

Horse Riding Establishment Online Application Requirements

** A new online process for business licensing applications and renewals has been implemented. The online application process and form is available on the City website <https://www.brampton.ca/EN/Business/Licensing/Pages/Stationary-Licence-Requirements.aspx> Requests for licences and renewals will only be accepted through the online application process.**



Requirements for obtaining the above licence

- 1. **Licence Application Form**
Business and Owner information to be entered online.
 - 2. **Zoning Approval** - application will be forwarded to our zoning division for review of Location of the business. Please provide complete address of business.
 - 3. **Certificate of Insurance**
The insurance form must be completed and signed by your insurer. It is the business owner's responsibility to upload the insurance form on online application.
 - 4. **Business Name Registration and Articles of Incorporation**
(business name registration is required when a business is operating as a different name from the corporation, unless the business is a franchise)
 - 5. **Fee – \$163.00** ** Once your application is reviewed, a link to the payment option will be sent to the email provided on your application.
- **Expiry Date – May 31st of every year**

Once your application has been reviewed and approved your payment will be processed and your licence will be mailed out.

**SCHEDULE 13 TO THE STATIONARY BUSINESS LICENSING BY-LAW
RELATING TO**

HORSE RIDING ESTABLISHMENTS

1. In this Schedule:

"Assistant Instructor" means an Individual who:

- (a) Is at least 16 years old;
- (b) Has at least 3 consecutive years of experience riding or training horses in the immediate preceding 5 years; and

(c) Is directly supervised by an Instructor;

"Assistant Trail Guide" means an Individual who:

- (a) Is at least 16 years old; and

(b) Has at least 3 consecutive years of riding experience and working with horses at a horse riding establishment, where trail riding is provided, in the preceding 7 years;

"Drug" means a substance as listed in Schedules I, II, III, IV and V of the *Controlled Drugs and Substances Act*, S.C. 1996, c. 19, as may be amended from time to time;

"Horse" means any animal of the equine species;

"Horse Riding Establishment" means the carrying on of a business in the equine industry and is further divided into the following disciplines:

"Instructional Riding Establishment" means:

- (a) The carrying on of a business where horses are let out for hire and where instruction for payment is provided, either at a permanent or temporary location; or
- (b) The carrying on of a business where instruction is provided in Horse riding where the Horse is owned and boarded or part boarded or brought in by the day.

"Instructor" means an Individual who:

- (a) Is at least 18 years old and has had at least 5 consecutive years of experience in riding or training horses during the immediately preceding 7 years; or

(b) Is at least 18 years old and has been certified by the Canadian Equestrian Federation, Ontario Equestrian Federation, Canadian Therapeutic Riding Association, Certified Horseman's Association or Institution or has been a member of the Canadian Equestrian Team.

"Trail Guide" means a person who is at least 18 years old and has at least 3 consecutive years of experience assisting or leading trail riders in the immediately preceding 5 years.

"Trail Riding Establishments" means the carrying on of a business where Horses are let out for hire for recreational riding for payment, either at a permanent or temporary location.

Regulations Applying to Both Instructional and Trail Riding

2. No Licensee of a Horse Riding Establishment shall:

- (a) Permit a person to mount, ride or remain on a Horse unless that person is at all times wearing a designated riding helmet that is properly fitted and fastened securely upon the rider's head by an attached harness;
- (b) Permit a person to mount, ride or remain on a Horse unless that person is wearing properly fitting, hard and smooth soled footwear with a minimum half inch heel or proper riding footwear with a minimum half inch heel;
- (c) Conduct trail riding with less than 1 Trail Guide for the first 6 persons and an Assistant Trail Guide for every additional group of 6 or less;
- (d) Conduct trail riding unless a Trail Guide or Assistant Trail Guide is carrying, at all times, a two-way communication device where the signal will be received by another lead trail guide or Assistant Trail Guide who is not on the same trail ride;
- (e) Permit more than one person to ride a Horse at the same time, except for disabled riders with special needs within a designated controlled environment;
- (f) Rent a Horse unless that horse is known to be safe, sound and schooled for the purposes intended and appropriately suited to the rider's size and ability;
- (g) Rent a lame, sick or blind Horse;
- (h) Rent a Horse unless the horse is a minimum of 5 years of age and the horse has 1 year of schooling;
- (i) Permit any person with less than 52 hours of riding experience to mount or dismount a Horse for the purpose of trail riding unless that horse is held at the bridle by an employee or volunteer of the person carrying on the business and who is supervised by a Trail Guide;
- (j) Rent a Horse to a person who is taking, consuming, possessing or is, or appears to be, intoxicated by alcohol or a Drug on any premises used for the carrying on of the business of a Horse Riding Establishment where trail riding is provided or
- (k) In the performance of duties at a Horse Riding Establishment, take, consume, possess or be intoxicated by alcohol or a Drug.

3. Prior to beginning riding instruction or leading a trail ride, the Instructor or Assistant Instructor, Trail Guide or Assistant Trail Guide assigned, as the case may be, shall examine the condition and fit of all equipment to be used by each rider to ensure that it is clean, supple, well-fitting, secure and fully functional.

