additional documents and agency approval required.

#### Cigarettes

##### Cigarette Retailer

**\$175**

Cigarettes sold at retail. Fee required per location. (If BOTH a Cigarette Retailer OR an Other Tobacco Product Retailer AND a Vapor Product Retailer are applied for at the same time, for the same business location, a combined total of \$250.00 will be due for both endorsements)

##### Commercial Cigarette Making Machine

**\$93**

Required where a machine to produce 'Roll Your Own' cigarettes is provided. The fee is required for each location with one or more machines. A Cigarette Retailer endorsement and Tobacco Products Retailer endorsement is also required. The machine can only be used with tobacco sold at the location at the time of purchase.

##### Cigarette Vending Machine

**\$30 per machine at each location**

A Cigarette Retailer endorsement is also required. Fee required per machine at each location.

##### Cigarette Wholesaler

**Main location**

**\$650**

**Each branch location**

**\$115**

Purchase, sell, or distribute cigarettes to retailers for resale. You must include with your application the \$5,000 surety bond required by the Department of Revenue.

#### Tobacco Products

##### Tobacco Products Retailer

**\$175**

Retail sales of tobacco products other than cigarettes. Fee required per location. (Fee waived if also applying for, or already have, Cigarette Retailer at same business location. If BOTH a Cigarette Retailer OR an Other Tobacco Product Retailer AND a Vapor Product Retailer are applied for at the same time, for the same business location,

a combined total of \$250.00 will be due for both endorsements)

##### Tobacco Products Distributor

**Main location**

**\$650**

**Each branch location**

**\$115**

Purchase, sell, or distribute tobacco products other than cigarettes to retailers for resale.

(Fee waived if also applying for, or already have, Cigarette Wholesaler.)

#### Collection Agency

**\$850 for main location in Washington**

**\$550 for each branch location** (in Washington or out of state/country)

Additional forms and agency approval required

*Department of Licensing*

Required for any Washington business that:

- Directly or indirectly collects debts on behalf of clients located in Washington and/or other states;
- Solicits claims for collection;
- Markets forms or a collection system to be used in debt collection; or
- Collects their own debts using a fictitious name to imply that a third party is involved; or
- Purchases claims for collection purposes in Washington, whether or not it collects the claim itself.

The business must maintain a trust account and an office in Washington for the purpose of conducting its collection agency business. The office must be managed by a Washington resident and be open to the public during regular business hours. A \$5,000 surety bond is required.

#### Collection Agency – Out-of-State/Country

**\$425 for main out-of-state location**

**\$275 for each branch location** (out-of-state/country)

Additional forms and agency approval required

*Department of Licensing*

Required for any business outside Washington that:

- Undertakes the collection of a debt on behalf of clients who are also outside Washington, and that uses only telephone, mail or fax to collect, or attempt to collect, on debts from persons or businesses located inside Washington. A \$5,000 surety bond is required; or
- Purchases claims for collection purposes in Washington, whether or not it collects the claim itself.

**Note:** Based on other states' laws, some businesses may be exempt from these endorsement fees and bonding. Please contact the Business & Professions Division at (360) 664-1388 for more information.

#### Commercial Telephone Solicitor

**\$72 per location**

Additional forms and agency approval required

*Department of Licensing*

Required for each location making unsolicited commercial telephone calls and selling goods or products during the call. Also required for those who offer free prizes by mail and invite a telephone response. Exclusions from coverage include, but are not limited to, those soliciting for educational, political, or charitable purposes; those for whom less than 60 percent of the prior year's sales were made by telephone solicitations; and those who sell to businesses who either resell the product or use it for manufacturing.

## Contractor Registration

Additional forms required

### Registration not available through BLS

**Contact:** Dept. of Labor & Industries (360) 902-6359 or 1-800-647-0982 (in state only) or [www.lni.wa.gov](http://www.lni.wa.gov)

Any individual or business involved in construction, remodeling, repair, excavation, or demolition of any structure, road or property must obtain a Contractor Registration. This includes those who install floor coverings, lawn sprinkler systems, or scaffolding. Those who perform plumbing or electrical work must have additional certifications or licenses. Registration is also required for an individual who plans to hire subcontractors from more than one trade to work on a single project related to the individual's own property, with the intent to sell that improved property.

## Corporate Registration

Additional forms required

### Registration not available through BLS

**Contact:** Office of the Secretary of State (360) 725-0377  
Washington based corporations doing business in Washington must file Articles of Incorporation.

Firms incorporated in any other state or country should contact the Corporations Division of the Office of the Secretary of State for filing requirements. **In addition to** filing the corporate registration forms a Business License Application is required to BLS.

