



Weights and Measures

Fact Sheet

The Law

The Regulation and Inspection of Weighing and Measuring Devices Amendment Act of 2004 requires all DC businesses to register all Universal Product Code (UPC) scanners, pharmaceutical balances, scales used in dialysis clinics, and commercially-used weighing and measuring devices. DCRA inspects these devices twice a year to make sure they are properly calibrated and that they display accurately.

Each business must register its device(s) each year. The registration cycle runs from October 1st to September 30th.

Open enrollment for registering is August 15th to September 30th. A \$250.00 late fee is assessed on October 1st.

Failure to register/renew all devices or use of device(s) prior to initial inspection will result in a notice of infraction with \$2,034.00 fine.

All businesses must notify the Office of Weights and Measuring in writing of any changes.

CERTIFICATES ARE NOT TRANSFERRABLE.

If you have any questions or concerns, contact:

OFFICE OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

1100 4th Street, SW, 4th Floor, Washington, DC 20024
(202) 698-2130

Hours of Operation

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday
from 8:30 am- 4:00 pm Thursday from 9:30 am- 4:00 pm

Application Submission Methods

ONLINE

New Merchants

Provide your business email address to the Office of Weights & Measures (OIWM@dc.gov) to receive an invitation to register. Include the following information:

- Name
- Phone Number
- Business Name
- Business Address

Existing Merchants

Please log in to your existing [ONLINE](#) account to renew or modify registrations online.

[Forgot Your Password?](#)

IN-PERSON

All merchants may register a weighing and measuring device in the Business License Center
1100 4th Street, SW, 2nd Floor, Washington DC 20024.

- Download, complete, print, and sign the [Weights and Measures Application](#).
- Bring the completed application to: DCRA, 1100 4th Street, SW, 2nd Floor, Washington DC 20024.
- Remit payment via Cash, Credit Card (Visa, MasterCard or Discover), Money Order, or Check payable to "DC Treasurer."

MAIL-IN

Complete Weights and Measures Application

- Download, complete, print, and sign the [Weights and Measures Application](#).
- Mail application along with Money Order or Check payable to "DC Treasurer" to:

Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs

**P.O. Box 96081
Washington, DC 20090**

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