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Congratulations on your decision to consider a new business venture! As you explore this opportunity, the Department of Business and Professional Regulation's (DBPR) Division of Hotels and Restaurants (H&R) is ready to assist you through the licensing and regulatory process.

Our responsibility is to work with the business community to achieve the highest levels of health and safety for all Floridians and tens of millions annual visitors. Toward that goal, we are a resource you can use to see that your new business operates within the requirements of the law.

This packet contains information regarding the legal requirements of operating your business. It is very important that you familiarize yourself with this information before you begin operating. If you have questions, or need any clarification, please contact the DBPR Customer Contact Center at 850.487.1395 Monday through Friday or go online to <http://www2.myfloridalicense.com/hotels-restaurants/>. Because our knowledge and authority are in state government requirements, it is very important that you also contact local officials regarding any city and county requirements for a new business.

Important note - An Online Account is required to self-print and maintain your license; this includes adding and removing rental unit locations for vacation rentals. We encourage you to create a DBPR account now, start here <http://www2.myfloridalicense.com/hotels-restaurants/>. All food and lodging license applications are available online.

We wish you the best of luck and success in your venture.

WHO NEEDS A VACATION RENTAL OR TIMESHARE PROJECT LICENSE?

If you are planning to operate a public lodging establishment in Florida, you will need a license from the Department of Business and Professional Regulation, Division of Hotels and Restaurants. Use these forms to apply for a public lodging establishment license as a vacation rental or timeshare project. According to state law:

"Vacation rental" means any unit or group of units in a condominium, cooperative or any individually or collectively owned single-family, two-family, three-family, or four-family house or dwelling unit that is also a transient public lodging establishment but that is not a timeshare project. [§ 509.242(1)(c), Florida Statutes (FS)]

"Timeshare project" means a timeshare property, as defined in chapter 721, that is located in this state and that is also a transient public lodging establishment. [§ 509.242(1)(g), Florida Statutes (FS)]

"Condominium" means that form of ownership of real property created pursuant to chapter 718, FS, which is comprised entirely of units that may be owned by one or more persons, and in which there is, appurtenant to each unit, an undivided share in common elements. [§ 718.103(11), FS]

"Cooperative" means that form of ownership of real property wherein legal title is vested in a corporation or other entity and the beneficial use is evidenced by an ownership interest in the association and a lease or other muniment of title or possession granted by the association as the owner of all the cooperative property. [§ 719.103(12), FS]

"Timeshare property" means one or more timeshare units subject to the same timeshare instrument, together with any other property or rights to property appurtenant to those timeshare units. [§ 721.05(40), FS]

"Timeshare unit" means an accommodation of a timeshare plan which is divided into timeshare periods. Any timeshare unit in which a door or doors connecting two or more separate rooms are capable of being locked to create two or more private dwellings shall only constitute one timeshare unit for purposes of this chapter, unless the timeshare instrument provides that timeshare interests may be separately conveyed in such locked-off portions. [§ 721.05(41), FS]

"Licensed Agent" means the operator of a management company that has been licensed by the dwelling or unit owner, through a rental agreement or contract between the two parties, to hold out the dwelling or unit for rent on a transient basis. A licensed agent is not required to hold a license from the Division of Real Estate. [§ 61C-1.002(4)(a), Florida Administrative Code (FAC)]

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Before submitting the application, please complete and attach the following items:

- **Online Account** - A DBPR Online services account is necessary to self-print and maintain your license. Vacation Rental licenses require an online account to add, remove, update rental unit addresses. To create an account Visit our website <http://www2.myfloridalicense.com/hotels-restaurants/>.
- **Florida Sales Tax Number or proof of exemption** - Contact the Department of Revenue, Sales Tax Division, at 1.800.352.3671. For additional information, please refer to www.state.fl.us/dor/.
- **Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN)** - Contact the U. S. Internal Revenue Service for an FEIN application (SS-4) at 1.800.829.4933, or download the application from the Internet at: www.irs.gov/forms-instructions.
- **Social Security Number or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN)** - The Internal Revenue Service assigns an ITIN to individuals who are not eligible for a social security number due to their status as an alien. Each ITIN begins with the number nine and is formatted in the same configuration as a social security number (900-00-0000). This number is available to alien operators upon the approval of their IRS form W-7, Application for IRS Individual Taxpayer Identification Number application. To obtain the form, contact the IRS at 1.800.829.4933 or download the form from the Internet at: www.irs.gov/forms-instructions .
- **Addresses of all rental units to be licensed** - State law requires the licensed agent or operator to notify the division of any and all condominium units or dwelling houses or units represented for inclusion in the license. Vacation rental unit addresses for Condos and Dwellings are maintained online through the license holder's [DBPR Online services](#) account. Each rental unit location address is submitted online with the initial application and then updated (added or removed) through our online portal as needed by the license holder.
- **Completed form DBPR HR-7020, Certificate of Balcony Inspection** - This form is used to satisfy the requirements for balcony certification required by Florida law and rule 61C-3.001(5), FAC. It's included in this application packet and may also be found on our website: <http://www2.myfloridalicense.com/hotels-restaurants/forms-publications/>.
- **Appropriate Fees** - Fees are listed in rule 61C-1.008, FAC. For your convenience, we provide an automated fee calculator and fee tables on our website: <http://www2.myfloridalicense.com/hotels-restaurants/licensing/lodging-fees/>. If you are unsure of the fee, please contact the DBPR Customer Contact Center at 850.487.1395 for the correct license fee amount. In addition to the license fee, there is a one-time application processing fee of \$50. Please make your check or money order for your fees payable to the Department of Business and Professional Regulation. The division does not accept cash payments.
- **Mail Applications and Fees** – When you have completed the application and supporting documents above, you may mail them with the appropriate fees to:

**Division of Hotels and Restaurants
Department of Business and Professional Regulation
2601 Blair Stone Road
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0783**

Reminder: An Online Account **is required to self-print and maintain your license.** Vacation Rental licenses require an online account to add, remove, update rental unit addresses. For fastest turnaround apply online at <http://www2.myfloridalicense.com/hotels-restaurants/>, allow additional time for processing if applying by mail.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE APPLICATION

SECTION 1 – LICENSE TYPE

Choose one box that most closely describes the planned establishment. Section 509.242(2), FS, states: If 25 percent or more of the units in any public lodging establishment fall within a classification different from the classification under which the establishment is licensed, such establishment shall obtain a separate license for the classification representing the 25 percent or more units which differ from the classification under which the establishment is licensed. The definitions of vacation rentals and timeshare projects are provided on the first page of this application packet.

Vacation Rentals: Vacation rentals are licensed as condominiums or dwellings, as defined in Rule 61C-1.002, FAC. Check the license type that best describes the establishment.

- **Condominium** – A unit or group of units in a condominium or cooperative.
- **Dwelling** – A single-family house, a townhouse, or a unit or group of units in a duplex, triplex, quadruplex, or other dwelling unit that has four or less units collectively.

Timeshare Project Number: Provide the approved timeshare project number issued by the DBPR Division of Condominiums, Timeshares, and Mobile Homes. (Required for Timeshare Project License)

Classification: Vacation rental and timeshare project licenses are classified in three ways that are defined in Rule 61C-1.002, FAC. Check the license class that best describes the establishment. (Required)

- **Single** -- A single license is a license issued by the division to an individual person or entity, but not a licensed agent. A single license may include one single-family house or townhouse, or a unit or group of units within a single building that are owned and operated by the same individual person or entity. In the case of a single license, the owner of the unit or dwelling is responsible for all violations of sanitation and safety codes.
- **Group** -- A group license is a license issued by the division to a licensed agent to cover all units within a building or group of buildings in a single complex. A group license only covers those units held out to the public as places regularly rented to guests as defined in Chapter 509, F.S. In the case of a group license, the licensed agent is responsible for all violations of sanitation and safety codes.
- **Collective** -- A collective license is a license issued by the division to a licensed agent who represents a collective group of houses or units found on separate locations. A collective license may not be issued for more than 75 houses or units per license and is restricted to counties within one district. In the case of a collective license, the licensed agent is responsible for all violations of sanitation and safety codes.

Number of Rental Units: List the number of rental units being licensed. This directly affects the license fee.