4. The Licensee of a Horse Riding Establishment shall:

- (a) Ensure a qualified first aid provider with current certification in first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation is available whenever riding lessons or trail rides are being conducted;
- (b) Maintain a fully stocked first aid kit on the premises;

- (c) Ensure that all the medical records of all Horses for hire are available on the Premises, including a pictorial description of the horse;
- (d) Ensure that the Premises, or any portion of the Premises, ordinarily used for the riding of Horses is clear of all ground and overhanging obstructions; and
- (e) Where any obstructions in subsection 4(d) cannot be cleared, the Licensee shall barrier these obstructions such that Horses and riders will not come into contact with them.
5. "Release and Acknowledgment" forms shall be signed by all participants. Those participants under the age of 18 must have such forms signed by a parent or legal guardian.
6. Fire precautions and emergency evacuation procedures shall be posted and understood by staff in the event of an emergency.
7. Hazardous material or equipment of any kind shall be stored out of reach of Horses, riders and the general public.
8. A Licensee shall provide potable safe water to the users of a Horse Riding Establishment premises.
9. Accident forms shall be available at the facility and shall be completed by the Instructor or Trail Guide and any witnesses immediately after an accident has occurred.
10. Section 2(b) of this Schedule shall not apply where a rider has been provided with proper functioning and appropriately sized hooded stirrups, safety stirrups which are designed to prevent a rider's foot from passing through or becoming wedged in the stirrup or stirrups which are designed to break-away when a rider falls from the Horse.
11. For the purposes of an inspection under Part XVII of the By-law, an Inspector shall include a City of Brampton Animal Control Officer.
12. Every Horse Riding Establishment licensed under this By-law shall carry on the business in accordance with the provisions of the *Horse Riding Safety Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, c.4, as amended.

Instructional Riding

13. For the purpose of dressage or precision riding performed as part of a special event where ceremonial dress is worn by all riders, the requirements of Section 2(b) will not apply.
14. (1) No Person or Individual licensed under this Schedule where instructional riding is provided, shall instruct a person to ride a Horse unless:
- (a) the Horse is at least 3 years of age;
 - (b) the Horse has 1 year of schooling; and
 - (c) Horses between 3 years of age and 6 years of age have proof of an annual dental inspection by an equine dentist or veterinarian;
- (2) Section 14(1) does not apply to a Horse owned by a person receiving instructions.
15. An Assistant Instructor shall be permitted to assist in the instruction of persons in the riding of horses at a Horse Riding Establishment.
16. The Licensee of a Horse Riding Establishment where instructional riding is provided shall erect on the Premises in a location clearly visible to all patrons, a sign to be created and erected at the expense of the Licensee, with lettering a minimum of a 1/2 inch in height in the form prescribed in Appendix 1 to this Schedule.

Trail Riding

17. Despite any other provision in this Schedule, a Person or Individual who carries on the business of a Horse Riding Establishment where trail riding is provided, may rent to a person who is at least 6 years old, to lead line ride a Horse where the horse is led by a person on foot who is deemed capable by the Licensee, and where the person is under the age of 6 years, the lead line rider must be led by a person deemed capable by the Licensee and accompanied by another person.
18. Prior to conducting or leading a trail ride, the Trail Guide or Assistant Trail Guide assigned to the ride, as the case may be, shall provide basic information on the handling of a horse and the basics of riding a Horse to every person who is taking part in the trail ride.
19. The Licensee of a Horse Riding Establishment where trail riding is provided, shall erect on the Premises in a location clearly visible to all patrons, a sign to be created and erected at the expense of the Licensee, with letters a minimum of 1/2 inch in height in the form prescribed in Appendix 2 to this Schedule.
20. Every guide must have functional two-way communication with the stable through the use of walkie talkies or cell phones, or any other similar device that would allow for two-way communication with the stable. Riders cannot ride without being accompanied by a guide.

APPENDIX 1 TO SCHEDULE 13 TO THE STATIONARY BUSINESS LICENSING BY-LAW

SIGN TO BE POSTED ON LICENSED PREMISES OF A HORSE RIDING ESTABLISHMENT WHERE INSTRUCTIONAL RIDING IS PROVIDED

The following regulations are set out in the City of Brampton Business Licensing By-law - Schedule 15 - Horse Riding Establishments. Patrons should be made aware that even with the requirement of safety equipment, horse riding has inherent risks that may result in serious injury or death.

- 1) Approved riding helmets to be worn by all persons under the age of 18 and strongly recommended for persons over the age of 18.
- 2) Hard and smooth soled shoes with a defined heel must be worn by all riders unless using hooded, safety or break-away stirrups.
- 3) Patrons must disclose any medical problem or condition that may cause risk during riding instructions, to the instructor.

APPENDIX 2 TO SCHEDULE 13 TO THE STATIONARY BUSINESS LICENSING BY-LAW

SIGN TO BE POSTED ON LICENSED PREMISES OF A HORSE RIDING ESTABLISHMENT WHERE TRAIL RIDING IS PROVIDED

The following regulations are set out in the City of Brampton Business Licensing By-law - Schedule 15 - Horse Riding Establishments. Patrons should be made aware that even with the requirement of safety equipment, horse riding has inherent risks that may result in serious injury or death.

- 1) Maximum 6 riders per leader.
- 2) Minimum age for trail riding is 10 years.
- 3) Lead line riding is permitted for children under the age of 10.
- 4) Approved riding helmets to be worn by all persons under the age of 18 and is strongly recommended for persons over the age of 18.
- 5) Hard and smooth soled shoes with a minimum half inch heel must be worn by all riders unless using hooded, safety or break-away stirrups.
- 6) Inexperienced riders must identify themselves to a trail guide.
- 7) Patrons must disclose any medical issue or condition that may cause risk during the trail ride, to the trail guide