For expedited service to incorporate your business, complete the Application to Form a Profit Corporation at [www.secstate.wa.gov/corps](http://www.secstate.wa.gov/corps)

Or you can complete the application on paper and mail it in a **separate envelope** to:  
Corporations Division  
Office of the Secretary of State  
PO Box 40234  
Olympia, WA 98504-0234

## Egg Handler/Dealer

**\$30 for first location**

**\$15 for each additional location**

Additional forms required

*Department of Agriculture*

Required for businesses or persons that:

- Produce, handle, contract for, or obtain possession or control of eggs for sale to wholesalers, dealers or retailers within or into Washington; or
- Process eggs and sell them to wholesalers, dealers, retailers or consumers within or into Washington.

A license must be posted at each location where the licensee operates. **Note:** Poultry producers who sell eggs from their own flocks at the place of production directly to household consumers do not need to be licensed.

## For Hire

**Permit: \$110 (one-time, nonrefundable)**

**Certificates: \$55 per vehicle**

Additional forms and agency approval required

*Department of Licensing*

Required for all vehicles used for the transportation of passengers for compensation in taxicabs, cabulances or other for hire vehicles (except limousines see Limousine Carrier for those for hire vehicles). The state permit fee is not required if a permit fee is paid to a local city or county,

however all vehicles must have a for hire certificate from the state, regardless. See also the section headed "Weighing & Measuring Devices" about registering the meter used in for hire vehicles.

## Limousine Carrier

**\$350 per location**

**Vehicle Certificate: \$75 per limousine**

**Vehicle Inspection Report: \$25 per limousine**

Additional forms and agency approval required

*Department of Licensing, Washington State Patrol, and Port Districts of King County*

Required for any business that operates unmetered, unmarked, chauffeur-driven, luxury, for hire vehicles (definition of a limousine is found in RCW 46.04).

Limousines must transport persons under a single contract, on a prearranged basis, to a specific destination or particular itinerary. Each limousine vehicle must pass a vehicle inspection and be certified by the Department of Licensing. Businesses operating in the Port District of King County may be licensed through the port district. Other for hire businesses (such as taxi cabs) must register separately with the Department of Licensing (see For Hire license).

## Liquor

**Variable fees** (see *Liquor License Description and Fee Information Sheet*)

Additional forms and agency approval required

*Liquor and Cannabis Board*

Required for businesses or nonprofit organizations retailing or serving beer, wine or spirits; or manufacturing, distilling, wholesaling, transporting, importing, or exporting alcoholic beverages. Also needed for changing the location of a licensed premises.

## Lottery Retailer

**\$25 per location (one-time, nonrefundable)**

Additional forms and agency approval required.

*Washington's Lottery*

Required for businesses selling Lottery products. Applicants must certify that they comply with federal, state and agency accessibility requirements, and provide a personal/criminal history. The Lottery also requires an electronic funds transfer account to transfer Lottery sales debits and credits. The Lottery will separately charge retailers a one-time \$200 set-up fee, and a weekly equipment and support fee. Contact the Lottery at 1-800-732-5101, option 4, for more information.

## Manufactured/Mobile Home Community

**(Mobile Home Parks)**

**\$10 per qualifying manufactured home in park\***

Additional forms required

*Department of Revenue*

Required of all manufactured and mobile home parks that offer two or more spaces (lots) in the park for rent or lease for year-round occupancy. A separate application must be submitted for each park. New parks must be registered within three months of offering spaces for rent to avoid penalties.

\*A \$10 fee must be paid for **each** manufactured or mobile home within the park when the owner of the home does not also own the space on which the home is located.

## Marijuana

Additional forms and agency approval required  
*Liquor and Cannabis Board*

### Marijuana Transportation - Available online \$266

Required for transport businesses to transport or deliver marijuana, marijuana concentrates, or marijuana-infused products between licensed marijuana businesses within Washington State.

**Note:** The Liquor and Cannabis Board will contact applicants for any additional required information or documentation, and bill for the initial license fee prior to approval of any license.

## Minor Work Permit

### No fee

Agency approval required

*Department of Labor and Industries*

If you employ one or more people under 18 years old, you must apply for a permit to employ minors, in addition to industrial insurance as described on page 1.

## Nursery Retailer/Wholesaler

### Fees listed below include a 20% surcharge

Additional forms required

*Department of Agriculture*

Required for businesses that:

- Sell or hold live plants or turf for planting, breeding, or decoration; or
- Perform landscaping and lawn maintenance which provides planting or installing new plants or turf.

Is not required if you sell less than \$100 per year or only sell cut flowers.

**Choose either a wholesale or retail endorsement** based on what you believe will be your primary source of income, then estimate your total nursery sales for the calendar year. Determine the fee due based on your license type and your sales estimate.

