

Starting a business often involves obtaining several permits, licences, and approvals from different agencies. To help make the process easier, municipal, territorial, and regulatory partners have worked together to identify a recommended order for completing these requirements. While not every step will apply to every business, following this order can help ensure key requirements are addressed early and reduce the risk of delays later in the process.

Recommended permitting steps for a business:

1. **Businesses constructing new premises and planning to serve liquor once operational** – [Apply for a new Liquor Licence](#) respecting premises under construction. A provisional decision to grant a liquor licence can be sought from the Yukon Liquor Board up to two years in advance of the premises completion.
2. **Businesses with specific health-related requirements (e.g., food services, personal services, daycares, etc.)** – Consult [Yukon Government Health and Social Services](#) during the design stage to confirm any requirements that must be incorporated into the building plans.
3. **Businesses proposing a new use, a change of use, or a change in the intensity of use of a property** – Obtain a [Development Permit](#), where required.
4. **Businesses operating in Whitehorse** – Obtain a [Business License](#).
5. **Businesses constructing, renovating, or changing the use of a building** – Obtain a [Building Permit](#) and complete required inspections leading to occupancy.
6. **Businesses subject to public health regulations** – Complete a [Health Inspection](#) (if applicable).
7. **Businesses receiving customers at their place of business** – Complete a [Fire Inspection](#).
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