ADMISSIBILITY CRITERIA

CONSIDERED WHEN EXAMINING AN APPLICATION TO BECOME A HUNTING, FISHING AND TRAPPING LICENCE SALES AGENT

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Direction de la réglementation, de la tarification et des permis
PRIMARY CRITERION

GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION

For an application to be considered, the business must be located more than 15 km, by the most direct road, from the nearest sales agent.

→ Normally, a distance of less than 15 km will result in the application being refused, except in the following cases:
  - A municipality with a population of more than 100,000 people – in this case, a distance of more than 5 km is required.
  - A specialized hunting, fishing and trapping enterprise.

However, a distance of more than 15 km, or of more than 5 km in the case of a municipality with more than 100,000 inhabitants, does not necessarily mean that the application will be accepted. The examination will continue on the basis of all the other criteria listed below.

SECONDARY CRITERIA

The secondary criteria are used to refine the examination of an application, based on how well the applicant's profile meets conditions such as business hours, predicted volume of licence sales, and business solvency. All these criteria are important of themselves, but it is the combination of criteria that will make a difference in cases where a choice must be made between several applications to become sales agents in the same sector. If an application is refused, these criteria will serve to illustrate the reasons for the Department's choice.

1. PREDICTED SALES

The addition of a sales outlet must be justified by the volume of licence sales.

→ An application will generally be refused if the predicted sales amount to less than 150 licences per year.

2. BUSINESS OPENING HOURS

The point of sale (POS) terminal used to sell licences must be operational from 5:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., every day.

→ Priority will be given to businesses that are open every day and offer as many hours of service per day as possible.

3. VERIFICATION OF BUSINESS SOLVENCY (or owner's solvency)

A solvency investigation is carried out for every application that meets at least one of the primary criteria and could therefore be accepted.

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1 A specialist hunting, fishing and trapping store is recognized as such when at least 50% of the items sold by the store are connected with these three sectors of activity.
4. ELECTRICITY AND TELEPHONE

The business must be connected to an electricity network and served by a regular (analogue) telephone line, so that a point of sale (POS) terminal can be installed.

An application will generally be refused if these facilities are absent. However, in some cases, Faune Québec may authorize a sales agent to issue licences manually, if this would provide service to a client base that would not otherwise be served. The manual method of issuing of licences does not offer the same benefits as the electronic method. In addition, the inventory management requirements and administrative burden are more cumbersome in the case of manual sales, for both the sales agent and the Direction de la réglementation, de la tarification et des permis. It is for this reason that manual licence sales are permitted only in exceptional cases.

5. SITE ACCESSIBILITY

The business must be accessible by road, to as broad a client base as possible.

→ A business accessible solely by air may be accepted despite the distance criterion, especially in the case of outfitters located in the Nord-du-Québec region.

→ Businesses located along busy roads may be given priority.

6. RECEPTION DATE

When a choice must be made between two applicants (new applicants or applicants whose names have been on the waiting list for one year), and consideration of the above criteria does not allow the point of sale to be assigned to one business rather than another, the application that was received first will be given priority.