

Existing Exemptions for Non-profit and Charitable Organizations in Alberta Legislation and Regulations

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Advanced Education	Post-secondary Learning Act Section 106(3) and Programs of Study Regulation , Section 14.	Exemption from degree program approval requirements under the <i>Post-secondary Learning Act</i> is available to post-secondary institutions offering degrees in divinity, which are degree programs that are intended primarily to prepare students for service in the work of a religious group. This exemption is accessed primarily by private religious colleges, which are charitable/not-profit.	Ministry Info Line: 780-422-5400
Advanced Education	Private Vocational Training Regulation Section 3.	Exemption from Private Vocational Training Licensing (not specific to non-profits or charities) There are a number of exemptions from the requirement to obtain a license to deliver private vocational training that could apply to charities or non-profits, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • training intended to provide personal interest or enjoyment, • training intended to update existing skills, • training for which the tuition fees are less than \$1,000, • training provided by a labour union or professional association to its members, • training for which all operating funds are provided by government grants, and • training for which all tuition is paid by the government. 	Ministry Info Line: 780-422-5400
Agriculture and Forestry	Timber Management Regulation (<i>Forests Act</i>) Section 95(3)	Holder of local timber permits (LTP) that is a non-profit has nil (free) dues: 94(1) This section sets out the timber dues payable for timber harvested under a local timber permit. (1.1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the timber dues payable by the holder of a local timber permit that is a non-profit organization are nil. Waives timber dues 95(1) The timber dues for timber cut, damaged or destroyed under authority granted by the Crown in right of Alberta, other than a timber disposition, are (a) \$1.40 per cubic metre of coniferous roundwood, and (b) the base rate for deciduous roundwood. (2) In addition to the timber dues, the person who is granted authority referred to in subsection (1) shall pay an amount assessed by the director based on the costs of reforestation and replacement. (3) The Minister may waive payment of the amount under subsection (2) if the timber cut, damaged or destroyed was done by a non-profit organization. No reforestation levy is payable on LTPs for holder that is a non-profit: (3.3) Notwithstanding subsection (3.2), no reforestation levy is payable by the holder of a local timber permit issued on or after September 1, 1996 that is a non-profit organization.	Ministry Information Toll Free Number: 310-FARM (3276)
CMSW	Film and Video Classification Act Film and Video Classification Regulation Section (2)(3) Section (4)(2)	Waives classification fee Film and Video Classification Regulation Distribution Licence Fee (3) An educational, religious or non-profit organization registered under the Societies Act or under the equivalent legislation of a province other than Alberta is exempt from the requirement to pay the fee set out in subsection (1). Fees for Classification (4)(2) An educational, religious or non-profit organization registered under the Societies Act or under the equivalent legislation of a province other than Alberta is exempt from the requirement to pay the fees set out in subsection (1).	Ministry Information Phone: 780 427-6530
Health	Charitable Donation of Food Act	Exempts from liability (all persons)	Ministry Information

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	Section (2)(1)(2)	<p>(1) A person who donates food or who distributes donated food to another person is not liable for damages resulting from injury or death caused by the consumption of the food unless</p> <p>(a) the food was adulterated, rotten or otherwise unfit for human consumption, and</p> <p>(b) in donating or distributing the food, the person</p> <p>(i) intended to injure or to cause the death of the recipient of the food, or</p> <p>(ii) acted with reckless disregard for the safety of others.</p> <p>(2) A director, officer, agent or employee of a corporation or organization or a volunteer who provides services or assistance to a corporation or organization that donates food or that distributes donated food is not personally liable for any damages resulting from injury or death caused by the consumption of the food unless</p> <p>(a) the food was adulterated, rotten or otherwise unfit for human consumption, and</p> <p>(b) in donating or distributing the food, the director, officer, agent, employee or volunteer</p> <p>(i) intended to injure or to cause the death of the recipient of the food, or</p> <p>(ii) acted with reckless disregard for the safety of others.</p> <p>3 This Act does not apply to a person who distributes donated food for profit.</p>	Phone: 780 427-7164
