

Commercial Vehicle Licensing & Loading Privileges

Do you qualify as a Commercial Vehicle?

For a vehicle to be licensed as a Commercial Vehicle all of the following conditions must be met:

1. The vehicle must be used for the collection or delivery of goods, wares, merchandise or other commodities in the ordinary course of business. Vehicles used by businesses that are administrative or sales-oriented and are carrying paperwork or samples to customers or clients are NOT eligible, but can use regular loading zones, and available on-street and off-street parking.
2. The vehicle must be insured for commercial/business use

Permits and Decals required

The vehicle must display a permanently affixed BC Provincial “Municipal Decal” AND have either:

- a. Permanent business identification with business name and address on both sides of the vehicle. Business identification must be in letters and figures not less than 5 cm. high.

OR

- b. A City of Vancouver “Commercial Permit Plate”. In this case no vehicle signage is required.

Parking/Loading Privileges



As per the Street & Traffic By-law and Parking Meter By-law, a vehicle recognized by the City of Vancouver as having commercial status receives the following loading privileges:

1. May stop in commercial load zones and commercial lanes ([see note](#)) for up to and not exceeding 30 minutes while actively loading or unloading materials and commodities.
2. May stop in passenger zones for up to 30 minutes (until noon only) while actively loading or unloading materials and commodities.
3. May use a metered space without charge on any day up to 10:30 AM (excluding 7:00-9:30 AM rush hour zones).

Note: In Commercial lanes, all vehicles must obey No Stopping and No Parking signs and must not violate by-laws not requiring signs (e.g. blocking a garage entrance, leaving less than 3 metres clearance) at any time.

All lanes that abut commercial property (e.g. stores, hotels, restaurants, parking lots) are classified as commercial. The only vehicles allowed to stop in these laneways are properly licensed commercial vehicles that are required to be actively loading and unloading materials and commodities. In busy business areas many of the lane entrances have warning signs, but under the by-law **signing is not required**.

Note: Plates and decals are valid throughout participating municipalities and expire December 31st.

For further information, please contact the City at 3-1-1 or visit the Engineering Services website at vancouver.ca/engineering.

Additional Information regarding Commercial Vehicle Licensing & Loading Privileges

Where can you purchase a Commercial Decal and/or Permit?

Commercial Decals and/or Permits can be purchased at the Licensing Department located on the East Wing 2nd Floor of City Hall Monday - Friday 8:30 am - 4:30 pm. Current ICBC Vehicle Registration/Insurance documents stating "Commercial" or "Business Use" will be required upon application.

Note: If you are applying for Commercial Decals and/or Permits for more than 5 vehicles, please complete a Commercial Vehicle Fleet Form (available under the Commercial Vehicle section of the Licence Office home page at vancouver.ca). Please submit with photocopies of current ICBC Vehicle Registration/Insurance documents stating "Commercial" or "Business Use" in person or by faxing to 604.871.6394. Please allow approximately 1 week for processing.

Fees

The fee for a Municipal Decal is as follows:

Gross Vehicle Weight	Fee
Up to 2,800 kilograms.....	\$25.00
2,801 to 11,800 kilograms.....	\$30.00
11,801 to 20,000 kilograms.....	\$35.00
20,001 kilograms and over.....	\$40.00
Transfers and Replacement of Municipal Decals.....	\$ 6.25

The fee for a Commercial Permit (&Plate) (required for vehicles without permanent commercial signage) is as follows:

Commercial Permit (&Plate)	\$ 200.00 + HST
Transfers and Replacement of Commercial Plate	\$ 10.20 + HST

By-laws related to Commercial Vehicle Licensing & Loading Privileges

Please refer to the following By-laws for more information related to Commercial Vehicle Licensing & Loading Privileges:

- 1) Street & Traffic By-law No. 2849
- 2) Parking Meter By-law No. 2952
- 3) Vehicle Licensing By-Law No. 4021

Participating Municipalities

Municipal Decals are valid throughout participating municipalities within British Columbia. For a list of Program Members, please visit the Member Services-Commercial Vehicle Licensing page at www.civicnet.bc.ca.