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Common Licenses & Permits Needed For Fundraisers

If you're planning a fundraiser in Ontario, certain licenses or permits may be required depending on the event type. If your fundraiser is outside Ontario and you need help determining the necessary licenses/permits, please email us at marketing@hopespring.ca for assistance.

Below is a list of common permits and licenses required for fundraising activities:

Gaming & Lottery Licenses (For raffles, 50/50 draws, bingo, and other games of chance)

- **Raffle License** – Required if you are holding a raffle or 50/50 draw. Apply through the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) or your local municipality.
- **Bingo License** – Needed for charity bingo events. Apply through AGCO or the local municipality.
- **Monte Carlo Event License** – If hosting a casino-style event (e.g., blackjack or poker for fundraising).

Apply through: [AGCO - Charitable Gaming](#)

Liquor Licenses (For events serving alcohol)

- **Special Occasion Permit (SOP)** – Required to serve alcohol at fundraising events. Apply through the Liquor Control Board of Ontario (LCBO).
- **Catering Endorsement** – If partnering with a licensed caterer, they may need an endorsement to serve alcohol at your event.

Apply through: [AGCO - Special Occasion Permits](#)

Food Handling & Public Health Permits (For events serving or selling food)

- **Temporary Food Service Permit** – Required for events selling or serving food to the public. Apply through your local public health unit.
- **Food Handler Certification** – At least one certified food handler is required when preparing and serving food at public events.

Apply through: Your local Public Health Unit – [Ontario Public Health Units Directory](#)

Noise & Outdoor Event Permits (For large or outdoor events)

- **Noise Bylaw Exemption Permit** – If your event includes loud music or announcements, check with your local municipality for noise bylaw restrictions.
- **Park or Public Space Permit** – Required if hosting a fundraiser in a public park or space.

Apply through: Your local municipal office

Street & Vendor Permits (For selling goods, hosting markets, or using public spaces)

- **Vendor Permit** – If selling goods or food at an event, vendors may need a license from the municipality.
- **Street Closure Permit** – Required if your event involves closing a road or sidewalk.
- **Signage Permit** – If putting up banners, signs, or posters in public spaces.

Apply through: Your local city/town office



Film & Photography Permits (For events involving professional recording in public spaces)

- **Film Permit** – Needed for professional filming or photography in public places.

Apply through: Your local municipal film office

Final Tips

- Always check with your local municipality for specific rules, as regulations may vary.
- If your fundraiser involves multiple activities (e.g., food, alcohol, and raffles), you may need multiple permits.
- Start the application process early—some permits take several weeks (potentially even months) to approve.