

Dear new business owner:

Congratulations on opening your new business! We would like to welcome you and provide you with general information about the Division of Weights and Measures that may apply to your business.

The Division of Weights and Measures (“Division”) regulates commodities sold by weight or measure in state commerce to help ensure consumers and businesses receive accurate quantities. The Division licenses commercial devices used to weigh or measure commodities for sale.

A commercial device includes but is not limited to the following devices: cash register scales, deli scales used in direct sales, candy scales used in direct sales, jeweler scales, farm stand scales, vehicle scales, retail motor fuel devices, vehicle tank meters, and LPG meters. Moreover, commercial use is defined as “weights and measures ... employed in establishing the size, quantity, extent, area, or measurement of quantities, things, commodities, or articles for distribution or consumption, purchased, offered, or submitted for sale, hire, or award, or in computing any basic charge or payment for services rendered on the basis of weight, measure, or count...” See RSA 438:1, XII

Please note: all commercial devices need to be licensed and certified annually. There is an initial application and an annual fee based on each commercial device. To have a device tested and certified, please go to our website or contact us for a list of registered service technicians.

If your business utilizes commercial devices, you can find the device licensing application at www.agriculture.nh.gov.

We aim to work with you by providing education and guidance to help you comply with state regulations.

For additional information or questions, please call (603) 271-2894 or email: devices@agr.nh.gov.