Health	Food Regulation (Public Health Act) Section 3(3)(a)(i) Section 1(1)(h) Section 3(4))	<p>Exemption from permit (limited to community organization function)</p> <p>A permit is not required for the operation of a community organization function. A 'community organization' means a <u>non-profit organization</u>, including but not limited to a community association, a service club, multicultural association, church, school, sports team, or recreational club</p> <p>(4) An operator whose activities are exempt under subsection (3) from the permit requirements of this Regulation must ensure that all food handling complies with the relevant provisions of this Regulation</p>	310-0000
Health	Food Regulation (Public Health Act) Section 8(1)(a) Section 8(2)	<p>Exemption from permit fees</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An operator is exempt from paying the permit issue or renewal fee if the operator (a) operates an organization that is registered as a charitable organization under the Income Tax Act (Canada) Alberta Health Services (AHS) may exempt an operator from payment of the permit fee if it considers the exemption appropriate 	310-0000
Health	Food Regulation (Public Health Act) Section 2(2)(m) Section 2(3)(4)	<p>Exemption of an operation or event (e.g., Southern Alberta Floods)</p> <p>(2) This Regulation does not apply to food handling for the purpose of operating (m) any other operation or event that is specified by the Minister in writing</p> <p>(3) Notwithstanding subsection (2) or any other exemption under this Regulation, no food handling is exempt from the operation of this Regulation if, in the opinion of the regional health authority, the exemption would or is likely to create a nuisance.</p> <p>(4) If a regional health authority has decided under subsection (3) that food handling that would otherwise be exempt from the operation of this Regulation would or is likely to create a nuisance, the regional health authority, in addition to any other remedy provided under the Act or regulations, may by order establish in what respect and to what extent the provisions of this Regulation apply to the food handling.</p>	310-0000
Health	Waiver Regulation (Public Health Act) Section 1 Section 2 Section 3	<p>Exemption from Food Regulation, Housing Regulation, Institutions Regulation, Nuisance and General Sanitation Regulation, Personal Services Regulation; Recreation Area Regulation, Public Swimming Pools Regulation (limited) and Work Camps Regulation</p> <p>1(1) A person to whom a provision of any of the following regulations under the Act applies may make a request to the regional health authority for an order waiving or mitigating the application of the provision:</p> <p>(a) the Food Regulation (AR 31/2006);</p> <p>(b) the Housing Regulation (AR 173/99);</p> <p>(c) the Institutions Regulation, 1981 (AR 143/81);</p> <p>(d) the Nuisance and General Sanitation Regulation (AR 243/2003);</p> <p>(e) the Personal Services Regulation;</p> <p>(f) the Recreation Area Regulation (AR 198/2004);</p> <p>(g) the Public Swimming Pools Regulation (AR 204/2014) except sections 10 and 13(1) and (2);</p> <p>(h) the Work Camps Regulation (AR 218/2002).</p> <p>(4)(1) The regional health authority may grant an order waiving or mitigating the application of a provision of a regulation where it is satisfied that</p>	310-0000

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		(a) application of the provision would cause a hardship to the applicant in the particular case, and (b) an adequate degree of protection of the public health would be maintained.	
Justice and Solicitor General	Alberta Rules of Court and Provincial Court Fees Regulation	<p>Filing Fee Waivers for Legal Aid Clients Rule 13.36, for the Court of Queen's Bench and the Court of Appeal Fee waiver: legal aid 13.36(1) In this rule, (a) "certificate" means a Legal Aid Certificate issued by the Legal Aid Society of Alberta; (b) "document" means any document that may be filed for which a fee is payable under any of items 1 to 4 or 30 to 32.1 of Schedule B [Court Fees and Witness and Other Allowances].</p> <p>Waiver of fees 3.3(1) In this section, (a) "certificate" means a Legal Aid Certificate issued by the Legal Aid Society of Alberta; (b) "document" means any document that may be filed or issued for which a fee is payable under section 1(a) to (b) or section 3(a).</p> <p>(2) If requested to file or issue a document, the clerk of the Court must waive the fee otherwise payable if presented with a subsisting certificate issued in respect of the person for whom the document is to be filed or issued.</p> <p>A current RCAS policy exempts other branches of Alberta Justice and Solicitor General, other Alberta Government Departments, Boards, Corporations and Agencies from the payment of fees for acts or duties performed by RCAS offices where these fees would form part of Provincial revenue (with the exception of transcripts prepared for the first time).</p>	Ministry Information Phone: 780 427-2745
