

Does My Business Have New Requirements for Business Licenses and Renewals?

As of January 1, 2020, the State of California requires through Senate Bill 205 (Hertzberg) that certain businesses have an Industrial General Permit when applying for a city or county business license or renewal. (See Business and Professions Code sections 16000.3 and 16100.3.)

What Is the Industrial General Permit?

An Industrial General Permit is a state permit that regulates pollution in our waterways from a factory or business. These permits are managed by the California State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) through the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES).

Is My Business Required to Have an Industrial General Permit?

Go to the [State Water Board website](http://Waterboards.CA.gov) at Waterboards.CA.gov to see if your business' Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) code is on the list of regulated codes.

How Do You Find the SIC Code for Your Business?

- If you already have a North American Industrial Classification System (NAISC) code, use the [NAISC to SIC conversion tool](#) available at NAISC.com.
- If you do not have a NASIC code, use the instructions provided on the [State Water Board website](#) at Waterboards.CA.gov.

Is Your SIC Code on the List of Regulated Codes?

No, my business is not on the list of regulated codes

- Your business is not regulated by the Industrial General Permit. When completing the business license application write, "Not applicable."

Yes, my business is on the list of regulated codes

- Your business is regulated by the Industrial General Permit and is required to enroll with the State Water Board.

What Do I Need to Provide If My Business Is Regulated By the Industrial General Permit?

Businesses with regulated SIC codes must provide the applicable permit or certificate number from the State Water Board. One of the following numbers is required:

- Waste Discharger Identification (WDID) number
- WDID application number
- No-Exposure Certification (NEC) identification number
- Notice of Non-Applicability (NONA) identification number

If you already have one of the required numbers, enter the number on your business license application or renewal in the applicable Stormwater Permit/Certificate Number field.

What If My Business Doesn't Have the Required Permits But Is Required to Have It?

To complete your business license application or renewal with the city, on your application, select "Will Obtain a Permit/Certification Number and Submit to the City Timely." Once you receive your permit or certificate numbers from the State Water Board, submit them online at CityofRanchoCordova.org/Stormwater.