SECTION 2 – APPLICATION INFORMATION

- **Application Type** – indicate the type of application to be processed. For newly constructed establishments or facilities converted from another previous usage, choose “New Establishment.” For all establishments that were previously licensed, choose “Change of Ownership.”
- **License Number** and **Previous Business Name** – for applications for change of ownership, please indicate the previous license number and previous business name if known. This information will facilitate the processing of the application.
- **Federal Employers Identification Number (FEIN)** – required for business/corporate applicants.
- **Social Security Number** – at least one social security number is required. Under the Federal Privacy Act, disclosure of social security numbers is voluntary unless specifically required by federal statute. In this instance, disclosure of social security numbers is mandatory pursuant to Title 42 United States Code, sections 653 and 654; and sections 409.2577, 409.2598, and 559.79, Florida Statutes. Social security numbers are used to allow efficient screening of applicants and licensees by a Title IV-D child support agency to assure compliance with child support obligations. Social security numbers must also be recorded on all occupational license applications and are used for licensee identification purposes pursuant to the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (Welfare Reform Act), 104 Pub.L.193, Sec. 317.
- **Sales Tax Number** – required by the Florida Department of Revenue to do business. If exempt, please mark the checkbox accordingly.

- **Opening Date** – please indicate the date the establishment will be opened for business.

SECTION 3 – OWNER AND MAIN ADDRESS

Complete this information for the establishment owner as completely as possible. Incomplete information will result in the application being delayed or denied.

- **Owner Name** – individual person or organization that currently owns the establishment. Also, check the appropriate box indicating whether the owner is legally a corporation, partnership or individual person. For establishments owned or operated by partnerships, corporations or cooperatives, please attach a separate sheet or sheets listing the name, address, and social security number of each person who owns 10% or more of the outstanding stocks or equity interest in the licensed activity. (Required)
- **Routing Name** – if contact name is different than the owner, please indicate in the space provided. (Optional)
- **Street Address or Post Office Box, City, State, Zip Code, Florida County (if applicable), Country** – address of record for purpose of official communications from the department. (Required)
- **Phone Number** – primary contact number for questions or concerns about the application. (Required)
- **E-Mail Address** – additional means of contacting applicant. (Optional)

SECTION 4 – ESTABLISHMENT LOCATION INFORMATION

Complete the establishment information as completely as possible. Incomplete information will result in the application being delayed or denied.

- **Establishment Name (Doing Business As [DBA])** – the proposed name of establishment. If the establishment is part of a chain, please indicate a unique identifier (for example, Hilton #3 or Marriott Tallahassee). (Required)
- **Street Address, City, Zip Code, Florida County** – address of the establishment. (Required)
- **Phone Number and E-Mail Address** – alternate contact information if available. (Optional)

SECTION 5 – MAILING INFORMATION

This is an optional additional address for mailing if applicable. If this information is the same as Section 3 or Section 4, please indicate.

- **Routing Name** – if correspondence should be mailed to a different name than the owner, please indicate in the space provided. (Optional)
- **Street Address or Post Office Box, City, State, Zip Code, Florida County (if applicable), Country** – address of record for purpose of official communications from the department. (Required)
- **Phone Number and E-Mail Address** – alternate contact information if available. (Optional)

SECTION 6 – LICENSE MODIFIER

Seasonal: Please answer this question. If the facility is intended to operate for a limited amount of time each year (i.e., seasonal), indicate approximate start and end dates for operation. (Optional)

SECTION 7 – SIGNATURE

Please print name and title, and then sign and date the application before submitting. (Required)

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Section 1 – License Type

Please check the box that best describes the establishment type (see instructions for definitions).

Vacation Rental: Condominium (2006) Dwelling (2007) Timeshare Project (2022): Project Number

Classification: Check one box that best describes the license classification.

Single (SNGL) Group (GRP) Collective (CLCT)

Number of Rental Units: (NOTE: There is a 75-unit limit for collective licenses.)

Section 2 – Application Information

Please check the appropriate box and provide information as applicable.

Federal Employers Identification Number (FEIN) <i>(For businesses and corporations)</i>		* Under the Federal Privacy Act, disclosure of Social Security Numbers is voluntary unless specifically required by Federal statute. In this instance, disclosure of social security numbers is mandatory pursuant to Title 42 United States Code, Sections 653 and 654; and sections 409.2577, 409.2598, and 559.79, Florida Statutes. Social Security numbers are used to allow efficient screening of applicants and licensees by a Title IV-D child support agency to assure compliance with child support obligations.
Social Security Number (REQUIRED)* <i>(For president, primary shareholder, partner or individual)</i>		
Sales Tax Number (Check if exempt <input type="checkbox"/>)		
Opening Date (MM/DD/YYYY)		

Section 3 – Owner and Main Address (MA)

Note: This address will be designated as the "address of record" for the owner of this establishment.

