

BizPaL

BizPaL is an online service that simplifies the business permit, license and other compliance and regulation processes for entrepreneurs, governments and third-party business service providers. The service's primary goals are to slash document research time and help entrepreneurs start up faster.

Users need simply answer a series of questions on their type of business, and BizPaL will automatically provide the permit and license information specific to their business, including links to government sites where users can learn more and, in some cases, apply online.

Easy and convenient, BizPaL provides businesses with one-stop access to permit and license information for all levels of government.

BizPaL is one of the ways the GNWT is helping businesses to access the information they need to start up or grow their businesses. Navigating through permits and licenses from different levels of government can be confusing, frustrating and time-consuming. BizPaL makes this process simpler and faster.

BizPaL also reduces the amount of duplication that may exist across governments and increases the reliability that businesses are operating with all of the permits and licenses they require. Many permits and licenses also help protect consumers and ensure a fair marketplace.

The GNWT is currently working with Natural Resources Canada to include all federal mining-related permits and licences on BizPaL. Where applicable, contact data for specific land and water boards is also provided.

Cost to Communities

The GNWT, in partnership with Industry Canada, provinces and territories provides funding to support BizPaL. There is no cost to communities, other than the time they spend to keep forms, contacts and web links up to date so the information provided from BizPaL is current, correct and complete.

When will the remaining communities be launched?

Now that GNWT permits and licences have been collected, and mapping of permits and licenses completed for Hay River and Fort Smith, we are ready to move forward on launching BizPaL in the NWT's four remaining larger municipalities. Our schedule will be determined by the municipalities. Eventually, all NWT residents will be able to use BizPaL to find the permits and licenses they need in their communities.

How can clients who don't have a computer access the information?

People may telephone or visit their local ITI regional office for assistance, or the Canada Business NWT office in Yellowknife. Community Futures, Chambers of Commerce or lending institutions will also be able to provide access to this service as may municipal or community offices. Clients can also access BizPaL through Community Access Program (CAP) sites in fifteen NWT communities.

Province and Territory Participation

To date, 225 municipalities in 11 provinces and territories are participating in BizPaL. Participating provinces and territories are Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba, New Brunswick, Newfoundland and Labrador, Northwest Territories, Nova Scotia, Ontario, Prince Edward Island, Saskatchewan and the Yukon.