#### Nursery Retailer:

\$100 - \$2,499

\$2,500 - \$14,999

\$15,000 and over

#### Fee:

**\$63.00 per location**

**\$138.00 per location**

**\$273.60 per location**

#### Nursery Wholesaler:

\$100 - \$14,999

\$15,000 and over

#### Fee:

**\$138.00 per location**

**\$273.60 per location**

## Pesticide Dealer

### \$67 per location

Additional forms and agency approval required

*Department of Agriculture*

Required to sell all pesticides. **Exception:** Not required if the pesticide is labeled **home and garden use only**. Each location must have a licensed Pesticide Dealer Manager to supervise pesticide distribution.

## Private Investigative Agency

**\$600 with unarmed principal**

**\$700 with armed principal**

**No fee for each additional location**

Additional forms and agency approval required

*Department of Licensing*

Required for any business that exists to detect, discover

or reveal criminal activity; obtain information related to persons or things; recover lost property; identify cause for accidents/losses; obtain evidence for investigations or detect eavesdropping devices. See RCW Chapter 18.165 for full description.

## Radiology Benefit Manager

### \$200 per location

Additional forms required

*Department of Licensing*

Required for any person or company conducting business in Washington or with Washington customers when the business is owned by a third party payor or a carrier, as defined in RCW 48.43.005, or contracts with a third party payor or carrier in order to:

- Process claims for services and procedures performed by a licensed radiologist or advanced diagnostic imaging service provider.
- Pay or authorize payment to radiology clinics, radiologists, or advanced diagnostic imaging services providers for services or procedures.

## Rental Car Registration

No fee

*Department of Licensing*

A rental car is a passenger vehicle (PAS or M/H use class) that is used solely by a rental car business for rental to others, without a driver provided by the rental car business, for periods of not more than 30 consecutive days. Only passenger vehicles (cars, SUVs and motor home qualify). Trucks and other types of vehicles such as motorcycles are exempt from the rental car registration.

## Scrap Metal

**Various Fees** (see the *Vehicle-Related and Scrap Metal Recycling Fee Description Sheet*)

Additional forms and agency approval required.

*Department of Licensing*

Required for businesses that are suppliers, processors, and/or recyclers of scrap metal.

**Note:** These endorsements do **NOT** include handling scrap metal from motor vehicles. For vehicle-related Motor Vehicle Salvage processing see the entry under "Vehicle Sales or Disposal".

## Seed Dealer

### \$125 per location

*Department of Agriculture*

Required for selling seeds except those packaged in containers of 8 ounces or less by a registered seed labeler.

## Seller of Travel

### \$202 per location

Additional documents and agency approval required

*Department of Licensing*

Required for businesses that arrange, or advertise to arrange travel accommodations for Washington consumers.

## Shopkeeper

### \$40 per location

*Department of Health – Board of Pharmacy*

Required of businesses (except licensed pharmacies) selling any nonprescription medication. These medications must be in the original manufacturer's packaging.

**Tobacco Sales, Retail and Wholesale -**  
*Please see Cigarette/Tobacco Sales*

**Underground Storage Tanks**

**\$160 per tank**

Additional forms required

*Department of Ecology*

Required for owners of storage tanks with a capacity greater than 110 gallons, that have at least 10 percent of volume (including piping) below the surface of the ground, and that contain petroleum or other hazardous substances. Some tanks may be exempt. The application must be filed by the owner within 30 days **after** a new installation is complete, or upon modification or purchase of existing tanks. **Note:** A notice of intent to install (Form ECY 020-95) must also be filed directly with the Department of Ecology at least 30 days before new installation work begins.

**Vapor Product Retailer**

**\$175**

Required for each location of a business where vapor products are sold at retail to consumers. (If BOTH a Cigarette Retailer OR an Other Tobacco Product Retailer AND a Vapor Product Retailer are applied for at the same time, for the same business location, a combined total of \$250.00 will be due for both endorsements) **Note:** To sell at retail cigarettes and other tobacco products, a Cigarette Retailer or a Tobacco Products Retailer endorsement is also required.

**Vapor Product Distributor**

**\$150**

**Vapor Product Distributor Branch**

**\$100**

Required for each location of a business that purchases vapor products and conducts wholesale sales or distribution to vapor product retailers for resale to consumers. **Note:** To sell or distribute at wholesale cigarettes or other tobacco products you'll also need a Cigarette Wholesaler or a Tobacco Products Distributor endorsement.

**Vapor Product Delivery Sales**

**\$250**

Required for each location of a business, regardless whether located inside or outside Washington, from which retail sales orders for vapor products are taken from Washington consumers by means of telephone or other voice transmissions, by mail or other delivery services, or the Internet or other online services; or from which vapor products are delivered to Washington consumers by use of the mails or other delivery services.

