

How long does it take to get my Building Permit?

It can take anywhere from 10 to 40 days to obtain your building permit. Delays in issuing permits are often a result of:

- Incomplete drawings
- Zoning compliance mistakes
- Incomplete applicable law approvals such as Planning approvals

When the permit application is received it will be deemed complete or incomplete. A complete application includes all required forms, documents and drawings and applicable law approvals.

Our target review timelines for an application depend on the application's status as complete or incomplete. Below is a summary of our target review timeframes for the first review cycle, measured in business days. These timelines begin from the date that you complete the Pre-Application Review ("Pre-screen").

Permit Application Timeframes (Business Days)		
Building Category	Complete Applications	Incomplete Applications
Houses, tents, and other small projects	10	20
Small buildings other than houses	15	30
Large Buildings	20	40
Complex Buildings	30	60
Interior alterations of non-housing projects	10	20
Demolition permits	10	20
Sign Permits	10	20
Pool Enclosure Permits	10	20
Plumbing - Housing	10	15
Plumbing - Other than Housing	15	20

Sentence 1.3.1.3.(1) of Division C of the Ontario Building Code (the Code) requires that where an Application for a Permit meets the requirements of a complete Application as set out in Sentence 1.3.1.3.(5) of Division C, a decision to issue or refuse (with written reasons) such Permit shall be made within times prescribed by the Code. The Code further provides that where the Chief Building Official determines that an Application is not complete, the Chief Building Official is not required to make a decision within the times prescribed by the Code.