Labour and Immigration	Employment Standards Code and Employment Standards Regulation ES Regulation Sections 2(1)(b)(xiii), 3(l), 8(i), 11(3) and Part 3, Division 9 Director Variance – ES Code Section 74, Section 43.86 of the Regulation. MVE Section 74.1 and 43.87 of the Regulation.	<p>Camp counsellors and instructors at an educational or recreational camp operating on a charitable or non-profit basis for children or handicapped individuals, or for religious purposes These employees are exempt from the following employment standards provisions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The keeping of employment records for regular and overtime hours of work; • Hours of work, overtime and overtime pay; • General holidays and general holiday pay; and • Minimum wage <p>Exemptions found in ES Regulation: Sections 2(1)(b)(xiii) 3(l) and 8(i). https://www.alberta.ca/assets/documents/es-employer-toolkit-highrez.pdf</p> <p>Caregivers employed to provide home care services or residential care services. Employees in this industry are often employed by non-profit agencies and may be contracted by the government. This industry would have exemptions to the following standards provisions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hours of work confined; and • Overtime hours and overtime pay <p>Exemptions found in ES Regulation Under Part 3, Division 9. www.alberta.ca/es-exemptions-caregivers.aspx</p> <p>Three hour minimum rule: The final exemption that applies to charities and non-profits is the three-hour minimum rule. For caregivers providing home care as well as part-time employees of non-profit recreation or athletic programs run by a municipality, Metis Settlement or community service organizations, employers must pay such employees a minimum of two hours pay at the minimum wage if they work for less than two hours, rather than three hours which is the standard. ES Regulation Section 11(3) Part 3, Division 9</p> <p>Applying for a variance or exemption from mandatory legislative requirements EG. A charitable or non-profit group could apply for a Director Variance or Exemption (DVE) or a Ministerial Variance or Exemption (MVE), based on operational needs. Approval for these variances and exemptions are determined on a case-by-case basis. Director Variances allow an employer, group of employers or employer association to apply for a variance that varies or exempts:</p>	Phone Number: 780 427-5585

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hours of work confined; Notice of work times; Rest periods; Days of rest; Overtime hours; The three hour minimum; and/or The maximum averaging period under hours of work averaging arrangements. Director Variance – ES Code Section 74, Section 43.86 of the Regulation. www.alberta.ca/apply-employment-standards-variance.aspx MVEs allow an employer, group of employers or employer association to apply for a variance or exemption for any provision of the ES Code or Regulation. MVE – Section 74.1 of the ES Code and 43.87 of the Regulation. www.alberta.ca/es-variance-minister-order.aspx	
Labour and Immigration	Workers Compensation Act	Alberta's worker's compensation legislation does not provide exemptions for non-profit or charitable groups. Certain industries are exempt from the requirement to have WCB coverage, and this includes some industries which are typically not for profit. The list of exempt industries can be found at https://rm.wcb.ab.ca/wcb.ratemannual.webserver/ExemptActivities . Employers in exempt industries can voluntarily apply for WCB worker coverage that would include volunteer coverage.	See website for industries
Labour and Immigration	Occupational Health and Safety Act Definitions: Section 1 (hh) (i)	The <i>Occupational Health and Safety Act</i> exempts family members and volunteers of farming and ranching operations from requirements in the OHS Act, and only applies to farms and ranches operations with waged, non-family workers.	OHS Information: 780-415-8690
Municipal Affairs	Municipal Government Act Section 70 (1) (2) Page 66	Advertising Requirement waived for the transfer of land from a municipality if the land is to be used by a non-profit (section 70(1)) Disposal of land 70(1) If a municipality proposes to transfer or grant an estate or interest in (a) land for less than its market value, or (b) a public park or recreation or exhibition grounds, the proposal must be advertised. (2) The proposal does not have to be advertised if the estate or interest is (a) to be used for the purposes of supplying a public utility, (b) transferred or granted under Division 8 of Part 10 before the period of redemption under that Division, or (c) to be used by a non-profit organization as defined in section 241(f).	Ministry Information Phone: 780 427-2732
Municipal Affairs	Municipal Government Act (Section 170) (3) (g) Pages 111-112	Service on a non-profit board is not considered a pecuniary interest for councillors, for the purposes of the <i>Municipal Government Act</i> (s. 170) Pecuniary interest (3) A councillor does not have a pecuniary interest by reason only of any interest (g) that the councillor or a member of the councillor's family may have by being a member or director of a non-profit organization as defined in section 241(f) or a service club,	Ministry Information Phone: 780 427-2732
Municipal Affairs	Municipal Government Act Section 264 (2) (a) Page 154	Purpose of loans and guarantees Municipalities may lend money to non-profits (not other kinds of businesses) (s. 264) (2) A municipality may (a) lend money to a non-profit organization, or	Ministry Information Phone: 780 427-2732
Municipal Affairs	Municipal Government Act Section 333.1 (1) (a) (ii) Page 205	Tax Agreements Municipality may enter into a tax agreement with a non-profit. (s. 333.1) Tax agreements 333.1(1) The council of a municipality may make a tax agreement with an assessed person who occupies or manages (a) the municipality's property, including property under the direction, control and management of	Contact local municipality

