

Housing with Services Lodging License Exemption

Exemption

Businesses holding a Housing with Services (HWS) registration are exempt from lodging licensure for tenant units or apartments.

To determine if your establishment holds a HWS registration, search the [Health Care Facility and Provider Database](#). HWS registration is issued through the Licensing and Certification program of the Minnesota Department of Health, Health Regulation division.

Licensing

A license is required for other services, including:

- Food and beverage services
- Swimming pool or spa pool, such as a therapy pool
- Non-resident lodging, such as guest rooms

Food and beverage establishments, public pools, and lodging establishments in Minnesota are licensed by different agencies. The establishment's menu and location of operation determines which agency is responsible for plan review and licensing. To find out which agency is responsible, see the [Licensing](#) website. Contact the appropriate agency to discuss plan review and licensing requirements, and to obtain applications.

Minnesota Statutes, section 144D.06

A housing with services establishment is not required to obtain a lodging license under chapter 157 and related rules.

Resources

[Health Care Facility and Provider Database
\(https://www.health.state.mn.us/facilities/regulation/directory/index.html\)](https://www.health.state.mn.us/facilities/regulation/directory/index.html)

[Housing Support \(formerly known as Group Residential Housing\)
\(https://mn.gov/dhs/people-we-serve/people-with-disabilities/economic-assistance/housing/programs-and-services/housing-support.jsp\)](https://mn.gov/dhs/people-we-serve/people-with-disabilities/economic-assistance/housing/programs-and-services/housing-support.jsp)

[Licensing
\(https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/food/license/index.html\)](https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/food/license/index.html)

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