

Business License Tax

FAQ's

Q. Do all businesses in Amherst County need a Business License?

A. All businesses located in Amherst County are required to obtain a Business License. The license tax is based on gross receipts.

Q. What are the rates?

A. If gross receipts are under \$50,000, you pay a \$10.00 license tax. If the amount of gross receipts is over \$50,000 see the rates listed below:

Contractors - \$.13 per \$100 gross receipts

Repair Personal, Business and other services - \$.31 per \$100 gross receipts

Real Estate Brokers, Financial, and Professional services - \$.50 per \$100 gross receipts

Wholesalers - \$.05 per \$100 gross receipts

Gasoline & Fuel Retailers - \$.08 per 100 gross receipts

Retailers (including Auto Dealers) - \$.20 per \$100 gross receipts

Public Utility Companies - \$.50 per \$100 gross receipts

Itinerant Merchants, Auto Graveyards and Carnivals - \$200 for 30 days or \$500 per year

Peddlers - \$50 per year

Door-to-Door Salesman - \$20 per year for each individual

Q. This is my first license. What do I pay since I have no previous gross receipts?

A. Businesses that are obtaining a Business License for the first time will estimate their gross receipts for the year.

Q. This is my second license. How do I calculate what I need to pay?

A. All businesses that have operated previously and are renewing their license will need to provide proof of gross receipts as shown on a 1040 Schedule C or a Corporate income tax return.

Q. How do I obtain a Business License in Amherst County?

A. If you plan to use an assumed name (any name other than your own) you must first register the name with the State Corporation Commission. Go online at scc.virginia.gov or call (434) 371-9141. Obtain a zoning permit from the Office of Planning and Zoning. The office phone number is (434) 946-9303. Submit an application and pay the applicable license tax with the Commissioner of the Revenue's Office. Applicants must appear in person with proper identification. If you have any questions please call (434) 946-9310.