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Municipal Affairs	Municipal Government Act Section 362, 363, 364 Page 219-222 Community Organization Property Tax Exemption Regulation (COPTER) Section 6 Page 4	<p>(ii) a non-profit organization that holds the property on behalf of the municipality,</p> <p>Municipal Government Act (MGA) sections 362, 363, and 364 refer to non-profit charitable or benevolent organizations with properties that are assessable, but may be exempt from taxation if specific conditions are met.</p> <p>Exemptions for Government, churches and other bodies Properties owned by non-profits and used only for community events, recreation, sports, etc. for the benefit of the public are exempt from property taxation(s. 362) 362(1) The following are exempt from taxation under this Division: (k) property held by a religious body and used chiefly for divine service, public worship or religious education and any parcel of land that is held by the religious body and used only as a parking area in connection with those purposes; (n) property that is (i) owned by a municipality and held by a non-profit organization in an official capacity on behalf of the municipality, (ii) held by a non-profit organization and used solely for community games, sports, athletics or recreation for the benefit of the general public, (iii) used for a charitable or benevolent purpose that is for the benefit of the general public, and owned by (A) the Crown in right of Alberta or Canada, a municipality or any other body that is exempt from taxation under this Division and held by a non-profit organization, or (B) by a non-profit organization</p> <p>MGA s.362 contains the legislative and regulatory provisions that govern property tax exemptions for properties held by and used in connection with: - government (provincial and municipal properties); - schools, universities, and libraries; - hospitals, nursing homes, and seniors lodges; - religious bodies and cemeteries; and - municipal airports and seed cleaning plants.</p> <p>More specifically, MGA s.362(1)(n) and COPTER contain the legislative and regulatory provisions that govern property tax exemptions for any charitable or benevolent non-profit organizations not directly cited in the act that meet the conditions and qualifications of COPTER.</p> <p>COPTER - Non-profit organization 6 When section 362(1)(n)(i) to (v) of the Act or Part 3 of this Regulation requires property to be held by a non-profit organization, community association or residents association as defined in section 13 for the property to be exempt from taxation, the property is not exempt unless (a) the organization or association is a society incorporated under the Societies Act, or (b) the organization or association is (i) a corporation incorporated in any jurisdiction, or (ii) any other entity established under a federal law or law of Alberta that is prohibited, by the laws of the jurisdiction governing its formation or establishment, from distributing income or property to its shareholders or members during its existence. Stakeholders continue to seek clarity on some of the definitions in COPTER, including 'charitable or benevolent.'</p> <p>For property tax exemptions under MGA s.363, the municipality may make the properties taxable by bylaw. These include properties held by and used in connection with: - Ducks Unlimited; - Canadian and Alberta Hostelling Associations; - Royal Canadian Legions, Army, Navy, and Air Force veterans in Canada or other organizations of former members of any allied forces; and - student dormitories.</p>	Contact local municipality
Municipal Affairs	Municipal Government Act Section 364 Page 223	<p>Exemptions granted by bylaw 364(1) A council may by bylaw exempt from taxation under this Division property held by a non-profit organization Council may exempt property held by a non-profit from taxation. (s. 364). Exemptions under MGA s.364 allow municipalities to grant property tax exemptions to non-profit organizations by bylaw</p>	Ministry Information Phone: 780 427-2732
Municipal Affairs	Municipal Government Act Section 375	<p>Exempt businesses 375 The following are exempt from taxation under this Division: (d) a business operated by a non-profit organization on property that is exempt from taxation under section 362(1)(n). Non-profits whose property is exempt from taxation are also exempt from municipal business tax (s. 375).</p>	Contact local municipality

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Municipal Affairs	New Home Buyer Protection Act (NHBPA) New Home Buyer Protection (Ministerial) Regulation Part 1, Section 2. Page 2	<p>The Alberta Social Housing Corporation, Humans Helping Humans, and certain chapters of Habitat for Humanity have a blanket exemption under the NHBPA and, therefore, are not required to have mandatory new home warranty or builder licensing.</p> <p>Undue hardship exemptions are also available under the NHBPA. This is not a blanket exemption, and applicants must prove that meeting the requirements of the act would cause them undue hardship beyond financial hardship</p> <p>The Alberta Social Housing Corporation, Humans Helping Humans, and certain chapters of Habitat for Humanity have been aware of their blanket exemption since the legislation came into force in 2014.