

Sidewalk patio permits: Total permitting cost, minimum number of required documents, and permit processing time for small businesses across major Canadian cities

Overview

The image shows the total permitting cost, the minimum number of required documents, and the permit processing time for sidewalk patio permits for small businesses across major Canadian cities.

Values

Numerical values presented on the image:

City	Minimum number of documents required (excluding permit application)	Total permitting cost (for a first-time permit)	Permit processing time
Vancouver	3	\$1,102 - \$1,451	up to 4 weeks
Calgary	8	\$116	up to 6 weeks
Saskatoon	1	\$0	up to 3 weeks
Winnipeg	1	\$0	24 hours
Edmonton	5	\$405	not specified
Toronto	5	\$917	up to 8 weeks
Ottawa	3	\$1,424	up to 2 weeks
Montreal*	4	\$1,065	Varies per borough
St. John's	3	\$2,765	up to 2 weeks
Charlottetown	3	\$750	up to 6 weeks
Moncton	2	\$350	up to 1 week
Quebec City	2	\$726 - \$1,142	up to 1 week
Halifax	4	\$970	up to 2 weeks

Presentation

The data is illustrated on a map of Canada, where we can see the minimum number of documents required, the total permitting cost, and the permit processing time on a text box beside the name of each city.

Notes

Source: Data was collected from relevant municipal and city government websites. CFIB reached out to municipalities to confirm the data but was unable to receive confirmation from the city of Edmonton.

Note: *In Montreal, patio permits are issued by the boroughs. The figures presented are an average (range = \$87 - \$2281). In certain boroughs patio costs vary based on property values. These boroughs have been excluded from the total permitting cost average.