

Interested in starting a professional service firm in Airdrie?
Find out what you need before you open your doors.

Planning & Building Inspections approval

There are a number of permits you will require to establish your business in Airdrie. Before you open your professional service business, please review the information sheet pertinent to your business location:

- Commercial, retail, office or industrial business location
- Home-based business location

Business registration

While all businesses operating in Airdrie require a City of Airdrie business license, many professionals (such as dentists, insurance agents, veterinarians) are exempt from this requirement. However, all professionals are encouraged to apply for a **no-fee** City of Airdrie Professional Business Registration.

Benefits of registering

Your City of Airdrie Professional Business Registration provides you with these benefits:

- Complimentary listing in the City of Airdrie Business Directory.
- Access to Economic Development department resources including a monthly business e-newsletter, input into the Business Satisfaction Survey, information about opportunities, and more.

Exempt professions

The following professions are, pursuant to a statute, exempt from a municipal business license.*

Legal Profession Act

- Barrister or Solicitor
- Student-at-law

Agrology Act

- Professional Agrologist
- Agrologist in Training
- Technologist in Agrology
- Technologist in Agrology in Training

Architects Act

- Architects

Engineering, Geological & Geophysical Professions Act

- Engineer
- Geologist
- Geophysicist

Regulated Forestry Profession Act

- Registered Professional Forester
- Professional Forester
- Registered Forester

Land Surveyors Act

Veterinary Professions Act

- Veterinarian
- Student

Insurance Act

- Insurance Agents
- Insurance Brokers
- Insurance Adjusters

Regulated Accounting Profession Act

- Chartered Accountants
- Certified General Accountants
- Certified Management Accountants

Health Professions Act

- Acupuncturists
- Chiropractors
- Combined Laboratory and X-ray Technicians
- Dental Assistants
- Dental Hygienists
- Dental Technologists
- Dentists
- Denturists
- Hearing Aid Practitioners
- Licensed Practical Nurses
- Medical Laboratory Technologists
- Medical Diagnostic and Therapeutic Technologists
- Midwives
- Naturopaths (doctors registered with the College of Naturopath Doctors of Alberta)
- Occupational Therapists
- Opticians
- Optometrists
- Paramedics
- Pharmacists
- Physical Therapists

- Physicians, Surgeons and Osteopaths
- Podiatrists
- Psychologists
- Registered Dietitians and Registered Nutritionists
- Registered Nurses
- Registered Psychiatric and Mental Deficiency Nurses
- Respiratory Therapists
- Social Workers
- Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists

**This list is subject to change based on legislation changes.*

Other professions

As stated in the Business License Bylaw, if your profession is not on this list, the onus is on the individual/professional corporation to provide proof of exemption to the City of Airdrie.