

The District of Sooke in partnership with other municipalities on Vancouver Island, along with the Ministry of Jobs, Trade and Technology, have developed a new business licence process to allow businesses to work their trade, in various communities that participate.

The 'Inter-Community Business Licence' will reduce time and costs to business owners who would normally have to apply for multiple business licences in order to operate in those communities.



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VANCOUVER ISLAND INTERCOMMUNITY BUSINESS LICENCE

Why buy **several** different
non-resident
business licences?

Introducing a
 new
**Inter-Community
 Business Licence**
 for
Vancouver Island
 participating municipalities.

MULTIPLE BUSINESS LICENCING 101

VANCOUVER ISLAND

Under the Vancouver Island Inter-Community Business Licence (ICBL) agreement, an eligible non-resident business or a business that does not have a permanent business location in any of the participating municipalities, may obtain an Inter-Community Business Licence.

If a mobile business does have store fronts in one or more communities, they must first purchase a standard municipal business licence in each of those municipalities before applying for an ICBL.

COST:

\$170.00

(plus individual

resident business licence(s),

if required)

Therefore, each mobile business owner has the option to purchase the additional ICBL to perform trades or services in ANY or ALL of the Vancouver Island participating municipalities (refer to list on the back of this brochure). Note: some municipalities may not have adopted the ICBL Bylaw yet; contact your local municipal office.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Does the Inter-Community Business Licence replace the Inter-municipal Business Licence?

No, the ICBL is in addition to the Intermunicipal Business Licence that encompasses the Greater Victoria area.

Is the ICBL fee the only fee that is required?

If the mobile business does not operate from a premise or store front, only the ICBL fee is required. If the business uses property to store equipment or product, the owner will be required to purchase an additional business licence from the municipality with which they are based.

Are there any restrictions?

Some business types are excluded for the purposes of application for an ICBL.

In addition, businesses must comply with all other regulations and bylaws of the participating municipality in which they are conducting business.

Contact your local Business Licencing Office for more information:

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GREATER VICTORIA

The Greater Victoria Inter-municipal Business Licence, which currently costs **\$100**, will remain as an option for those mobile businesses that prefer to operate in the following lower island municipalities only:

- Central Saanich
- Colwood
- Esquimalt
- Highlands
- Langford
- Saanich
- Metchosin
- North Saanich
- Oak Bay
- Sidney
- Sooke
- Victoria
- View Royal

These licences should be purchased from the municipality in which the mobile business is based.

