



2021

COUNTY OF FAIRFAX
BUSINESS, PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL LICENSE APPLICATION
DEPARTMENT OF TAX ADMINISTRATION

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- 1. Company/Owner Name: Last Name First Name Middle Initial
2. Sole Proprietor Partnership Corporation LLC Other
3. Trade Name/DBA:
4. Federal ID/SSN:
5. Date Business Began in Fairfax County:
6. Current Business Location:
7. Mailing Address (if different from location):

- 8. Number of Employees at This Location:
9. Business Contact: Phone Number: Fax Number: E-mail: Website:
10. If Business Operates from Leased Premises: (a) Annual Rent Paid: \$ (b) Name/Address/Phone Number of Owner of Premises:

In completing Boxes 1 through 4 below, all businesses except wholesale merchants must report gross receipts. Wholesale merchants may report gross purchases in lieu of receipts, if available.

Table with 4 rows: BOX 1 Total 2020 Calendar Year Gross Receipts \$; BOX 2 Exclusions (See Instructions; Attach Exclusion form and required documentation). \$; BOX 3 Adjusted 2020 Gross Receipts (Box 1 less Box 2) \$; BOX 4 If business began after 1-1-20, report gross receipts estimate for 2021 (after allowable exclusions) \$

Declaration: I declare that the statements and figures herein given are true, full, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Print Name/Title:

Signature: Date:

E-mail:

- 11. Provide a detailed description of business activity conducted in Fairfax County:
12. NAICS Code:
13. Contractors, Builders & Developers, Architects and Engineers: State License # Expiration Date: VA Workers Comp #
14. Required For Retail Merchants Only: Sales Tax Locality Code: Sales & Use Tax Account #

OFFICE USE ONLY
Account Number Ordinance NAICS
Reviewed by Date Received

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY AND SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR INSTRUCTIONS.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Enter owner name of business; if incorporated, give corporate name.
2. Please check appropriate box to determine business ownership type.
3. Enter trade name of business (doing business as). If doing business in a name other than what is on line 1, this name must be registered with the Clerk of the Court of Fairfax County.
4. **IMPORTANT:** List federal I.D. number. If a business does not have a federal I.D. number, list Social Security number (Required for IRS reporting).
5. Enter date business began or moved into Fairfax County.
6. Enter business location in Fairfax County.
7. Enter mailing address (if different from location). This is where correspondence and tax bills will be sent.
8. Enter number of persons employed only at the location listed on this application.
9. Enter name, telephone number, and e-mail address of person to contact if additional information is needed.
- 10(a). Business operating from leased premises **ONLY:** List annual rent paid.
- 10(b). Business operating from leased premises **ONLY:** List name and address of owners of premises.
11. Describe the principal type of business such as consultant, attorney, shoe store, beauty salon, towing service, etc. Define in detail all business activities in which the company engages in Fairfax County. It may be necessary to obtain more than one license if you engage in more than one activity. Attach additional information if necessary.
12. Please input the NAICS Code as reported on the Federal or State Tax return. The North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) is the standard now used by Federal Statistical Agencies to classify businesses according to the primary business activity of the business.
13. Contractors information.
14. Retail merchants information: Enter Sales Tax Locality Code and Sales & Use Tax Account Number.

CALCULATIONS

BOXES 1 THROUGH 4: For all classifications

- Box 1 Enter Actual calendar year gross receipts for 2020. (Wholesalers enter Gross Purchases for 2020)
- Box 2 Enter **ONLY** allowed exclusions as defined in the Code of Virginia and the Fairfax County BPOL Ordinance. A complete listing of exclusions can be obtained at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/taxes or by requesting an Exclusion Brochure and Worksheet. Anyone claiming an exclusion must attach a 2021 BPOL Exclusion Worksheet (Form 8TA-EX) and provide the supporting documentation required. **Failure to provide required documentation may result in the denial of the exclusion.**
Expenses are not an allowable exclusion for most businesses.
- Box 3 Enter the difference between Box 1 and Box 2. These are your taxable gross receipts.
- Box 4 If business began after Jan 1, 2020, enter an estimate of gross receipts for 2021.

