

What is BizPaL?

BizPaL is a web-based service that allows business clients to easily generate a customized list of the permits and licences they may require from all levels of government— federal, provincial, and municipal.

How does it work?

Step 1

- Identify the location and type of business you are opening or currently operating.

Step 2

- Answer the series of questions provided by BizPaL for your business sector; for example, if a restaurant, will you be serving alcohol: yes or no?

Step 3

- You're done! Confirm your answers and BizPaL will automatically produce a customized list of potential business permit and licence information based on the information you provided.

Is information available for all business sectors?

Currently, you can access information for about 250 business sectors. This number will increase as new municipalities and business sectors are added to the program over the next 18 months.

Is there a cost to use this service?

No.

Do I have to be a member of a group or sign up for anything to use the system?

No. The system is available for anyone to use.

Will I get a list of ALL the permits and licences I'll need?

The system generates your list depending on your responses to the questions. The more accurately you answer the questions, the more accurately BizPaL can produce the forms and permit information.

Will BizPaL supply the applications I'll need?

After you answer the targeted questions, BizPaL will provide either;

- a link to an on-line application
- a downloadable version of the application
- contact information where you can get additional information.

Is BizPaL available to all Nova Scotians?

BizPaL is offered in a number of provinces and municipalities across the country. Halifax Regional Municipality and New Glasgow are the first Atlantic Canadian municipalities to implement the service. Over the next 18 months BizPaL will be expanded across the province.

My business is already running, what can BizPaL offer me?

BizPaL can help you quickly identify any new permits and licences that may be required.

How much is it costing the province to offer this service?

- The cost to implement BizPaL across the province, including developing the website and incorporating the NS municipalities into the program, is in the range of \$64,000.
- The annual cost to operate this service is estimated to be \$36,000.
- There is no cost to municipalities.

