

RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE LICENSING OF DHABA IN THIRUVANANTHAPURAM:

State: Kerala

Details of Licensing are as follows:

The person has to apply for the license in the corporation office to the secretary, in advance of 30 days, before setting up of the shop. The corporation secretary can issue or reject the license on the basis of law. The municipal councils are responsible for the implementation of the prevention of food adulteration Act and Rules made there under in their respective areas. The Municipal Secretaries and Health Officers (where there are Health Officers) are declared to be the local Health Authority. Food Inspectors in all the urban local bodies are authorized to attend sampling work by Government notifications. They collect samples of all varieties of food articles exposed for sale and send them to Government Analysts. If any article is found adulterated the persons concerned are prosecuted under the provisions of the Food Adulteration Act and 50% of the fines realised from the accused are paid over to the urban local bodies concerned. Trivandrum Corporation provides the application form for the licence of Dhaba.

Licensing Procedure:

Thiruvananthapuram Corporation is the license issuing and the authoritative body in the case of dhaba's. The applicant has to fill an application form which he can get from the corporation. The individual who wish to undertake any trade of food is requested to fill the application form with his signature and he/she should affix the court fee stamp of Rs.5. The corporation has a prescribed format for the application of street food shop. The applicant must fill in the form and should attach the necessary documents along with the fees. Soon after the submission of the application form, along with the prescribed license fee that is mentioned in the Dangerous and Offensive Trade, has to be submitted at the citizen service bureau of Municipal Corporation of Trivandrum. The health inspector along with the junior health authority of the respective area inspects the field and verifies whether it matches the document. The inspecting authorities have the full power to reject the application if found to be guilty and false. The applicant has to be eligible. The eligibility is based on the physical fitness he has devoid of any illness. His prior food preparation of hostility certificate is not needed. He and the workers should not possess any kind of illness. Sneezing, coughing and spitting are not allowed. Pan Masala, tobacco and cigarettes is also not permitted inside the shop. A good sanitation and water facility is a must. He has to properly handle the waste that is produced in the shop. Public throw away attitude is not allowed. One has to affix the licence sheet in the shop. The shop premises have to be well cleaned. His co-workers are also requested to be well as he himself.

Documents Required:

1. Tax Payment Receipt (in case of own building)
2. The concerned certificate of the building owner which is to be written in the stamp paper affixing stamp of Rs. 50 (if it is not one's own shop).
3. The concerned certificate of the Neighbours' which is to be written in the Stamp Paper affixing stamp of Rs. 50
4. The extra planning certificate, if he wishes to install any sophisticated machines like generator, motor etc.
5. The certificate from the pollution control department (board).

License Fees:

The fee differs as the content differs and it varies from Rs.25 to 100 following from 1997. At present it is Rs.100 for dhabas. The applicant must fill up a challan form which describe about the fee and has to submit it to the Health Officer in the respective area. In the case of Trivandrum, he has to go to the Kannammoola Health Inspector Office. After the verification he suggests the applicant to forward it to the Corporation where the fee is remitted.

Soft Drinks	Rs.25
Biscuits	Rs.15
Ice- Creams	Rs.100
Additional PFA	Rs.15

The above charges are imposed by the corporation when a shop contain the above items.

License Renewal:

The corporation issues a different format of application form to get license renewed. Filled application must reach the Health Inspector before the annual economic era. Economic era begins from April 1st to March 31st. Fee schedule also varies as the shop selling increases. Health inspector decides the fee based on the annual income of the shop.

License renewal procedures:

The person has to apply for license in the prescribed format to the secretary after the commencement of every financial year i.e. after April 1st of every year. The person has to pay the following amounts, along with the original fees (Rs.100). The least of this will be of Rs.5/-

Renewal fees:

DATE	PERCENTAGE (%)
March 1 st to April 30	10%
May 1 st to June 30	20%
July 1 st to October31	30%
November 1 st onwards	50%

Fee apart from what is given below for each shop are as follows:

Hotel and Lodging	Rs.150 to 1500
Bakery	Rs.150 to 500
Tea shop	Rs.100.

Fridge	Rs.50
Milma Milk	Rs.50
Egg	Rs.25

The above described fees are the additional charges that are imposed by the corporation when a shop contains the above items. The above given are the extra charges that is collected in the beginning, when the owner is trying for licence. The renewal charges are determined by the annual rental value.

Penalty:

Corporation has the right to withdraw the license if found something unusual. Penalties are given according to the complaints of the neighbours.