
TOWN OF GANDER

2026 SCHEDULE OF RATES AND FEES

Residential Property Tax

Mill Rate 7.4 Mills Minimum Tax \$100

Authority – Section 117-118 Towns and Local Services Districts Act, SNL 2023, c. T-6.2

The minimum tax for vacant land is \$380 unless the land is in the waste disposal buffer area in which the minimum tax is \$100.

Property Tax Reduction

Taxpayers are eligible for a reduction of their annual residential property and water & sewer taxes provided the total income of their household is less than the amount listed below. The total income is deemed to be income from all sources and includes basement apartment rental income, interest income and the income of all occupants of the property:

ANNUAL INCOME	REDUCTION
0.00 - \$20,750	55%
\$20,751 - \$22,500	45%
\$22,501 - \$24,500	25%
\$24,501 - \$27,000	15%

The total income used to evaluate the current year's reduction is based on the previous year's income. Property tax reductions will be issued for the current year only. Applications for property tax reductions are available on the Town of Gander website at gander.ca and can be picked up at the Town Hall.

Authority – Section 112 (b) Towns and Local Services Districts Act, SNL 2023, c. T-6.2

Commercial Property Tax

Mill Rate 7.5 Mills Minimum Tax \$100

Authority – Section 117-118 Towns and Local Services Districts Act, SNL 2023, c. T-6.2

The minimum tax will be prorated if the occupancy date is between October 1st and December 31st.

Auxiliary Unoccupied Non- Residential Property Tax

Mill Rate 7.5 Mills

Authority – Section 117-118 Towns and Local Services Districts Act, SNL 2023, c. T-6.2

Charitable and Not for Profit Organizations Property Tax Exemption:

The following organizations are eligible for a full property tax exemption:

Gander Masonic – Lindbergh	Girl Guides of Canada	Gander Curling Club
Benevolent Order of Elks	SPCA	Broadening Horizons
Chamber of Commerce	Cara Transition House	Gander Disciples
Royal Canadian Legion	Gander Lions Club	Golden Legion Manor
North Atlantic Aviation Museum	Gander Golf Club	

Authority – Section 112 (c) Towns and Local Services Districts Act, SNL 2023, c. T-6.2

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Water & Sewer Tax

Commercial

Mill Rate 7.5 Mils

Base Residential (Primary and secondary Units) **\$550** (per legally subdivided lot)

Auxiliary Multi Unit Residential (3-15 units) **\$550** (Per unit 3-15)

Multi Residential (15 + Units)

Mill Rate 7.4 Mils

Authority – Section 131-132 Towns and Local Services Districts Act, SNL 2023, c. T-6.2

Church owned property

All church owned properties classified as tax exempt under Section 121 (d) will be charged a yearly water and sewer service fee of \$550. Properties classified as tax exempt under Section 121 (f) will be charged a yearly water and sewer service fee of \$550.

The following Charitable and Not for Profit organizations are eligible for the following water/sewer tax reductions:

	2026 W/S Deduction	2026 W/S Payable
North Atlantic Aviation Museum	2,543.03	4,018.72
Curling Club	2,607.61	3,840.89
Golf Club	6,627.55	3,468.95

The minimum tax will be \$100 per year.

The minimum tax will be prorated if the invoice date is between October 1st and December 31st.

Authority – Section 112 (c) Towns and Local Services Districts Act, SNL 2023, c. T-6.2

Business Tax

Tax Classification Groupings

Tax Classification 1 (5 Mils)

- **Lifestyle 1** Providers of non-medical, personal wellness and transportation services specifically intended to improve the health, fitness, and quality of life of individuals. **Minimum \$300**

Examples include:

- Agriculture & Farming
- Activity Based Tourism Services
- Aerobic Studio
- Blood Collection Services
- Chartered Bussing Service
- Dance Studio
- Fitness studio

