

**City of Durham**  
**Business Tax Unit**  
 101 City Hall Plaza, Durham, NC 27701  
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**Business Tax Schedule**

**Schedule "A" Business Tax Based on Gross Receipts**

**Tax Table for Schedule "A"**

Tax Section	Business Activity	Tax Formula	Maximum Tax
72	Service Establishment	\$50.00 for the first \$15,000.00 plus \$.50 per each additional \$1000.00.	\$8,000.00
73A	Retail Merchant	\$50.00 for the first \$15,000.00 plus \$.50 per each additional \$1000.00.	None
73D	Retail and Wholesale Merchant	\$50.00 for the first \$15,000.00 plus \$.50 per each additional \$1000.00.	None
74	Manufacturer	\$50.00 for the first \$15,000.00 plus \$.50 per each additional \$1000.00.	\$2500.00
73B	Wholesale Merchant	\$50.00 for the first \$100,000.00 plus \$.25 per each additional \$1000.00.	\$2500.00

\*Round Gross Receipts up to the nearest \$1000.00

**Schedule "B" Business Tax Based on North Carolina General Statute G.S. 160A-211**

**Tax Table for Schedule "B"**

Tax Section	Business Activity	Flat Tax Rate	Tax Section	Business Activity	Flat Tax Rate
			54	General Contractor – (Construction)	\$ 10.00
34	Amusements – Circuses	\$ 25.00	55	Hotel/Motel ** (\$1.00 per room) (Minimum \$25.00 Tax)	\$ **
36	Pawnbrokers	\$ 275.00	56	Restaurant (0 to 5 Chairs)	\$ 25.00
37	Peddler - Foot	\$ 10.00	56	Restaurant (5 + Chairs)	\$ 42.50
37A	Peddler - Truck	\$ 25.00	57	Security Dealers (Per individual)	\$ 50.00
37B	Itinerant Merchant	\$ 100.00	58	Heating/Illumination Oil Distributor	\$ 50.00
37C	Specialty Markets	\$ 200.00	59	Dry Cleaners	\$ 50.00
38	Elevators & Sprinklers System Installers	\$ 100.00	60	Barbershops & Beauty Salon	\$ 2.50
39	Fortune Tellers	\$ 200.00	61	Tobacco Warehouse	\$ 50.00
40	Music Machines	\$ 5.00	62	Laundries (Operated inside city limits)	\$ 50.00
41	Electronic Video Games (Per machine)	\$ 5.00	63	Advertising	\$ 35.00
42	Firearms Dealers	\$ 50.00	64	Plumbing Contractor	\$ 50.00
42A	Dealers in Other Weapons	\$ 200.00	64	Electrical Contractor	\$ 50.00
43	Laundries (Operated outside city limits)	\$ 12.50	64	Heat/Air Contractor	\$ 50.00
44	Loan Agencies/Check-Cashing	\$ 100.00	65	Ice Cream Manufacturers –Wholesale	\$ 12.50
45A	Service Stations	\$ 12.50	65	Ice Cream Truck	\$ 25.00
45B	Wholesale Auto Supply	\$ 37.50	66	Branches or Chain Stores – (Starts with 2 <sup>nd</sup> Location)	\$ 50.00
45C	Auto Dealers	\$ 25.00	67	General Business: Vending Machines (Per machine)	\$ 4.00
46	Motorcycle Dealer	\$ 25.00	67A	General Business: Selling, Leasing – (By Institutions of Learning)	\$ 25.00
47	Employment Agency	\$ 100.00	67B	General Business: Bike Dealer	\$ 25.00
48A	General Business: Pool Table (Per location)	\$ 25.00	67D	General Business: Sundries	\$ 4.00
48B	General Business: Bowling Alleys (Per alley)	\$ 10.00	67E	Radios/Records/TV: Retail/Repair	\$ 5.00
48C	Riding Devices, Swimming Pools	\$ 25.00	69	Electric Companies	\$1500.00
49	Outdoor Theaters	\$ 100.00	69	Gas Power Companies	\$1000.00
50	Movie Pictures (Per screen)	\$ 200.00	70	Express Service Companies	\$ 75.00
51	Amusements (Not otherwise taxed)	\$ 25.00	71	Telegraph Company	\$ 50.00
52	Collection Agencies	\$ 50.00	201	Second Hand Precious Metal - Employee	\$ 3.00
53	Undertakers & Coffin	\$ 50.00	201	Second Hand Precious Metal – Manager	\$ 10.00

**Gross Receipts Calculation Example**

Section 72, 73A, 73D, 74		Section 73B for Wholesale Merchants	
Total Gross Receipts before Deductions:	\$75,000.00	Total Gross Receipts before Deductions	\$200,000.00
Subtract the first \$15,000	\$15,000.00	Subtract the first \$100,000	\$100,000.00
	\$60,000.00		\$100,000.00
Divide by 1,000 (\$60,000/1000)	\$60.00	Divide by 1,000 (100,000/1000)	\$100.00
Multiple by 50 Cents	X .50	Multiple by 25 Cents	X .25
	\$30.00		\$25.00
Add Tax Amount for the first \$15,000	+\$ 50.00	Add Tax Amount for the first \$100,000	+\$50.00
Total Amount Due:	\$80.00	Total Amount Due:	\$75.00

**Exemptions: Occupations and Professions Subject to State Licensing Boards**

Every individual in the State of North Carolina who practices a profession or engages in a business and is included in the list below must obtain from the Secretary of State a statewide license for the privilege of practicing the profession or engaging in the business in order to be exempted from the City of Durham business tax. A person exempt from paying a business tax levied by this ordinance shall nevertheless obtain a business tax from the City of Durham, Business Tax Unit. The receipt will state that the licensee is exempt from paying the City's business tax. Non-Profits will need to provide copy of their 501-C3.

Accountants	105-41	Healers, professional	105-41	Pest control applicators	106-65.4
Architects	105-41	Land surveyors	105-41	Photographers	105-41
Attorneys	105-41	Landscape architects	105-41	Physicians	105-41
Auctioneers	85B-6	Massage therapists	105-41	Private detectives	105-42
Chiroprodists	105-41	Morticians	105-41	Real estate agents	105-41
Chiropractors	105-41	Ophthalmologists	105-41	Real estate appraisers	105-41
Dentists	105-41	Opticians	105-41	Surgeons	105-41
Embalmers	105-41	Optometrists	105-41	Veterinarians	105-41
Engineers, professional	105-41	Osteopaths	105-41		

**Please Note:** Anyone exempt because of holding such a statewide license but who engages in other business activities will be subject to the City's Business Tax for the non-exempt business activities.

**Other Fees:** Duplicate License Fee: \$5.00 Letter of Verifications: \$5.00