

Town of Franklin

355 East Central Street
Franklin, MA 02038



NEW RESTAURANT INFORMATION

Permits Required

- Common Victualer License**- Issued by the **Town Administrator's Office** -520-4949
Located on the third floor of the Municipal Building
Annual Fee-\$125
- Business Certificate** – You will first need to obtain an approved business verification form which can be obtained from our Building/Inspection Department. Submit this form to the **Town Clerk's Office** and request a business certificate. Both departments are located on the first floor of the Municipal Building
Fee \$40 good for four-years
- Food Establishment Permit** - Issued by the **Health Department**- Located on the first floor of the Municipal Building.
Fees- seating 1-49 \$150.00 OR seating 50+ \$175.00

* Please visit the Health Department to determine what is required to meet Health Codes.
The Health Department requests that you apply for your permits 30 days prior to planned opening date.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION YOU NEED TO KNOW

- **Past due taxes or fees** - Licenses will not be issued at a business location where there are past due taxes or fees.
- **Renovations** - If you are doing renovations, please check with our Building/ Inspection department to determine what permits are needed.
- **Signs**- Permits are issued by Building/Inspection Department. Design Review is required.
- **Inspections**- You will need to contact the following departments for an inspection before your License can be issued:
 - ✓ Health Department 520-4905
 - ✓ Building Inspection 520-4926
 - ✓ Fire Department 528-2323
- **New location**- If you are considering opening a restaurant at a location that is not already used as a restaurant, you will need to contact;
 1. Zoning Department-520-4926 to make sure a restaurant is **allowed by zoning** and,
 2. Planning Department 520-4907 to obtain Planning Board approval for **change of use**.

The Town Administrator's office upon receipt will forward copies of all applications to the following departments for their review and recommendations.

Police Chief (508-528-1212) Shall initiate a background check of the proposed manager and review the application to determine if, in his opinion, any public safety hazard would exist by reason of the location or the hours of operation.

Signoff: Yes/No _____ N/A **Conditions:** _____

Fire Chief (508-528-2323) or his designate, Shall review and examine the proposed business location to determine if, in their opinion, any public safety hazard would exist by reason of the location, and that the proposed premises meets all fire safety regulations.

Signoff: Yes/No _____ N/A **Conditions:** _____

Building Inspection (508-520-4926) Shall examine and review the proposed business location to determine if, in their opinion, any public safety hazard would exist by reason of the location, and that the proposed premises meet all building safety regulations and building codes.

Signoff: Yes/No _____ N/A **Conditions:** _____

Zoning Officer (508-520-4926) Shall examine and review proposed business location to determine if it conforms to all zoning regulations and bylaws.

Signoff: Yes/No _____ N/A **Conditions:** _____

Board of Health (508-520-4905) Shall examine and review proposed business location to determine if, the premises meets and conforms to the provisions of the State Sanitary Code and any local regulations of the Board of Health and that all necessary health permits have been obtained.

Signoff: Yes/No _____ N/A **Conditions:** _____

Treasurer's Office (508- 520-4950) Shall examine their records to see that all taxes and fees due to the Town of Franklin are up to date for both the applicant and owner of property to be used for proposed business.

Signoff: Yes/No _____ N/A **Conditions:** _____

Each of Departments Shall make whatever recommendations it deems necessary to the **Town Administrator's office** (508-520-4949) after review of such application, recommending such measures or restrictions on the issuance of any license as may be necessary to protect the public peace, health, safety or general welfare of the community.

