Background:
Qualifying businesses can register to offer outdoor dining on the sidewalk or in the curbside lane of the street. This is a temporary license to support businesses during the COVID-19 recovery. This temporary license is valid until December 31, 2021.

You can apply for:
- **Temporary sidewalk cafe** – This license allows you to use the sidewalk area in front of a business for restaurant seating.
- **Temporary streetery** – This license allows you to convert adjacent curbside parking into outdoor dining or take-away food and beverage service.
- **Temporary sidewalk cafe extension** – This license allows you to use the sidewalk area or curbside parking adjacent to a business for restaurant seating. The owner of the adjacent property must grant permission.
- **Temporary platforms and shelters** – This license allows you to place platforms, tents, or other structures on the sidewalk or adjacent curbside parking lot. You may need additional permits and approvals before erecting or placing structures.

Review the [Outdoor Dining Guidelines (PDF)](#) for complete requirements and guidance.

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**Step 1:** Login to your eCLIPSE account.

**Step 2:** On the eCLIPSE homepage, click on ‘Apply for a Business License’.

**NOTE:** If you do not see a Business License section on your home page, your activity license has not yet been associated with your account.

Select the [How to Associate your Activity License in eCLIPSE](#) for step-by-step instructions.
Step 3: Click ‘Next’ on the ‘Welcome to the eCLIPSE License Application Wizard’.

Step 4: Select the ‘Activity License’ from the pull-down menu.

Step 5: Click on ‘Skip’ to manually choose your new Business License Type.

Step 6: On the License Types page, click on ‘License Type’ to manually select your license type.
Step 7: Select the ‘Category’ (Address-Based) from the pull-down menu.  
NOTE: To shorten the search results, type in “Sidewalk” in the ‘Name’ box.

![License Type Search](image)

Step 8: Select ‘Sidewalk Café/Streetery (Temporary)’ from the search results. Click ‘Select’ and ‘Next’ to proceed.

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Step 9: Click ‘Existing Business’ and select the location from the ‘Existing Business Site’ pull-down menu. Click ‘Next’ to proceed.

![Business License Application](image)

Step 10: Enter ‘Activity Start Date’ from the pop-up calendar. This should be the date the activity will start. Click ‘Next’ to proceed.

![Business License Application](image)
Step 11: Click the ‘Upload File’ button to upload the required documentations.

**NOTE:** The documents listed as ‘Required’ are mandatory and must be attached. If the application includes café extension or platform construction, an **Authorization Form** and/or **Platform Construction Plan** will be required.

![Business License Application BA-2020-116351 (Draft)](image)

Step 12: Select the ‘Attachment Type’ from the pull-down menu on each of the uploaded documents. Click ‘Next’ to proceed.

**NOTE:** If you need to remove a document, click on the red ‘X’ button.

![Business License Application BA-2020-116351 (Draft)](image)

Step 13: Click the ‘Submit Application’ button to submit your application.

**NOTE:** Once the application has been successfully submitted, you will receive a response within 3 business days. The application will be in the ‘Submitted’ Status.

**Questions? Need Assistance?**

Call 311 or 215-686-8686 (if outside Philadelphia) or submit an [online help form](#).