







EDUCATION BRIEF

WHA Employee Housing Program Info for Businesses & Employees

Whistler Housing Authority (WHA) has been leading Whistler’s Employee Housing Program for over 25 years. The WHA provides options for stable, secure, affordable, long term housing solutions for full time employees of Qualified Whistler Businesses. Both the Rental and Ownership Employee Housing Program have waitlists and the housing units are offered on a first come, first serve basis determined by the program application date. **Whistler employees are encouraged to apply to the WHA Rental and Ownership Programs as soon as they become eligible** to give them housing options for long-term viability in Whistler. Secure housing can help you retain your workforce long-term in Whistler. Consider adding an awareness of WHA Employee Housing in your onboarding process for new team members. Eligible employees can apply at whistlerhousing.ca.

Did You know?
There are over 7300 beds of affordable rental & ownership housing dedicated to those working in Whistler.

WHA PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY SNAPSHOT

-  Program Applicants must work full time (30+ hours / week) for a Qualified Whistler Business.
-  Applicants must have permanent status in Canada (Citizenship or Permanent Residency).
-  Applicants for the Rental Program can not own any real estate in B.C.
-  Applicants for the Ownership Program can not own any real estate anywhere in the world, unless it is their primary residence located in Squamish or Pemberton or is a WHA Employee Housing unit.



*Visit whistlerhousing.ca for up-to-date Program information or to apply. For assistance with applying contact the WHA Program Coordinator at mail@whistlerhousing.ca.

EMPLOYEE HOUSING INVENTORY

- ❖ The inventory of Whistler’s Employee Housing Units continues to grow, creating more opportunities for Whistler employees to secure long-term housing close to where they work.
- ❖ 163 Whistler employee households moved into WHA Rental and Ownership homes in 2022.
- ❖ Visit the [Rental](#) and [Ownership](#) portals on the WHA website for program details including wait time information.

NEW EMPLOYEE HOUSING BEDS CREATED		
Project Name	Year	Beds
WHA Cloudburst Court	2018	81
WHA Legacy Passive House	2019	68
WHA Lumina	2020	60
WHA Granite Ridge	2021	111
1340 Mount Fee Rd.	2022	122
1360 Mount Fee Rd. & 1315 Cloudburst Dr.	2023	306
Total = 748 New Beds in 5 Years		

WHAT IS A QUALIFIED WHISTLER BUSINESS

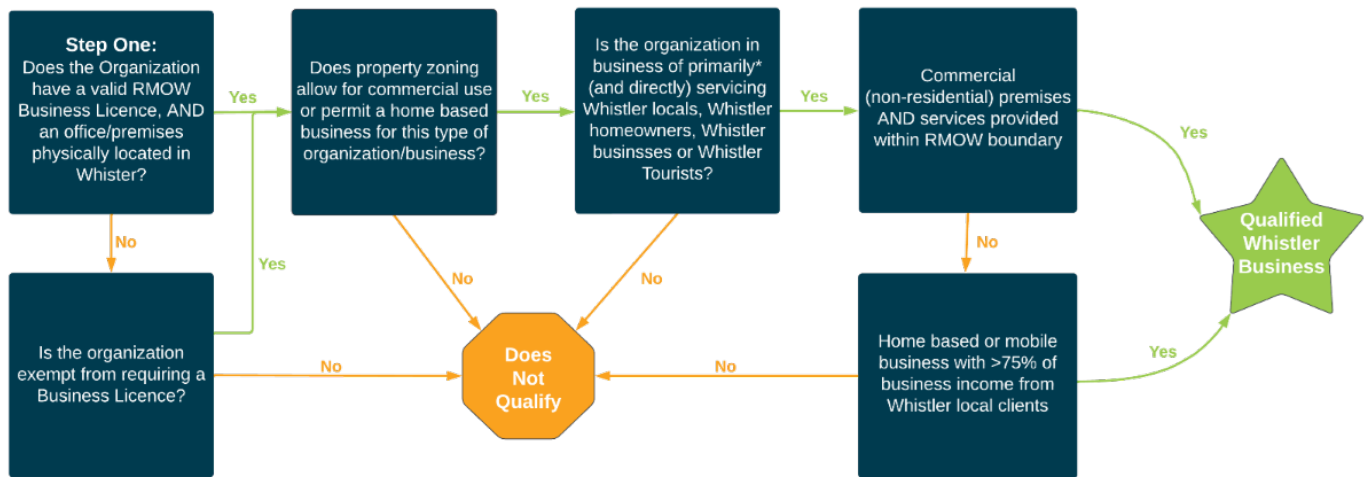
In order to qualify for Whistler’s Employee Housing Programs, an employee must be employed at a Qualified Whistler Business. A **Qualified Whistler Business** is an individual, partnership or incorporated body, with one or more employees, which operates a business in Whistler that:

- a) Holds a valid RMOW business license, which is not a ‘Non-Resident Business License’;
- b) Has an office or premises that are physically located in Whistler or at the Whistler Olympic Park;
- c) Is a permitted use of the business premises under the Municipality’s Zoning Bylaw; and
- d) Is primarily and directly servicing Whistler residents, Whistler homeowners, Whistler businesses or Whistler tourists.

In the case of a home-based, self-employed, or mobile business, the business must derive more than 75% of its business income from Whistler residents, tourists, or Whistler local businesses.

For commercial (non-residential) premises, the company must provide 75% of all of its business services within the RMOW for Whistler local residents, tourists, or Whistler local businesses.

Follow the steps below to help understand if your business meets the requirements of a **Qualified Whistler Business**:



If the steps outlined above for a **Qualified Whistler Business** are not clear, please contact the WHA at: mail@whistlerhousing.ca.

*“WHA has allowed us to make our home in Whistler and contribute to the community we love.”
– Program Participant*