

Tourist Accommodation Registration Factsheet

This factsheet provides information to help to address questions you may have about registering your tourist accommodation.

Who has to register?

- All operators of tourist accommodations that are fixed in place and available for rent to a person or party for a period of 28 days or less at one time.
- Campgrounds are not required to register unless they offer a fixed-roof accommodation on the property (like a cottage, cabin, yurt, bunk house, domes, motel, hotel, etc.) in which case those accommodations must be registered.

Examples of tourist accommodations that need to be registered include:

- cottage and cabin
- hostel
- hotel
- inn
- bed and breakfast
- manufactured (mobile) home
- motel
- resort
- room (for example, suite, dormitory-style room or room in a tourist home)
- tiny home
- unusual lodging (for example, yurt, dome or camping trailer if it is fixed in place)
- vacation home
- room/unit/suite in, or attached to, your primary residence

What is the deadline to register?

In most years, accommodations must register by April 1. For 2023/24, the registration year has been extended to September 2024 to facilitate the development and implementation of the upcoming changes. You must be registered prior to operating.

Will my existing tourist accommodation registration be valid beyond April 1, 2024?

As of March 21, 2024, all current tourist accommodation registrations remain valid until September of 2024. This means if your property has a valid 2023/2024 registration number, no action is required for April of 2024.

How do I register a property that is not currently registered?

Those looking to register a new property as a tourist accommodation before the new regulations take effect in the Fall can register under the current system and adhere to the existing fee structure. These registrations will be valid until September of 2024.

Is there a cost to register?

- Fees are currently based on the number of bedrooms you register.
- 0-4 bedrooms: \$50.00 (flat rate, annual fee)
- 5+ bedrooms: \$150.00 (flat rate, annual fee)

Fees are anticipated to change when the new regulations come into effect in the fall.

Where will I have to post my registration number?

- All accommodations need to post a valid registration number on platform operator website listings (other than platforms that list only hotel or motel accommodations like Hilton.com). For example, you will need to post your registration number in listings on sites like Airbnb, Expedia, VRBO, and Booking.com.
- Platforms will provide information about how to post your registration number.

What is considered an accommodation marketing platform?

Platforms are anyone who facilitates or brokers reservations for short-term, roofed accommodations payment or compensation (ie: collects a fee for bookings made through the site).

Where do I register?

You can register/renew at beta.novascotia.ca/register-your-tourist-accommodation

Who do I contact if I am having technical difficulties with the registration form?

If you are experiencing technical difficulties with the registration system, please call Service Nova Scotia technical support at 1-800-670-4357.

If I operate an accommodation in my primary residence, do I need to register?

Yes, if you offer an accommodation for less than 28 consecutive days you must register.

How do I find out if I am compliant with municipal land-use by-laws?

Contact your municipality for information about municipal land-use by-laws. Compliance with land-use by-laws is a requirement to register with the Tourist Accommodations Registry.

Who do I contact if I have further questions about the Tourist Accommodations Registration Act/registry?

Email TARA-TNS@novascotia.ca

Why are the tourist accommodation regulations changing?

By revising the regulations, we aim to ensure a more equitable distribution of housing and a balanced approach between providing short-term and long-term housing options.

How can I stay informed about the upcoming changes?

Please regularly check the [Tourist Accommodations Registry webpage](#) for the latest updates and detailed information concerning the new regulations. Registered hosts will also receive direct communications via email as new information becomes available.

How will the regulatory changes impact traditional tourist accommodations like hotels and motels?

Traditional tourist accommodations such as hotels and motels will continue to have registration fees ranging from \$50 (1 to 4 bedrooms) to \$150 (5+ bedrooms).

How do I de-activate the registration on my property?

You can deactivate your registration at any time. Complete the [deactivate registration form](#) or visit the [Tourist Accommodation Registry webpage](#).

