

To find out where Home Businesses are permitted, please contact the Yellowhead County Planning Department.

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# Home Businesses

**DEVELOPMENT GUIDE**

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## What is a Home Business?

Home Businesses in Yellowhead County are classified into one of four (4) categories depending on number of employees, floor space, uses, and activities. The categories are:

### Home Business Small

- Means the accessory use of a residential building for a business use where the business occurs entirely within the principal building or accessory building
- Examples include: vehicle repair, mobile or off-site services, artist studios, and nail salons

### Home Business Medium

- Means the accessory use of a residential building for a business use where the business occurs entirely within the principal building, accessory building, or outdoors
- Examples include: oilfield construction and servicing, trucking companies, and portable sawmills

### Home Business Large

- Means the accessory use of a residential building for a business use where the business occurs entirely within the principal building, accessory building, or outdoors
- Examples include: larger and more intense, industry-orientated services and supply businesses

### Rural Business

- Means a small-scale business use which may occur without the presence of a principal residence on-site
- Business use occurs entirely within a building

*Note:* A Home Business in any category may require landscaping, screening, and/or buffering at the discretion of the Development Authority.



### A complete application includes:



A completed Development Permit application form



A Business Operation Plan noting employees, vehicles, and hours



\$200.00 Home Business Application Fee



A Floor Plan of the business location, including dimensions

## Applying for a Development Permit

Development Permit Application Forms can be found on the Yellowhead County website at [www.yhcounty.ca/planning-guides](http://www.yhcounty.ca/planning-guides)

Forms can also be picked up at:

Yellowhead County Administration Building  
2716 - 1 Avenue  
Edson, Alberta  
T7E 1N9

## Permit Exemptions

The Home Business will be considered exempt from the issuance of a Development Permit if the Home Business meets all requirements as follows:

- Has two (2) or less employees who do not live on site; *and*
- Is entirely contained within the principal building; *and*
- Does not generate traffic that is uncharacteristic to the area; *and*
- Does not include a use that is noxious, or which creates significant noise, vibration, smoke, dust or odours; *and*
- Does not include outdoor storage

A Home Business will also be considered exempt if the business is located in the Rural District and is classified by the Development Authority as Home Business Small

The County uses Development Permits instead of Business Licenses. A Development Permit is only needed once, unless the business expands, changes or ceases operations for an extended period and then starts up again.