LICENSE **APPROVED – Condition (s)** _____

DECLINED – Reason (s) _____

DATE _____

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR SIGNATURE: _____

The following documents must be submitted with application:

1. **Business Certificate** – You will first need to obtain an approved business verification form from our Building/Inspection/Zoning office. Submit this form to the **Town Clerk’s Office** and request a business certificate. Offices are located on the first floor of the Municipal Building
Fee \$40 good for four-years.
2. **Floor Plan of business premises**
3. **Menu**
4. **Certificate of Compliance with State Laws**, completed and signed
5. **Workers’ Compensation Insurance Affidavit**, completed and signed with a certificate of insurance attached

Additional documents that must be submitted to our office before a license will be issued:

1. **Food Establishment Permit** - Issued by the **Health Department**- Please visit them to pickup forms and to determine the health codes you will need to meet. The Office is located on the first floor of the Municipal Building.
Fees- seating 1-49 \$150.00 OR seating 50+ \$175.00
2. **Certificate of Occupancy** – Issued by the Building/Inspection/Zoning office, located on the first Floor of the Municipal Building
Fee \$100.
3. **Signs**- Building Permits for signs are issued by Building/Inspection Department. Sign will need to be approved by the Design Review Commission. After Design Review approval, you will need to obtain a Building permit for the sign.

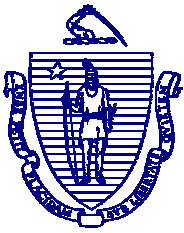
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION YOU NEED TO KNOW

- All taxes, fees and other monies owed to the Town of Franklin must be up to date before license will be issued. This includes the property taxes for the proposed licensed premises.
- Renovations -If you are doing renovations, visit our Building/Inspection/Zoning office to determine what permits are needed.
- Change of Use – If the previous business at your proposed location was not a food establishment, you will need to confirm that restaurants are allowed in that zone. Also, you *may* need additional approval for the change of use.

INSPECTIONS

License will not be issued until premises are inspected and the responsible office has signed off. The Applicant is responsible to schedule the appointments with the following offices:

Building/ Inspection/Zoning	508-520-4926
Board of Health	508-520-4905
Fire Department	508-528-2323



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
 Department of Industrial Accidents
 Office of Investigations
 600 Washington Street
 Boston, MA 02111
 www.mass.gov/dia

Workers' Compensation Insurance Affidavit: General Businesses

Applicant Information

Please Print Legibly

Business/Organization Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____ Phone #: _____

Are you an employer? Check the appropriate box:

- 1. I am a employer with _____ employees (full and/or part-time).*
- 2. I am a sole proprietor or partnership and have no employees working for me in any capacity. [No workers' comp. insurance required]
- 3. We are a corporation and its officers have exercised their right of exemption per c. 152, §1(4), and we have no employees. [No workers' comp. insurance required]**
- 4. We are a non-profit organization, staffed by volunteers, with no employees. [No workers' comp. insurance req.]

Business Type (required):

- 5. Retail
- 6. Restaurant/Bar/Eating Establishment
- 7. Office and/or Sales (incl. real estate, auto, etc.)
- 8. Non-profit
- 9. Entertainment
- 10. Manufacturing
- 11. Health Care
- 12. Other _____

*Any applicant that checks box #1 must also fill out the section below showing their workers' compensation policy information.
 **If the corporate officers have exempted themselves, but the corporation has other employees, a workers' compensation policy is required and such an organization should check box #1.

I am an employer that is providing workers' compensation insurance for my employees. Below is the policy information.

Insurance Company Name: _____

Insurer's Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Policy # or Self-ins. Lic. # _____ Expiration Date: _____

Attach a copy of the workers' compensation policy declaration page (showing the policy number and expiration date).

Failure to secure coverage as required under Section 25A of MGL c. 152 can lead to the imposition of criminal penalties of a fine up to \$1,500.00 and/or one-year imprisonment, as well as civil penalties in the form of a STOP WORK ORDER and a fine of up to \$250.00 a day against the violator. Be advised that a copy of this statement may be forwarded to the Office of Investigations of the DIA for insurance coverage verification.

I do hereby certify, under the pains and penalties of perjury that the information provided above is true and correct.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Phone #: _____

Official use only. Do not write in this area, to be completed by city or town official.

City or Town: _____ Permit/License # _____

Issuing Authority (circle one):
 1. Board of Health 2. Building Department 3. City/Town Clerk 4. Licensing Board 5. Selectmen's Office
 6. Other _____

Contact Person: _____ Phone #: _____

Information and Instructions

Massachusetts General Laws chapter 152 requires all employers to provide workers' compensation for their employees. Pursuant to this statute, an *employee* is defined as "...every person in the service of another under any contract of hire, express or implied, oral or written."

