

RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE LICENSING OF DHABA IN ASANSOL

State: West Bengal

Details of licensing are as follows:

The issue of license is regulated by the Asansol Municipal Corporation Act 1990 and Prevention of Food Adulteration Act 1954 is applicable to food related items.

Licensing Procedure:

Section 123 of Asansol Municipal Corporation Act 1990 says that every person engaged or intending to be engaged in any professions, trade or calling in any are within the jurisdiction of corporation shall obtain a certificate of enlistment. For that one has to apply to the chief executive officer together with the fees prescribed. Such application fees shall not exceed Rs.500.

According to section 208 no person shall use any premises for any non residential purposes as mentioned in schedule II without or otherwise than in conformity with a license granted by the chief Executive Officer in behalf of the terms and conditions including the fees as determined by the regulations. The mayor- in- council will determine the fees. The fees shall not exceed Rs.500 per month in respect of any premises.

So two types of licenses are being issued in Asansol. One is for premise and the other is for trade. This is a sort of confusing process.

As per the section 123 of the act, every person engaged in any profession, trade or calling in any area under the jurisdiction of the corporation shall obtain a certificate of enlistment or get the same renewed annually as the case may be from the chief executive officer or in his absence. One has to apply to the authorized officer upon the presentation of an application together with the application fees. Section 208 also supports this. The department will issue the license after the verification visit by the concerned authority. A license shall be issued by the board of councilors or by any other officer in charge and the valid license must contain

- a. Date of grant thereof
- b. Purpose and period
- c. Restrictions/ conditions
- d. Name and address of the licensee
- e. Fees paid

Departments Involved:

Licensing Department is wholly responsible for the process.

Documents Required:

For trades other than hawkers, the application has to be submitted along with the property tax receipt of the building. If rented, no objection certificate also is needed.

License Fees:

For every license, a fee may be charged from time to time as fixed by the corporation and Asansol Corporation has fixed it as Rs.6500 for an annum.

License Renewal:

The license can be renewed after Submission of the application forms with previous license and property tax receipt. Investigation of the premise by concerned staff will also be their prior to the renewal.

Penalty:

As per the Asansol Municipal Corporation act, keeping eating house open with out license is liable to get the penalty of Rs.2500 or the imprisonment for six months or both. The maximum daily fine can be Rs.200. As per the act, selling adulterated or misbranded food is also liable to pay the same fine.