FILING AND PAYMENT DUE DATE

BPOL tax filing and payments are due and payable on or before March 1 of each year or within 75 days of the business beginning in Fairfax County.

APPEALS

The Virginia General Assembly has instituted provisions that provide taxpayers with an option for problem resolution, without incurring the time and expense associated with legal proceedings. Any person or business assessed a business, professional and occupational license (BPOL), machinery and tools or business tangible property tax may seek a review of their assessment. To be entitled to these provisions, you must first file an appeal in accordance with the process outlined on our website at <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/taxes/forms> under Local Business Tax Appeals Information.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- ◆ Gross receipts should be reported on a calendar year basis and use the same method of accounting that is used for federal tax purposes.
- ◆ “Gross receipts” means the whole, entire, total gross receipts, without any deductions.
- ◆ “Gross Purchases” means all goods, wares and merchandise received for sale at each definite place of business of a wholesale merchant.
- ◆ Section 4-7.2-3(C) and Section 4-7.2-7(B) of the Fairfax County Code provide, if either the filing or payment date falls on Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday then any return due to be filed or tax due to be paid may be filed and payment made without penalty or interest on the next business day.
- ◆ A copy of the Fairfax County BPOL Ordinance, can be obtained by visiting our website: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/taxes or by calling 703-222-8234 option 4, TTY: 711.
- ◆ Owners or managers of leased residences, apartments, commercial property, or industrial facilities located in Fairfax County must attach a separate listing of buildings or projects owned or managed and include the location of the property and the annual rent by each location.
- ◆ All receipts from the sale, lease or rental of real estate developed by its owner are licensable under Section 4-7.2-21 of the Fairfax County Code. Real estate purchased and subsequently rented by its owner is licensable under Section 4-7.2-27.
- ◆ Real estate agents are not licensed separately. All commissions from the sale, lease or rental of real estate are to be reported by the broker in accordance with Section 4-7, 2-34 of the Fairfax County Code.
- ◆ Business, Professional and Occupational License (BPOL) tax rate for Federally Funded Research and Development prime contract is \$0.03 per \$100 of gross receipts. Under Fairfax County Code § 4-7.2-35, documentation must be provided **annually** to Fairfax County Department of Tax Administration (Fairfax County DTA) no later than **January 31st of each license year** to be considered for this tax rate. If the required documentation is not submitted by January 31st, the BPOL tax rate will be \$0.31 per \$100 of gross receipts.

EXCLUSIONS

- ◆ A complete listing of exclusions can be obtained at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/taxes or by calling 703-222-8234 option 4. **All exclusions require a completed BPOL Exclusion Worksheet and required supporting documentation.** Exclusions are listed in Section 4-7.2-1(b) of the Fairfax County Code. Failure to complete form may result in denial of exclusions.

Frequently claimed exclusions:

- ◆ **Gross Receipts Attributable** to a taxable business activity situated to another jurisdiction or State. Federal and all states tax returns are required support documentation.
- ◆ **Only 501C(3) & 501C(6) organizations** may exclude business related income from gross receipts. Attach Forms 990 and 990T.
- ◆ **Only nonprofit organizations** may exclude gifts, contributions, or membership dues received. Attach Forms 990 and 990T.
- ◆ **Software developers** as defined in Section 4-7.2-1(b)(1)(Z) of the Fairfax County Code, whose gross receipts are derived solely from design, development, or creation of computer software for lease, sale, or license, from a definite place of business within Fairfax County, may claim an exclusion. The exclusion is 100 % of the receipts derived solely from the lease, sale or license of software products. Other related receipts (such as training, maintenance, or integration) are **not deductible**.

NOTICE: Failure to receive appropriate forms does not relieve taxpayer of the obligation to file on time. Failure to file this form by March 1, 2021, or within 75 days of commencing business will result in a late filing penalty of 10 percent of the tax assessable. NOTE: It is a Class 1 misdemeanor for any person to intentionally submit an application that he does not believe to be true and correct as to every material matter (Virginia Code Title 58.1–11). Businesses are subject to audit by DTA pursuant to Virginia Code Title 58.1–3109.