An *employer* is defined as "an individual, partnership, association, corporation or other legal entity, or any two or more of the foregoing engaged in a joint enterprise, and including the legal representatives of a deceased employer, or the receiver or trustee of an individual, partnership, association or other legal entity, employing employees. However, the owner of a dwelling house having not more than three apartments and who resides therein, or the occupant of the dwelling house of another who employs persons to do maintenance, construction or repair work on such dwelling house or on the grounds or building appurtenant thereto shall not because of such employment be deemed to be an employer."

MGL chapter 152, §25C(6) also states that "**every state or local licensing agency shall withhold the issuance or renewal of a license or permit to operate a business or to construct buildings in the commonwealth for any applicant who has not produced acceptable evidence of compliance with the insurance coverage required.**" Additionally, MGL chapter 152, §25C(7) states "Neither the commonwealth nor any of its political subdivisions shall enter into any contract for the performance of public work until acceptable evidence of compliance with the insurance requirements of this chapter have been presented to the contracting authority."

Applicants

Please fill out the workers' compensation affidavit completely, by checking the boxes that apply to your situation and, if necessary, supply your insurance company's name, address and phone number along with a certificate of insurance. Limited Liability Companies (LLC) or Limited Liability Partnerships (LLP) with no employees other than the members or partners, are not required to carry workers' compensation insurance. If an LLC or LLP does have employees, a policy is required. Be advised that this affidavit may be submitted to the Department of Industrial Accidents for confirmation of insurance coverage. **Also be sure to sign and date the affidavit.** The affidavit should be returned to the city or town that the application for the permit or license is being requested, **not** the Department of Industrial Accidents. Should you have any questions regarding the law or if you are required to obtain a workers' compensation policy, please call the Department at the number listed below. Self-insured companies should enter their self-insurance license number on the appropriate line.

City or Town Officials

Please be sure that the affidavit is complete and printed legibly. The Department has provided a space at the bottom of the affidavit for you to fill out in the event the Office of Investigations has to contact you regarding the applicant. Please be sure to fill in the permit/license number which will be used as a reference number. In addition, an applicant that must submit multiple permit/license applications in any given year, need only submit one affidavit indicating current policy information (if necessary). A copy of the affidavit that has been officially stamped or marked by the city or town may be provided to the applicant as proof that a valid affidavit is on file for future permits or licenses. A new affidavit must be filled out each year. Where a home owner or citizen is obtaining a license or permit not related to any business or commercial venture (i.e. a dog license or permit to burn leaves etc.) said person is NOT required to complete this affidavit.

The Office of Investigations would like to thank you in advance for your cooperation and should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to give us a call.

The Department's address, telephone and fax number:

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Department of Industrial Accidents
Office of Investigations
600 Washington Street
Boston, MA 02111

Tel. # 617-727-4900 ext 406 or 1-877-MASSAFE

Fax # 617-727-7749

www.mass.gov/dia



CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE WITH STATE LAWS

Pursuant to M.G.L Chapter 62C, Sec 49A, and M.G.L. Ch. 151A, Section 19A, the undersigned acting on behalf on the License Holder, certifies under the penalty of perjury that, to the best of the undersign's knowledge and belief, the License Holder is in compliance with all laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts relating to taxes, reporting of employees and contractors, and withholding and remitting child support*.

** Signature of Individual or Corporate License Holder (Mandatory)

*** License Holder's Social Security Number/or Federal Identification Number

By: _____
Corporate Officer
(Mandatory, if applicable)

Date: _____

*The provision in the Attestation of relating to child support applies only when the License Holder is an individual.

**Approval of or a renewal of a license will not be granted unless this certification clause is signed by the applicant. For all corporations, a certified copy of the vote of the Board of Directors must be provided.

*** Your social security number will be furnished to the Massachusetts Department of Revenue to determine whether you have met tax filing or tax payment obligations. Providers who fail to correct their non-filing or delinquency will not have a license or other agreement issued, renewed or extended. This request is made under the authority of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 62C, section 49A.