</p> <p>Municipal Affairs has worked with other non-profits to ensure new home warranty and builder licensing legislation are not onerous to their non-profit operations, and has been exploring paths to provide legislative exemptions for those who meet the definition of a non-profit or charitable organization</p> <p>Application of Act (2) The following buildings are exempt from the definition of new home in section 1(1)(s) of the statute: (a) a home built by one of the following societies: (i) Habitat for Humanity — Camrose Society; (ii) Habitat for Humanity — Edmonton Society; (iii) Habitat for Humanity Lethbridge Society; (iv) Habitat for Humanity On the Border Lloydminster Society; (v) Habitat for Humanity Red Deer Region Society; (vi) Habitat for Humanity Southern Alberta Society; (vii) Habitat for Humanity — Wood Buffalo Society; (viii) Humans Helping Humans Housing Foundation.</p> <p>(3) Subsection (2)(a) applies only (a) where one of the societies listed in subsection (2)(a) sells a home to an individual who has the intention of living in it, and (b) the purchase and sale agreement in respect of that home prohibits the individual from selling the home to anyone other than the society or its successors</p>	310-0000
Municipal Affairs	Safety Codes Act Section 2(1)(2)	<p>2(1) This Act applies to fire protection, barrier-free design and the design, manufacture, construction, installation, use, operation, occupancy and maintenance of</p> <p>(a) buildings, (b) electrical systems, (c) elevating devices, (d) gas systems, (e) plumbing systems, (f) pressure equipment, and (g) private sewage disposal systems.</p> <p>(2) The Minister may, by order, exempt any person or municipality or any thing, process or activity from any or all provisions of this Act and attach terms and conditions to the exemption.</p> <p>(3) An exemption order made under subsection (2) may be made to apply generally or specifically and to all or a particular area of Alberta.</p> <p>(4) The Regulations Act applies to an exemption order made under subsection (2).</p>	310-0000
Municipal Affairs	Emergency Management Act Section 29	<p>Exempts from liability.</p> <p>Search and rescue organization 29 No action in negligence lies against a search and rescue organization, the directors of that organization or a person acting under the direction or authorization of that organization for anything done or omitted to be done in good faith while acting under an agreement between that organization and the Minister.</p>	310-0000
Service Alberta	Charitable Fund-Raising Act Section 3 Page 5	<p>3 This Act does not apply to</p> <p>(a) a solicitation made by a charitable organization to a person or to a member of a person's family if the person is a member of the organization when the solicitation is made, (b) a solicitation made by a charitable organization for goods or services that are to be used by the charitable organization for its administration or some other non-charitable purpose, or (c) a solicitation made in respect of a gaming activity that is authorized by a licence under the Gaming, Liquor and Cannabis Act.</p>	Ministry Information Phone: 780 427-4088

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Service Alberta	Charitable Fund-Raising Act Section 4 Page 6	4(1) This Part applies only to the following solicitations and the solicitations described in subsection (2): (a) solicitations made by a fund-raising business; (b) solicitations made by a charitable organization that uses a fund-raising business to make solicitations on its behalf or to manage or be responsible for solicitations made by or on behalf of the charitable organization; (c) solicitations made by a charitable organization in its financial year if the charitable organization intends to raise, as a result of those solicitations, gross contributions of \$25 000 or more from persons in Alberta during that financial year. (2) Regardless of a charitable organization's intent, if a charitable organization in its financial year raises, as a result of solicitations, gross contributions of \$25 000 or more from persons in Alberta, this Part applies to solicitations made by the charitable organization from the time it reaches \$25 000 in gross contributions until the end of that financial year.	Ministry Information Phone: 780 427-4088
Service Alberta	Consumer Protection Act Section 120 (1) Page 81-82	Non-profits exempt from certain requirements for public auctions. (s. 120) Application 120(1) Subject to subsections (2) and (3), this Part does not apply to a sale by public auction (d) held by a religious, charitable or non-profit organization	Ministry Information Phone: 780 427-4088
Service Alberta	Ticket Sales Regulation (Consumer Protection Act) Section 2(1) (2) Page 1-2	Exempt from ticket refund by secondary seller, operator of secondary ticketing platform Exemptions 2(1) An operator of a secondary ticketing platform is exempt from the application of section 57.2 of the Act if the operator is a non-profit organization. (2) A secondary seller is exempt from the application of section 57.2 of the Act if the secondary seller is a non-profit organization.	Ministry Information Phone: 780 427-4088