FOR ESTABLISHMENTS OWNED OR OPERATED BY PARTNERSHIPS, CORPORATIONS OR COOPERATIVES, please attach a separate sheet or sheets listing the name, address, and social security number of each person who owns 10% or more of the outstanding stocks or equity interest in the licensed activity and the name, address, and social security numbers* of each officer, director, chief executive, or other person who, in accordance with the rules of the issuing agency, is determined to be able directly or indirectly to control the operation of the business of the licensed entity.

Owner Name (please check one: Corporation Partnership Individual)

Routing Name (e.g., Management Company, contact name)

Street Address or Post Office Box

City	State	Zip Code (+4 optional)
Florida County (if applicable)	Country	
Phone Number	E-Mail Address	

Section 4 – Establishment Location Information (LL)

Note: For more than one rental unit, please list one building address as the "main" unit and attach a list of all other rental units.

Establishment Name (DBA)

Street Address

City	Zip Code (+4 optional)	Florida County
Phone Number	E-Mail Address	

Section 5 – Mailing Information (LM)

Note: This address will be used by the department for any mailings.

Complete below or check here if: Same as Section 3 – Owner and Main Address Same as Section 4 – Establishment Location

Routing Name (e.g., Management Company, contact name)

Street Address or Post Office Box

City	State	Zip Code (+4 optional)
Florida County (if applicable)	Country	
Phone Number	E-Mail Address	



Section 6 - License Modifier

Seasonal: Will this establishment be operated only during a particular time period during the year? Yes No

If Yes, indicate the seasonal dates in which the establishment will be open for operation below.

Start Date

End Date

Section 7 - Signature

SECTION 559.79 (2), FS: Each application for a license or renewal of a license issued by the Department of Business and Professional Regulation shall be signed under oath or affirmation by the applicant, or owner or chief executive of the applicant without the need for witnesses unless otherwise required by law.

I certify that I am empowered to execute this application as required by Section 559.79, Florida Statutes. I understand that my signature on this written declaration has the same legal effect as an oath or affirmation. Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have read the foregoing application and the facts stated in it are true. **I understand that falsification of any material information on this application may result in criminal penalty or administrative action, including a fine, suspension or revocation of the license.**

Applicant Name

Applicant Title

Signature

Date

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DBPR HR-7020 – Division of Hotels and Restaurants Certificate of Balcony Inspection

Complete and submit this form if your public lodging establishment is 3 or more stories in height. The inspector must have the education and experience to be competent to perform the inspection. The operator is responsible for verifying the competency of the inspector.

The term “balcony” means “a landing or porch that is accessible to or used by the public...” The balcony inspection must include platforms, stairways, railings and railings, guardrails, balustrades, parapets, and areas enclosed by screening or other non-permanent building material. (Section 509.2112, F.S. and Rule 61C-3.001(5)(a), F.A.C.)

For new or renewal inspections complete sections 1 and 2. For a change of owner attach a copy of previous operator’s valid, date-stamped Certificate of Balcony Inspection and complete Section 3.

For New or Renewal Only		
Section 1 – Establishment Information		
Owner Name		License Number
Mailing Address		
City	State	Zip Code
Establishment Name (DBA)		
Establishment Address		
City	County	Zip Code
Telephone Number(s):		
For New or Renewal Only		
Section 2 – Inspection		
I hereby certify that any and all balconies, platforms, stairways, railings and railings on the above-described premises were inspected on _____ by a person competent to conduct such inspection, and were found by such person to be safe, secure and free of defects.		
Total Number of Areas Inspected:	Total Number of Defects Found:	Date Repairs Completed:
The Inspection was conducted by _____ who is competent to conduct such inspections because: (Provide facts/credentials establishing competency on the line below.)		
Signature of Inspector		Date
Name of Operator		
Signature of Operator		Date
For Change of Owner Only		
Section 3 – Management Information		
Name of Operator		Date
Signature of Operator		
Note: This Certificate of Balcony Inspection expires three years from the date of inspection listed in Section 2 of this form or from the date of inspection listed in Section 2 of the attached previous owner’s form. A new Certificate of Balcony Inspection must be completed and submitted prior to the expiration date.		

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