

## Amusements Business Information

Opening a business that will feature some sort of amusements, like a sporting venue, or a coin-operated devices or a marina? Take a look at some of the special licensing requirements below:

### *General Business Licenses*

Click here to view [general business license requirements](#).

*License to Operate a Place of Amusement:* Anyone who operates a place of amusement must obtain a permanent license to operate. The license is free. To apply for the License to Operate Place of Amusement go to [SCDOR](#).

### *Employment Requirements*

If you plan to have employees click here to view [employment requirements](#).

### *Special Licenses*

Athletic Events: For information on admissions tax or exemptions, see the South Carolina Department of Revenue's [web page](#).

Will you use coin-operated devices? Find about licensing requirements go to SCDOR.

Also, some municipalities require special licenses; see the [South Carolina Municipality Reference List](#) to locate your municipality and find out about local licenses.

Will you have amusement rides? If so, see SC LLR's inspection policies on [Amusement Rides](#).

Fireworks? If so, see the [South Carolina Labor, Licensing and Regulation](#)

Gambling? The only legal form of gambling in South Carolina is the S. C. Education Lottery. To sell lottery tickets, click on the [Lottery Retailer Help Page](#).

Fitness/Gyms? See the SC Department of Consumer Affairs for [fitness center information](#).

Massages? Special licensing requirements are listed at the [SC Labor Licensing and Regulation](#).

Marinas? Contact DHEC at the [Bureau of Water](#).

Special considerations with marinas include: If marina has boat landing, contact Department of Natural Resources and Department of Health and Environmental (DHEC) Control for Permit for Construction in Navigable Waters. If the marina has piers and docks, contact DHEC for Permit for Construction in Navigable Waters, and Ocean Coastal Resources Management (OCRM) for permitting information, [Ocean and Coastal Resource Management](#) homepage.