

HOW TO APPLY FOR A BUSINESS LICENSE



If you are operating any of the following businesses in the Langeberg municipal area, you must be in possession of a Business License, in terms of the Business Act, 1991 (Act 71 of 1991). The following formal and informal business needs to apply:

Formal Businesses

- Any business providing meals for on, or off the premises consumption (for example: hot dogs, hamburgers, sandwiches, wraps, breakfast and sit-down meals)
- Any business trading in perishable foodstuffs (for example: milk, meat, fish and fish products)
- Any facility providing Turkish baths, saunas, and health baths
- Any facility providing massages, or infra-red treatment
- Any business making the provision of escort services of males and/or females available
- Any business keeping 3, or more mechanical, electronic, or electrical devices for recreation or amusement (for example: slot machines, Pin Ball machines)
- Any business keeping of 3, or more snooker or billiard tables
- Any business operating a night club, or discotheque
- Any business operating a cinema, or theatre
- Any business conducting an adult premises in terms of Section 24 of the Films and Publications Act, 1996.

Informal Businesses

Any business selling foodstuffs in the form of meals, or perishable foodstuffs which is conveyed from place to place by vehicle, or from a movable structure (for example: a food truck or trailer, a temporary structure at an event, or a market, or from an approved informal trading area)

The following businesses are exempt from obtaining a business license:

- Business operated by the state or municipality (e.g.: municipal canteen)
- Business operated by a charitable, religious, educational, or cultural institution, agricultural organization, only if all the profits are solely devoted to the purposes of that organization (e.g., school tuck shop, church bazaar)

- The informal traders selling clothing, flowers, haberdashery, fruit and vegetables from an approved informal trading area.
- All other formal and informal businesses not mentioned above.

Before any formal business license can be considered, all businesses must:

- be conducted from an approved structure/building,
- comply with the Langeberg Municipal Zoning Scheme,
- comply with fire and health requirements, and
- in some cases, get SAPS approval.

Food premises will also need to obtain a Certificate of Acceptability from the Cape Winelands District Municipality. This is to ensure that the premises comply with health standards.

Enquiries can be made to Ms S Grootboom on 023 626 8305 or surene@capewinelands.gov.za

NB! Both formal and informal businesses trading with food and perishable foodstuffs MUST be in possession of both a Business License, and a Certificate of Acceptability.

Application Process

Obtain a Business license application form from Ms Thandeka Danti who can be contacted by email: tdanti@langeberg.gov.za, by phone: 023 626 8263, or at the office: Commando Building, 04 Church Street, Robertson.

The application form must be completed, and the applicable levy paid. The completed application and proof of payment must be submitted to Ms T Danti.

The application will be circulated for comments and if the premises are compliant, your Business License will be issued within 21 working days.

If there are any outstanding matters, the business license will only be issued once all issues have been addressed.