



HOME BASED BUSINESS

Home based business is big business in Maple Ridge. In fact, there are almost 1,500 licenced home based businesses operating in Maple Ridge—that’s nearly one-third of all business licences issued by the City.

Home based businesses provide a number of benefits to our community. They provide local jobs, support other local businesses, and provide their owners with greater flexibility to participate in the community.

The City balances its support of home based businesses with the needs of all of its residents. It’s important to remember that home based businesses operate in residential neighbourhoods and must clearly be secondary to the primary residential use. Every business that operates in Maple Ridge, including a home based business, is required to have a current business licence.

Benefits of having a Home Based Business Licence

- Includes no-cost listing in the City’s on-line business directory, increasing your exposure
- Provides additional legitimacy for your business with CRA, banks and suppliers
- Shows that you have met the City’s business licencing requirements
- Licencing data helps the City plan economic development strategies to support all businesses
- Provides access to City resources to help your business grow



Home Based Business Licences

2015	2016	
1,472 licences	1,499 licences	+1.8%

Top Five Categories in 2016

Contractors	393
Home and Industry Services	143
Certified Contractors	127
Business Services	90
Community Care Education and Instruction	72

Home Based Business FAQs

What is a home based business?

In Maple Ridge, any business that is conducted from a residence is considered a home based business.

How much does a Home Based Business Licence cost?

A Home Based Business Licence only costs \$110 for a calendar year.

How long does it take to get a Home Based Business Licence?

Most Home Based Business Licences are issued within three days after a completed home visit by a City employee. Staff will only look at the portion of your home where the business operates. This typically takes less than 15 minutes.

Appointments are available Monday through Saturday.

I work from home. Do I need a business licence?

More and more companies are allowing their employees to work from home. If you're considered an employee (i.e. you work for a company that remits your payroll taxes) then you do not require a Home Based Business Licence.

How do I get more information?

We encourage you to discuss the specifics of your business with City staff. Please call us at 604-467-7440 or send an email to licencesandbylaws@mapleridge.ca.