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Lifestyle 1 cont'd

- Home Care
- Music/Art Studio
- Private Gym
- Public Transportation
- Recreation Service
- Taxi Service
- Yoga studio
- **Lifestyle 2** Providers of personal care services often incorporating one-on-one supervisory support/assistance and include educational or recreational programming. **Minimum \$300**
Examples include:
 - Daycare/Childcare Services
 - Group Home
 - Rest/Retirement Home

Tax Classification 2 (6 Mills)

- **Hospitality 1** Companies or property owners provide overnight and extended stay accommodation with or without ancillary business lines including bars, eating establishments, fitness centres, swimming pools. where the total footprint is less than 10,000ft² etc.
Minimum \$300
Examples include:
 - Bed and Breakfast Establishment
 - Inns and RV Park
 - Hospitality Home
 - Hotel
 - Motel
 - Short -Term Rentals

Tax Classification 3 (13 Mills)

- **Business 3** Companies whose primary business includes the sale of products and/or services either directly to the public or on a wholesale basis and operate from commercial or industrial zones as well as Home Based Businesses including offsite storage as well as courier and logistics companies.
Minimum \$300
Examples include:
 - Building Supplies Store
 - Business office
 - Courier/Trucking (all footprint)
 - Cleaning Services
 - Department Store
 - Dry Cleaner
 - Fixed Base Operator
 - Funeral Home
 - Furniture Store
 - General Retail

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Business 3 cont'd

- Grocery Store
 - Hairdresser
 - Hardware Store
 - Laundry Mat
 - Lotto Booth
 - Moving Company (all footprints)
 - Pharmacies
 - Private College
 - Property/Grounds Maintenance
 - Recreation Vehicles
 - Restaurants
 - Service Station
 - Travel Agency
 - Warehouse (all footprint)
 - Waste Collection
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- **Business 4** Businesses operating from facilities between 20,000 ft² and 40,000 ft² (including offsite storage) as well as all auto dealerships, in commercial or industrial zones, whose primary business includes the sale of products and/or services either directly to the public or on a wholesale basis.
Minimum \$300
Examples include:
 - Building Supplies Store
 - Business office
 - Auto Dealership (all footprint)
 - Department Store
 - Fixed Base Operator
 - Furniture Store
 - General Retail
 - Grocery Store
 - Hardware Store
 - Mixed Retail (including Pharmacies)
 - Private College
 - Recreation Vehicles
 - Service Station

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Tax Classification 4 (14 Mils)

- **Professional Service 1** Companies employing skilled trade persons, technicians and/or technical specialists for the upgrade and repair of buildings and ancillary structures, equipment, vehicles etc. operating from a commercial or industrial zone or home-based business which may include integrated space for business administration, storage, and specialized repair work.

Minimum \$500

Examples include:

- Aircraft Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul
- Autobody Shop
- Automotive Repair Garage (*may include Autobody Repair*)
- Carpentry (*excluding new home construction*)
- Drafting
- Electrical Contractor
- Insurance Adjustor
- Mechanical Contractor
- Mining/Mineral Exploration
- Plumbing Contractor
- Property Appraiser
- Property Restoration Specialist
- Refrigeration Contractor
- Roofing Contractor
- Small engine and Appliance Repair
- Welding and Metal Fabrication

Tax Classification 5 (15 Mils)

- **Business 1** Companies that combine two or more components to fabricate or modify components to create a value-added final product. This business class includes integrated onsite and offsite administrative offices, storage structures, maintenance garages, laydown yards and quarries.