**Vehicle Sales or Disposal**

**Various fees** (see the *Vehicle-Related and Scrap Metal Recycling Fee Description Sheet*)

Additional forms and agency approval required

*Department of Licensing*

Required for businesses that:

- Annually offer, display or sell more than four cars, trucks and/or motor homes, or otherwise act as a dealer of such vehicles;
- Deal in boats or vessels, manufactured homes, park homes, travel trailers, fifth wheel trailers, horse trailers, utility trailers, off-road vehicles, motorcycles and/or snowmobiles;
- Manufacture or remanufacture vehicles for distribution to Washington dealerships;

- Transport vehicles over Washington highways;
- Operate a registered tow truck; and/or
- Act as a hulk hauler, vehicle wrecker or motor vehicle salvage processor. **Note:** This is **NOT** for non-vehicle scrap metal. To handle non-vehicle scrap metal see the entry under "**Scrap Metal**".

**Waste Tire Carrier**

**\$200 (\$50 nonrefundable) plus \$50 per vehicle**

Additional forms and agency approval required

*Department of Ecology*

Required for businesses transporting tires no longer usable due to wear, damage or defect. Businesses licensed by the Utilities and Transportation Commission or a local government authority need not apply. A \$10,000 bond is required.

**Waste Tire Storage Site Owner**

**\$250 per location (\$50 nonrefundable)**

Additional forms and agency approval required

*Department of Ecology*

Required of any business with outside storage of more than 800 tires which are no longer suitable for their original purpose. The business is required to have:

- A permit from the County Health Department where the site is located.
- Financial assurance sufficient for hiring a third party to remove the maximum number of tires permitted to be stored at the facility and deliver the tires to a facility permitted to accept the tires.

Contact Dept. of Health for regulatory questions at 1-800-299-9729.

**Weighing and Measuring Devices**

**Various fees** (see the Weighing and Measuring Devices Addendum)

*Department of Agriculture (statewide); and Cities of Seattle & Spokane*

Required for businesses where devices are used to determine the charges for a product or service on the basis of weight or measure (i.e. scales or meters). The Weighing and Measuring Devices addendum must be submitted with the Business License Application.

**Whitewater River Outfitter**

**\$25 per location**

Additional form and agency approval required

*Department of Licensing*

Required for businesses carrying, or advertising to carry, for-hire passengers on whitewater sections of Washington rivers. Applicants must provide proof of correct liability insurance and certify that they meet all requirements, including use of qualified guides.

**X-Ray Facilities and Devices**

**Various fees** (see the *X-ray Facility and Devices Registration Addendum*)

*Department of Health (statewide)*

Required for businesses that have a facility with any of the X-ray tube types listed on the x-ray addendum form, including dental or medical offices, hospitals, veterinary, educational, security, research or industrial facilities. Contact Dept. of Health for regulatory questions at 1-800-299-9729.

## **Business Licensing Service City Partners - Available online**

Most cities require businesses operating within the city limits to register and renew annually. This includes businesses that are located outside the city limits but perform services inside city limits.

Apply for the cities listed below by using the Business License Application. See the [City Fee Sheet](#) for fees and descriptions. Some cities may have other requirements to conduct particular business activities such as a home occupation permit or temporary license. Contact the city directly for more information. City approval and additional forms may be required.

**Anacortes  
Bellingham  
Blaine  
Bonney Lake  
Bridgeport  
Buckley  
Carbonado  
Carnation  
Clyde Hill  
Connell  
College Place  
Covington  
Deer Park  
DuPont  
Duvall  
Eatonville  
Edgewood  
Enumclaw  
Ephrata  
Fife  
Fircrest  
Gig Harbor  
Gold Bar  
Granite Falls  
Ilwaco  
Issaquah  
Kelso  
Kenmore  
Kennewick  
Lacey  
Lake Stevens  
Leavenworth  
Liberty Lake  
Long Beach**

**Longview  
Maple Valley  
Marysville  
Millwood  
Milton  
Monroe  
Newcastle  
North Bend  
Olympia  
Port Orchard  
Port Townsend  
Poulsbo  
Prosser  
Pullman  
Richland  
Rockford  
Ruston  
Sammamish  
Sedro Woolley  
Sequim  
Shoreline  
Skykomish  
Spokane  
Spokane Valley  
Stanwood  
Sultan  
Sumner  
Tumwater  
University Place  
Vancouver  
Washougal  
West Richland  
Woodinville**

**Additional cities continue to partner with the Business Licensing Service program. Visit our website at <http://business.wa.gov/BLS> or contact us at 1-800-451-7985 for a current listing.**