Service Alberta	Personal Information Protection Act Section 56(1) Page 52-53	Non-profits exempt from the Act for information collected that is not connected to a commercial activity Non-profit organizations 56(1) In this section, (a) "commercial activity" means (i) any transaction, act or conduct, or (ii) any regular course of conduct, that is of a commercial character and, without restricting the generality of the foregoing, includes the following: (iii) the selling, bartering or leasing of membership lists or of donor or other fund-raising lists; (iv) the operation of a private school or an early childhood services program as defined in the Education Act; (v) the operation of a private post-secondary institution as defined in the Post-secondary Learning Act; (b) "non-profit organization" means an organization (i) that is incorporated under the Societies Act or the Agricultural Societies Act or that is registered under Part 9 of the Companies Act, or (ii) that meets the criteria established under the regulations to qualify as a non-profit organization. (2) Subject to subsection (3), this Act does not apply to a non-profit organization or any personal information that is in the custody of or under the control of a non-profit organization. (3) This Act applies to a non-profit organization in the case of personal information that is collected, used or disclosed by the non-profit organization in connection with any commercial activity carried out by the non-profit organization. (4) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations (a) establishing, for the purposes of subsection (1)(b)(ii), the criteria to be met by an organization to qualify as a non-profit organization; (b) establishing the criteria to be met by non-profit organizations to qualify as non-profit organizations that are restricted or otherwise limited in the scope of their operations and exempting those non-profit organizations from the operation of subsection (3); (c) governing the coming into force of this Act or any provision of this Act with respect to a non-profit organization; (d) providing that this Act or any provision of this Act commences to apply to a non-profit organization at a date that is later than January 1, 2004; (e) providing for and governing any transitional matter relating to the application of this Act to a non-profit organization. (5) Any regulation made under this section may be general or specific in its application.	310-0000

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Service Alberta	Real Estate Exemption Regulation <i>(Real Estate Act)</i> Section 2(1) Page 1-2	<p>Exemption from Act</p> <p>2(1) The following persons are exempt from the Act as it relates to acting as a real estate broker, except Part 2, Division 2:</p> <p>(c) a non-profit organization, or an employee, official or member of the organization, with respect to its or his</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) leasing or renting of subsidized residential premises, (ii) collecting or offering or attempting to collect money payable as <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (A) rent for the use of subsidized residential premises, or (B) contributions for the control, management or administration of subsidized residential premises, or (iii) acting, advertising, conducting or negotiating directly or indirectly in furtherance of any activity referred to in subclauses (i) and (ii) on behalf of the owner or other person in charge of the subsidized residential premises. 	Ministry Information Phone: 780 427-4088
Transportation	Highways Development and Protection Act Highways Development and Protection Regulation	<p>Section 25 of the Highways Development and Protection Act allows for exemptions for the requirement of a permit. There is a relaxation of standards with respect to off-premise signs and MADD Memorial Signs. Non-profit groups are permitted to have off-premise advertising, but they still require a permit.</p> <p>Minister has broad powers of exemptions for development, display of equipment, utility line, type of vegetation or sign within defined boundaries of specific roadways. Policy relaxation of off-premise signs for non-profits and charitable groups (require permit) and Mothers Against Drunk Driving Memorial Signs (Memorandum of Understanding)</p> <p>Other private signs (MADD awareness) are allowed within the right-of-way, but they still require a permit.</p> <p>Exemption power</p> <p>25(1) The Minister may, subject to any terms and conditions the Minister considers appropriate, exempt a development, display of equipment, utility line, type of vegetation or sign from the requirement of a permit under this Regulation.</p> <p>(2) Subsection (1) does not apply to a permit referred to in section 16 that is in respect of a physical means of access to a freeway designated under section 4 of the Act.</p> <p>(3) An exemption referred to in subsection (1) may be granted</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) in respect of a particular location or more than one location, (b) in respect of a particular highway or a class or classes of highways, and (c) in respect of a particular development, equipment, utility line, type of vegetation or sign or a class of development, equipment, utility line, vegetation or sign. <p>(4) A person to whom an exemption is granted shall comply with all terms and conditions imposed by the Minister.</p>	Ministry Information Phone: 780 427-2731