



CONSUMER AFFAIRS BULLETIN – 2017-007

Cost of Credit Disclosure and Payday Loans Act – Coming into force 1 January 2018

Online Submission	Further to Bulletin 2017-006 we wish to advise that the online licensing application for Payday lenders will be operational as of Dec. 1st at https://portal.fcnb.ca/logon/
How to Apply	All payday lenders are required to submit their application for a licence before 1 January 2018 at https://portal.fcnb.ca/logon/
Licensing	The legislation requires companies carrying on the business of offering, arranging and providing payday loans to obtain a licence in New Brunswick. If offering, arranging and providing payday loans at more than one location, the applicant must apply for a separate licence for each location. A separate licence application must also be made for every web site URL used to offer, arrange or provide pay day loans online.
Information	To assist payday lenders in understanding their legislative obligations, the Financial and Consumer Services Commission (FCNB) has created a licensing kit and FAQ with guidelines and an overview of the licensing and compliance requirements. Payday lenders can find this information on our website at www.fcnb.ca
Pre-licensing Inspection	A licensing inspection will be conducted on all payday lender locations (including any websites). This will be an opportunity for payday lenders and FCNB compliance officers to go through important aspects of the Act, ensure proper compliance, and for applicants to ask questions and seek guidance. Once a licence application is submitted, the applicant will be contacted to arrange a physical inspection. Please note that because of the short period between the launch of our online registration system and the implementation date, a licence may not be issued prior to the January 1 implementation date, in all cases. Payday lenders are nonetheless expected to comply with the Act, the Payday Lending Regulation, and Rules PDL-001 Payday Loans Licensing and Ongoing Obligations and PDL-002 Fees until a licence is issued.
Annual Fee	The licence fee for applications and renewals is \$3,000 per year, for each location and web site from which the licensee conducts business.
Enforcement	Failing to comply with legislative requirements may result in fines or administrative penalties ranging from \$25,000 to \$250,000.
Questions	Financial and Consumer Services Commission 200-225 King Street, Fredericton, NB E3B 1E1 Toll Free: 866-933-2222 info@fcnb.ca

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