

Alberta SouthWest

★ 23 years of regional collaboration... ★
helping each other succeed!

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is the purpose of the Regional License?

The intent of the Regional Business License Program is to support our LOCAL businesses and keep services in our region.

2. Does my business qualify?

Businesses must first have a valid regular annual business license for each storefront or physical presence located within the participating AlbertaSW communities.

3. How do I purchase a Regional License?

When you purchase your annual business license from a participating AlbertaSW home community you pay an additional \$80.00 to receive a Regional License.

4. How does the program lower business costs?

The Regional Business License is an 'add-on' that authorizes you to conduct business in participating communities and saves you the expense of purchasing several 'out-of-town' business licenses.

5. My business rents space in a neighbouring community each weekend to sell products- does a Regional Business License cover me for **all** required licenses and permits?

No. In addition, you may also need to purchase a development permit for the community you sell in on the weekends. Depending on what you are selling, there may be other required permits.

6. I am a hairdresser and rent a chair in the neighboring community on Wednesdays- does my Regional Business License cover me for **all** required licenses and permits?

Not all. You would possibly be required to purchase a development permit, or corresponding authorization, for the community you work in on Wednesdays.

RBL Partner Communities

Cardston

Cardston County

Claresholm

Cowley

Crowsnest Pass

Fort Macleod

Glenwood

Hill Spring

Nanton

* MD Pincher Creek

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* MD Ranchland

Stavely

MD Willow Creek

** These municipalities recognize the Regional Business Licenses but do not sell them.*

Note: Waterton Park is regulated by Parks Canada and therefore not covered in this program.

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REGIONAL BUSINESS LICENSE

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Over 300 businesses purchase the Regional Business License.

They include the following types of products and services:

*Roofing Contractors
General Contractors
Computer Technical Services
Real Estate Professionals
Trucking Companies
Excavating Companies
Woodworking & Carpentry
Signage
Auction Services
Electricians
Plumbing and Heating
Catering Companies
Oilfield Services
Welding
Flooring and Kitchen
Towing
Chimney Cleaning
Accounting Firms
Legal Firms
Veterinary Services
Wellness Practitioners
Windows and Doors
Fencing
Painting ... and more!*



Important Notes

The Regional Business License agreement between partner municipalities applies only to business license fees and does not preclude costs associated with development permits or other regulations and requirements in the community you are visiting.

Please take your Regional Business License (or a copy) with you when you are in the other communities, in the event you are asked to provide proof that you have a valid Regional License.

Thank you for your support!

The Regional Business License Program is an award-winning partnership that is now in its 23rd successful year.

The Alberta SouthWest Regional Economic Development Alliance (AlbertaSW REDA) is a partnership that enables the communities to combine resources to support business development and attract new residents and investment.

The Regional Business License fees support collaborative regional projects.

For photos, videos and more information about the communities and the region, please visit

www.albertasouthwest.com