




**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF ORANGEVILLE  
PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

**HOME OCCUPATIONS EXPLAINED**

**Yes,** you may operate a business from your own home. No municipal permit is necessary if you follow these rules.

The Town’s zoning regulations allow home occupation uses that are secondary to the main residential use of a dwelling.

Depending on your type of dwelling, different home occupations may be permitted. Check the list to ensure that your proposed home occupation is allowed in your type of dwelling.

<u>Class A</u>  <b><u>Multiple Residential</u></b> <b>(townhouse, apt.)</b>  	<u>Class B</u>  <b><u>Semi-detached</u></b>  	<u>Class C</u>  <b><u>Single detached</u></b>  
Business & Professional Offices other than medical, dental, chiropractic or veterinary practitioner	Business & Professional Offices. Includes the office of a medical, dental, chiropractic or veterinary practitioner	Business & Professional Offices. Includes the office of a medical, dental, chiropractic or veterinary practitioner
Artist’s studio for the production of arts, crafts, film arts but not including an audio recording studio	Artist’s studio for the production of arts, crafts, film arts but not including an audio recording studio	Artist’s studio for the production of arts, crafts, film arts. Includes an audio recording studio
Teacher or tutor other than a music teacher	Teacher or tutor other than a music teacher	Teacher or tutor. Includes a music teacher
Dressmaker, tailor or seamstress	Dressmaker, tailor or seamstress	Dressmaker, tailor or seamstress
	Repair of small appliances and mechanical equipment	Repair of small appliances and mechanical equipment
	Barber, hairdresser, beautician, dietician, massage therapist or reflexologist	Barber, hairdresser, beautician, dietician, massage therapist or reflexologist
	Bed and Breakfast	Bed and Breakfast
		Private-home daycare for a maximum of 5 children

The above noted uses must be conducted in accordance with the regulations on the reverse side of this page.

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## Home Occupations explained

A home occupation should not alter the residential nature of the neighbourhood in which it is located. All home occupations are subject to limitations intended to minimize any negative impacts on the neighbourhood.

These limitations include:

- 1) No accessory buildings (garages, sheds, etc.) may be used for the home occupation.
- 2) External storage, exposure, advertising and displays are prohibited.
- 3) The only signage permitted is a non-illuminated wall sign with a maximum area of 0.2 square metres (2.15 sq. ft.), identifying the building, occupants or the home occupation.
- 4) The floor area is limited to: maximum 30 square metres (322.9 sq. ft.) or maximum 25% of the floor area of the dwelling, whichever is smaller. There is an exception for bed and breakfasts which have a 3 bedroom maximum limit.
- 5) No mechanical equipment that creates a nuisance through noise, vibration or interference with television or radio reception may be used.
- 6) Maximum 1 non-resident employee.
- 7) The minimum parking requirements for all home occupations except bed and breakfasts are: 1 parking space plus one space for a non-resident employee. A bed and breakfast must provide 1 parking space for each guest bedroom that exists. These requirements are in addition to the 1 space required for each dwelling.

A parking space must be at least 2.7 metres by 5.5 metres (8'10¼" x 18½") in size and must be located entirely on your property.

This summary is intended for information purposes only. Zoning By-law 22-90 shall be considered the official version and takes precedence.

Please address any further questions to the Planning Department.

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