

# Licensing fee changes – Commercial Permittees

Changes are being made to the fees associated with commercial and special occasion liquor permits, charitable gaming licences, gaming registrations and horse racing licences.

The changes were outlined in March 2015 as part of the provincial government’s 2015-16 provincial budget. At the time, SLGA began development on a new online tool to standardize and simplify the licensing process. Now that the online tool is up and running the new fees will take effect Oct. 2.

Individuals and businesses are encouraged to use the new online system to get their licences and permits. Aside from being easy to use, a 20 per cent discount will be applied to online application fees.

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## **What is changing?**

SLGA’s licensing fees are changing, effective Oct. 2, 2017.

## **How are they changing?**

The different fee levels for commercial liquor permits have been condensed. Four different fee levels based on location (city, town, village, hamlet) have been condensed into three. Fees based on permit type (restaurant, tavern, special use, u-brew) or endorsement type (lounge, tavern, off sale, wine and approved beer off sale) have been standardized, resulting in all establishment types paying the same fee.

## **What impact will this have on my permit?**

The fee associated with commercial permits for restaurants, bars and special use facilities (such as curling clubs, golf courses, concert halls, etc.) have changed. The specific change depends on the type of permit and the location of your business.

If your business is located in a city:

<b>Fee type</b>	<b>Old fee</b>	<b>New fee</b>	<b>Fee after online discount</b>
Application (One-time)	\$200 to \$500	\$500	\$400
Permit (Annual)	\$200 to \$500	\$500	\$400
Endorsement – lounge, tavern, craft manufacturer’s off-site store (Annual)	\$100 to \$350	\$300	\$240
Endorsement – wine and approved beer off-sale, catering	\$50 to \$250	\$0	\$0
Interim/Provisional/Transfer (One-time)	\$50 to \$100	\$100	\$100

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If your business is located in a town:

<b>Fee type</b>	<b>Old fee</b>	<b>New fee</b>	<b>Fee after online discount</b>
Application (One-time)	\$200 to \$500	\$500	\$400
Permit (Annual)	\$150 to \$500	\$250	\$200
Endorsement – lounge, tavern, craft manufacturer's off-site store (Annual)	\$75 to \$250	\$150	\$120
Endorsement – wine and approved beer off-sale, catering	\$25 to \$100	\$0	\$0
Interim/Provisional/Transfer (One-time)	\$50 to \$100	\$100	\$100

If your business is located in any other type of community:

<b>Fee type</b>	<b>Old fee</b>	<b>New fee</b>	<b>Fee after online discount</b>
Application (One-time)	\$200 to \$500	\$500	\$400
Permit (Annual)	\$50 to \$500	\$150	\$120
Endorsement – lounge, tavern, craft manufacturer's off-site store (Annual)	\$25 to \$175	\$100	\$80
Endorsement – wine and approved beer off-sale, catering	\$10 to \$100	\$0	\$0
Interim/Provisional/Transfer (One-time)	\$50 to \$100	\$100	\$100

### ***How does the discount work?***

Effective Oct. 2, when you complete a permit application using the online system a 20 per cent discount will be applied.

### ***Why are these changes being made?***

The changes to SLGA's fee structure were part of the larger effort to create a more standardized and simplified licensing system. This included streamlining the system by condensing the number of licences and permits. As well, a new online tool was developed to give Saskatchewan residents a much easier way to apply for and receive licences and permits online.

### ***When did SLGA last change the fees?***

Many of SLGA's licensing fees have not changed during the past 20 to 30 years. Due to inflation, the overall costs associated with administering permits and licences has increased. The fee increases will allow SLGA to recover a greater amount of the actual costs associated with licensing and regulation.

### ***How do I access the online system and get an account?***

To apply for your licence go to SLGA's website at [www.slga.com](http://www.slga.com). You can [sign in](#) or [create an account](#) (it only takes a few minutes).

### ***Who can I contact if I have any questions?***

If you have any questions about the new commercial permit fee structure, please contact the Licensing Branch at [LiquorLicensing@slga.gov.sk.ca](mailto:LiquorLicensing@slga.gov.sk.ca) or call (306)787-5563 and ask to speak to a Licensing Specialist.