

Premises ID Beekeeper Registration



HOW DO I REGISTER MY APIARY

Online

Anyone keeping bees in B.C. must register their apiary location(s) with the province every 2 years.

Beekeepers that have registered within the last 2 years do not need to re-register with the Premises ID program as their current registration is up to date.

To register the location(s) of your apiaries online, visit the registration portal here:
<https://apps.nrs.gov.bc.ca/ext/pid-ext/welcome.page>

Beekeepers should click on the “**Beekeeper Registration**” button to register. If you keep other livestock in addition to your bees, you will be prompted by the system near the end of your registration to identify these other species.

Paper

You can mail, email, or fax a paper registration form to the Ministry. Instructions and a link to download the paper registration form are available here:
www.gov.bc.ca/premisesidprogram

Beekeepers may also contact the apiculture office directly to register: 1-877-877-2474

UPDATE YOUR APIARY INFORMATION

Effective disease management depends on accurate information. We ask that you update your beekeeper premises ID account when there are significant changes to your contact information, or the nature of your operation (e.g., a significant increase in the number of colonies you operate or new apiary locations).

Online

You can update your information yourself by using your online access user ID:
<https://apps.nrs.gov.bc.ca/ext/pid-ext/>

Mail, Phone, Email

You can communicate information changes to the Ministry via mail, phone, or email and our program staff will update your account on your behalf.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

I have already registered my beekeeping operation (apiary) with the apiculture program – do I also need to register with the premises ID program?

Beekeepers that have registered within the last 2 years do not need to re-register as their current registration is up to date.
New beekeepers or beekeepers whose registrations have expired can register through the BC premises ID program online system.

Once you have registered your apiary locations through the premises ID program, you will receive:

- (1) An email confirming your premises ID account information (within 2 business days), and
- (2) A letter from the apiculture office confirming your apiary registration (within 5-7 business days).

I keep hives at multiple locations – do I need to register all these locations?

Locations where colonies are permanently or semi-permanently located must be registered. Within the premises ID system, your main overwintering apiary

(or apiaries) should be registered as your “primary premises”.

Apiary locations that are used seasonally or semi-permanently (e.g., smaller apiaries, outyards, seasonal foraging locations) should be registered as “linked premises”.

Locations where colonies are moved for very short time periods, such as pollination sites, do not need to be registered

The number of colonies I keep at each apiary location is always changing – do I have to register the number of colonies at every location?

When you register your main apiary location (primary premises) you will enter an estimate of the total number of colonies you typically operate. You do not need to identify the number of hives at each of your other apiary location (linked premises). In the event of an animal health emergency affecting bees, you would be contacted to confirm the number of colonies at each apiary location at that time.

I bring my colonies to another person’s property and they have livestock themselves. Will it cause confusion if I register their farm’s location as part of my beekeeping operation?

Multiple premises ID accounts can reference the same premises, so you don’t have to be concerned about registering that location as either a primary or a linked premises. You can move the flag on the map within the premises ID system to show exactly where on the site your colonies are located.

What if I move my hives or start using a new apiary location?

You can update your apiary location information through your online access user ID:
<https://apps.nrs.gov.bc.ca/ext/pid-ext/>

When you register, a premises ID number is assigned to the legal land parcel where your apiary is located. Once created, a premises ID number remains with that land parcel and is not transferrable to another location. If you move your bees to a new property, you will be assigned a new premises ID number when you update your account with the new address (location).

Who can answer my questions?

Ask a Premises ID Program representative at the Ministry of Agriculture in Abbotsford (1-888-221-7141 or 604-556-3001) or send an email to BCPID@gov.bc.ca.