

## **RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE LICENSING PROCEDURES OF VEGETABLE VENDORS IN LUDHIANA**

**State: Punjab**

**Details of licensing procedures are as follows:**

In Ludhiana vegetable vendors sell the variety of fruits and vegetables by moving in the city streets and carry on all things by a type of rickshaw. Vegetable shop is established by the rules/regulations of Municipal Corporation for the purpose of selling a variety of vegetables/ fruits either on retail or wholesale. But the moving vegetable sellers come in the category of retailer while vegetable shop can be established for both purposes as wholesale/ retail.

Two types of licenses are required for running a shop. One is from corporation for establishing a shop. Other is also from corporation for selling vegetables. In that case the procedure as same as that of dhaba's. If it is a vegetable vendor, then two types of licenses are required for vegetable sellers. One is from corporation for carrying on rickshaw means same as rickshaw puller. Other is for selling vegetables from corporation.

**Procedure:**

In Ludhiana, vegetable vendors have the same procedure as cycle rickshaw. Municipal Corporation is the regulatory body here. Those who wish to start can apply by a form available from corporation. The detailed procedure is as follows:

The Application form will be given to the Rickshaw puller owner, by the Municipal Corporation on which Performa is printed. The rickshaw puller is required to submit the application form with two photographs attested by the Councillor /M.L.A/gazetted officer and the medical fitness certificate must be collected from an M.B.B.S. doctor. If there are numbers of applications, then it could take two-three days to issue the license.

In addition a PFA License is issued under the PFA act by CMO (chief medical officer) One can apply for it in form A available from C M O (Chief Medical Officer) office. The Regulatory body for PFA is CMO. After getting PFA license, he will be eligible to carry the trade by CMO department.

**Documents Required for Rickshaw license:**

1. Application form with two photographs attested by the Councillor/M.L.A/gazetted officer
2. Medical fitness certificate from the M.B.B.S. doctor

**Documents required for vegetable sale license:**

1. Application form
2. As the general requirement, the person has to submit three photographs of person
3. Under PFA, the person has to submit 4 passport size snaps for vegetable seller/ shop
4. Copy of license of rickshaw pulling for vegetable Vendors
5. An affidavit

**License Fees:**

The fees is charged as prescribed by the corporation. The annual fee for the cycle rickshaw license is Rs.40/- In addition for carrying a trade as vegetable vendor, the following fees are also charged: Rs.40/- and in addition as the PFA license fees, 5/- for retailer is also charged. The fees can be submitted by chalan/ cash form. Vegetable vendors come under the category of retailer.

**Time Duration:**

A copy of PFA act will send within two three days after the application with all documents. The Time duration needed for process a license is one week and generally the license will be processed within four days and for PFA license, it is one month. License is issued for 1 year. The validity of license is one year from 1st April to 31st march.

**Issue of License:**

If there are numbers of applications, then it could take two-three days to issue the license.

**License Renewal:**

The validity of license is one year from 1st April to 31st march. The documents required for the renewal of the license are same as that of new one. The procedure for the renewal of license is also the same as that of the new one. The period required for the renewal of license is same as that of the new one.

**Terms and conditions:**

1. The person is required to place a number plate with issued by corporation.
2. They have to sell quality vegetables/fruits under the norms of PFA act.1954.
3. No other regulation.

**Penalties:**

Licenses must be obtained before or on 30<sup>th</sup> April of every year. In case of failure penalty shall be recovered as under:-

Period	Month	Fine amount
Up to 30th June		25%
Upto 30 <sup>th</sup> September		50%
From 1 <sup>st</sup> October onwards.		100%

If one does not renew the license in time, the fine is imposed 2/- per day to retailer and 5/- per day to whole sale. If any one is found selling the less quality articles, then the person will be punished as per the complaint under PFA act and legal actions will be taken, which involves the court procedure also. In addition, the vegetable vendors without a rickshaw license can be penalised as follows:

There is no such restriction regarding the number of license to be issued in a fiscal year. If a cycle rickshaw is caught without a valid license then the rickshaw will be put in the store room and released only after getting the clearance from the department and depositing the settled fee.