

PHILADELPHIA RESIDENTIAL RENTAL LICENSE

A Residential Rental License issued by the Philadelphia Department of Licensing and Inspections is required of any person who offers a one-family, two-family dwelling (duplex) or a rooming unit in either of these, for rent.

Owners who rent out a single family dwelling must have a Residential Rental License, a Business Privilege License and a Business Tax Number.

Owners of two-family dwellings must have a Residential Rental License, a Business Privilege License, a Business Tax Number and Zoning Approval, even if the owner occupies one of the units.

Only one business Privilege License and one Business Tax Number is required of one person, no matter how many rental properties a person has. The Business Privilege License is a one time fee.

Each time a dwelling unit is rented to a new tenant, the owner must give the tenant a written statement certifying that the rental unit is licensed and listing the rental number.