



Ministry of Housing and
Social Development

Liquor Control and
Licensing Branch

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To: Industry Associations

The Liquor Control and Licensing Branch is amending its fee schedule to ensure that the fees we charge better reflect the true cost of processing application and change requests, and of inspecting high volume establishments. The new fees take effect on April 1, 2010.

Per the attached schedule, some fees will go up, some will go down, and some will stay the same. Over half of licensees will see a reduction in their annual renewal fees and one-quarter of licensees will see no change.

Fee increases are primarily for liquor-primary licence applications, renewal fees for high-volume establishments, and changes to terms and conditions such as hours, structural changes and location. In addition, the branch has added a fee for events licensed under a special occasion licence where the general manager requires the event organizers to have one or more liquor inspectors in attendance. This is intended primarily for large scale public events and community festivals.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Jan Evans at 250 387-0505 or via email at Jan.L.Evans@gov.bc.ca.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karen Ayers".

Karen Ayers
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Liquor Control and Licensing Branch

Enclosure

Liquor Control and Licensing Branch Fee Schedule – Effective April 1, 2010

Special Occasion Licences			
Item	Current Fee	New Fee	Decrease / Increase
Private special occasion	25	25	Same
Public special occasion	100	100	Same
Request for exemptions such as pricing, etc.	N/A	100	Increase
Additional fee where general manager determines liquor inspector attendance at event is required	N/A	330 per inspector per day plus travel	Increase
Licence Application Fees			
Liquor-primary	1,100	2,200	Increase
Liquor-primary club	1,100	2,200	Increase
Food-primary	475	475	Same
Distiller	550	550	Same
Brewer	550	550	Same
Winery – no endorsement	550	550	Same
Winery – with special event endorsement	650	660	Increase
Winery – with lounge endorsement	880	880	Same
Winery – lounge & special event endorsements	990	990	Same
U-Brew and U-Vin	550	550	Same
Agent licence, if not also applying for a winery, brewery and distillery	100	220	Increase
Annual Licence Fees – for first year of licensing (applies to some licence types)			
Liquor-primary	1,100	2,200	Increase
Liquor-primary club	1,100	2,200	Increase
Food-primary	475	475	Same
Licensee retail store	1,200	1,200	Same

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Renewal Fees			
Item	Current Fee	New Fee	Decrease / Increase
Liquor-primary, liquor-primary club, food-primary and licensee retail store (renewal fees for second and subsequent years of licensing, based on liquor purchases):			
\$12,500 or less	275	250	Decrease
over \$12,500 up to \$20,000	550	500	Decrease
over \$20,000 up to \$45,000	825	825	Same
over \$45,000 up to \$100,000	1,100	1,100	Same
over \$100,000 up to \$500,000	1,200 – 1,400	1,400	Increase
over \$500,000 up to \$1,000,000	1,400	1,700	Increase
over \$1,000,000 up to \$2,000,000	1,400	2,000	Increase
over \$2,000,000	1,400	2,200	Increase
Distiller	1,100	1,100	Same
Brewer			
Per hectolitre of malt liquor shipped with a minimum fee of \$1,100	\$0.11/ hectolitre	\$0.12/ hectolitre	Increase
Winery – more than 135,000 litres			
No endorsements	1,100	1,100	Same
Special event	1,210	1,210	Same
Lounge	1,430	1,430	Same
Lounge and special event	1,540	1,540	Same
Winery – 135,000 litres or less			
No endorsements	550	550	Same
Special event	660	660	Same
Lounge	880	880	Same
Lounge and special event	990	990	Same
U-Brew and U-Vin	750	750	Same
Agent licence, if the person does not already have a winery, brewery or distillery licence	100	200	Increase

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Late Renewals			
Item	Current Fee	New Fee	Decrease / Increase
Renewal after expiry – except agent	200	200	Same
Renewal after expiry –agent	50	50	Same

Amendments to Licences			
Item	Current Fee	New Fee	Decrease / Increase
Temporary Changes			
Temporary change to a licence with no local government or First Nation involvement required	110	110	Same
Temporary change to a licence that requires local government or First Nation involvement	330	330	Same
Permanent Changes			
Permanent change to a licence with no local government or First Nation involvement	110	220	Increase
Permanent change to a licence that requires local government or First Nation involvement	330	330	Same
Winery endorsement			
Add special event (if another endorsement exists)	110	110	Same
Add winery lounge	330	330	Same
Add both special event and winery lounge	440	440	Same
Add special event (when winery lounge does not exist)	110	330	Increase
Change of location			
Liquor-primary change of location	1,000	2,000	Increase
Change of location of U-Brew/U-Vin	110	220	Increase
Change in location of a food primary, licensee retail store, or manufacturer	330	330	Same
Approval under section 14(6) – relates to relocation of a licensee retail store		440	N/A
Structural Changes	330	440	Increase

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Ownership			
Adding or changing director, officer, receiver, or executor	110	220	Increase
Changing name of person, establishment, licence or licensee	110	220	Increase
Adding or changing resident manager	110	220	Increase
Transferring ownership or adding a third party operator or manager	110	330	Increase
Internal transfer of shares	110	110	Same
External transfer of shares	330	330	Same
Sale or service from a golf kiosk or takeout window or golf cart	330	440	Increase

Miscellaneous			
Item	Current Fee	New Fee	Decrease / Increase
Training program	65	65	Same
Copy of validated floor plan or similar	30	30	Same
Grain alcohol permit		30	Increase
Request for adhoc report requiring programming		30 per hour	Increase
Rescheduled final inspection		200	Increase
Reproductions of pictures or blueprints		Actual time and materials	Increase
Off premises sales annual endorsement	100	100	Same