

2026 Licensing Advisory Committee Meeting Dates



Application Deadline

January 15
April 15
July 15
October 15



LAC Meeting Date

March 12
June 11
September 10
December 10

How Can I Apply to Become an Outfitter?

1. Complete the [Resource Tourism Operators Licence Application \(LAC Form\)](#)
 2. Email the application form to  ResourceTourism@gov.mb.ca.
 3. Pay application fee with Credit Card by calling  **204-945-4042**
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How Can I Apply for a Resource Tourism Operators Permit?

1. Complete the [Application for Authorization to Establish/Construct/Expand/Move Form](#)
 2. Email application form to  ResourceTourism@gov.mb.ca.
 3. Pay application fee with Credit Card by calling  **204-945-4042**
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Application Fees

New Outfitter Licence Application	\$100.00
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Establish a New Facility Application

Related Facility Permit	\$ 25.00
Accommodation Facility Permit	\$ 100.00
Lodge Permit	\$ 200.00

Modify/Expand/Move Existing Facilities Application

Related Facility Permit	\$ 25.00
Accom. Facility Permit	\$ 50.00
Lodge	\$ 125.00

Other Applications

Transfer of operating Authority (TOA)	\$ 15.00
Expand Area of Operation	\$ 25.00

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Who Requires a Resource Tourism Operator License?

Outfitters operating in Manitoba are required to hold a Resource Tourism Operator License.

Outfitter

Outfitter means a person who, for gain, remuneration or reward, or the hope or expectation of gain, remuneration or reward, provides two or more outfitting services to others in connection with hunting, fishing or ecotourism activities.

Outfitting Service

Outfitting service means the provision of:

1. supplies or equipment for use in connection with hunting, fishing or ecotourism activities
2. the services of a guide, or
3. accommodation facilities

Ecotourism means:

- a) viewing or studying fish, wildlife or a natural area
- b) recreational or adventure activities such as canoeing, hiking and horseback riding that take place in a natural area, and
- c) any other activity designated by regulation as ecotourism

Ecotourism activities include, but are not limited to:

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| • Boat Rentals | • Snow Shoeing |
| • Nature and Wildlife Viewing | • White Water Rafting |
| • Hiking | • Bicycle Tours |
| • Photography Tours | • Canoeing |

Guide means a person who:

- a) accompanies another person and provides direction and expertise to assist that person in locating, hunting, taking or killing fish or wildlife, or
- b) accompanies another person on ecotourism activities and provides direction, commentary or instruction;

Who Requires a Resource Tourism Operator Facility Permit?

Operators are required to obtain a Resource Tourism Operators Permit for each accommodation facility or related facility associated with the business.

What Type of Facilities Require a Resource Tourism Operator Permit?

- a) **Outcamp**
An accommodation facility of a permanent or semi-permanent nature that accommodates fewer than nine persons;
- b) **Portable Camp**
An accommodation facility of a temporary or portable nature such as a tent, trailer, motorhome or houseboat.
- c) **Campground**
An accommodation facility where tents, trailers or motorhomes are placed;
- d) **Lodge**
An accommodation facility of a permanent or semi-permanent nature that accommodates nine or more persons;
- e) **Ice Fishing Shack**
A related facility used for ice fishing.
- f) **Storage Facility**
A related facility used to place to store boats, motors, fuel, off-road vehicles, equipment or supplies.
- g) **Warmup Shelter**
A related facility.
- h) **Boat Cache**
A related facility.

After the LAC Meeting: Licensing and Permitting

Decision Notification

You will receive written notification of the Administrator of Resource Tourism's decision within **25 working days** after the LAC meeting. If approved, you'll be informed of any conditions that must be met before your licence or permit is issued.

You must sign and return the declaration included in the authorization letter to confirm that all conditions have been fulfilled. Send the signed declaration to:

✉ ResourceTourism@gov.mb.ca

Purchasing Your Licence/Permit

Once all conditions are met, you must purchase your Resource Tourism Operator Licence and/or Permit. After payment and submission of all required documents, your licence and/or permit will be issued. To pay by credit card, call:

☎ **204-945-6784 or 1-800-214-6497**

Contacting Manitoba eLicensing

If you are approved to offer **angling or hunting tours**, you must register as a Licence Vendor to issue fishing and hunting licences. Contact Vendor Licensing:

☎ **204-945-4042**

✉ vendorinquiries@gov.mb.ca

Looking to Offer Commercial Overnight Accommodations on Ice?

Commercial use and rental of overnight accommodation on ice-covered waters must be associated with an outfitting service and must be authorized under a Resource Tourism Operators Licence and Portable Camp Permit. Please review the [Commercial Overnight Accommodations on Ice Operating Guidelines](#) prior to completing an application.

Looking for support?

For all inquiries regarding licensing requirements or the RTO program and its regulations, please contact Brendan Smyth, Resource Tourism Program Coordinator, at 204-945-1008 or brendan.smyth@gov.mb.ca.