

Frequently Asked Questions/Guidelines
Beekeeper Registration Form

Q – Am I required to register if I do not have live bees but still own equipment?

A – Yes. It is mandatory to register equipment even if you do not have live colonies

Q- Is there a cost associated with registration?

A- No. Registration with the province is mandatory, but free.

Q- Do I have to provide my email address?

A- No, but if you provide your email address it will only be used for online communication regarding provincial alerts and other important information.

Q – If I am new, what do I write for ‘How many colonies did you put into winter’?

A – If it is your first year, you will not have this information yet.

Q-How do I fill out the section ‘How many live colonies do you have?’?

This refers to the number of full size production bee colonies in the current season. It will not include queen mating nucs, splits or nucs designed primarily for colony increase.

Q-How do I fill out the section ‘How many bee yards or apiaries do you operate’?

This section refers to the total number of locations where you maintain live bees. It may or may not include the location of your honey house.

Q-How do I fill out the section ‘How many hives could you operate’?

This refers to the number of hives of bees you could operate if you ran your outfit at full capacity – normally 1-2 brood boxes and 2-3 honey supers per colony.

Q- How do I fill out the section ‘Colonies put into winter (Indoors/Outdoors)’?

This section refers to the number of colonies you put into wintering in fall with the serious expectation they would survive to be producing colonies. If you took bees to B.C., count them as wintering outdoors.

Q- How do I fill out the section ‘How many colonies survived (Indoors/Outdoors)’?

This refers to the number of wintered colonies that survived to be producing colonies in the spring of the current season (approximately 4 frames of bees as of May 21st)

Q-How do I fill out the section ‘Where do you do your honey extraction’?

This refers to the place where you keep your extraction equipment and at least a part of your beekeeping equipment. If your honey house is not in a rural area, write the address in the appropriate space.

Q- How do I fill out the section ‘Where are your bee yards or apiaries located’?

Please fill in the rural municipality, county or city in which your bee yards or apiaries are located. If you wish to submit a list of all your bee yard locations, you may do so.

Q- How do I fill out the section ‘Since my last registration I purchased bees from’?

The *Bee Act and Regulations* requires that you provide the name of the person you purchased the bees from. If we need more details, we will contact you.

Q – If I did not register last year, do I have to fill out where I purchased bees from?

A – Yes. It is mandatory to fill out where you purchased your bees from.

Q- How do I remove myself from the beekeeping registration list?

A - If you have disposed of your beekeeping equipment, please inform us by writing a letter or sending an email addressed to the Provincial Apiculturist on how this was done. If it was sold, please provide the name and address of the person you sold it to.

If you have further questions, please email bee@gov.ab.ca , fax 780-422-6096, or call 780-644-8746