Minimum \$500

Examples include:

- Aircraft Overhaul and Modification
- Civil Construction
- New Residential/Commercial Construction (General Contractor)
- General Manufacturing/Industry
- Residential Development

Tax Classification 6 (17 Mils)

- **Professional Services 2** Providers of ancillary, rehabilitative and supportive services, healthcare services who are regulated by the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador. Services may be provided from a commercial or industrial zone and licensed health care providers other than medical doctors providing physical and mental rehabilitation services that help return a person to optimal physical and psychological functioning. Services may be provided from a commercial or industrial zone. **Minimum \$500**

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Professional Services 2 cont'd

Examples include:

- Acupuncture
- Audiology
- Chiropractors
- Dental Hygienist
- Denturists
- Homeopathy
- Laser Therapy
- Massage Therapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Psychologists
- Physiotherapy
- Respiratory Therapy
- Speech Language Pathology

Tax Classification 7 (25 Mils)

- **Business 2** Companies engaged in the production, refinement and/or bulk storage of mineral aggregates or their derivatives. **Minimum \$500**

Examples include:

- Asphalt Plant
- Concrete Plant
- Mineral Processing

Tax Classification 8 (30 Mils)

- **Business 5** Businesses operating from facilities greater than 40,000 ft² (including offsite storage) within commercial or industrial zones, whose primary business includes the sale of products and/or services either directly to the public or on a wholesale basis. **Minimum \$300**

Examples include:

- Building Supplies Store
- Business office
- Department Store
- Fixed Base Operator
- Furniture Store
- General Retail
- Grocery Store
- Hardware Store
- Mixed Retail (including Pharmacies)
- Private College

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Tax Classification 8 cont'd (26 Mils)

- **Hospitality 2** Companies or property owners provide overnight and extended stay accommodation with or without ancillary business lines including bars, eating establishments, fitness centres, swimming pools etc. where the total footprint is more than 10,000ft².

Minimum \$300

Examples include:

- Bed and Breakfast Establishment
- Inns and RV Park
- Hospitality Home
- Hotel
- Motel
- Short -Term Rentals

Tax Classification 9 (30 Mils)

- **Business 6** Sales offices/counters and facilities affiliated with major transportation, media, and communications companies. **Minimum \$500**

Examples include:

- Air Navigations Service
- Airline Ticket Office
- Car Rental Office
- Mass Transit Ticket Sales
- Radio Station
- Television Studio

- **Professional Services 3** Financial services organizations whose primary business is wealth management specifically of providers of investment advice, fund management and brokerage services and operating from a commercial or industrial zone or a home office. **Minimum \$500**

Examples include:

- Finance Adviser and Broker
- Insurance Sales
- Investment Broker

Tax Classification 10 (32 Mils)

Professional Services 2a Medical practitioners with advanced degrees in human or veterinarian medicine who diagnose and treat diseases, conditions, and injury of the body. **Minimum \$500**

Examples include:

- Physicians
- Podiatrists
- Dentists
- Veterinarians
- Optometrist

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Tax Classification 10 cont'd (32 Mils)

- **Professional Services 4** Companies that offer professional services and operate from a commercial or industrial zone or a home office and require specialized knowledge or training and offer creative, administrative, and business consultative services. **Minimum \$500**

Examples include:

- Accounting
- Architects
- Business and Management Consultant
- Engineering
- Lawyer/Paralegal
- Real Estate Sales
- Surveyor

Tax Classification 11 (100 Mils)

- **Business 7** Properties primarily used for the mass storage or stockpiling of material goods, petrochemicals, equipment, and vehicles which may or may not include annex structures and bulk storage containers. **Minimum \$500**

Examples include:

- Bulk Fuel Storage
- Stand-alone Laydown Yards

Tax Classification 12a, 12b & 12c (120 Mils)

- **Financial Services** Regulated and insured companies that provide investment and credit services operating from a commercial or industrial zone or home office.

Tax Classification 12a

Banks **Minimum \$50,000**

Tax Classification 12b

Credit Unions **Minimum \$30,000**

Tax Classification 12c

Finance and Credit Companies **Minimum \$5,000**

Tax Classification 13 (2.5% of Gross Revenues)

- Businesses regulated under the Taxation of Utilities and Cable Television Companies Authority – Section 125 Towns and Local Services Districts Act, SNL 2023, c. T-6.2

The minimum tax will be prorated if the occupancy date is between October 1st and December 31st.

Business Out of Residence Tax

Occupancy Permit \$10

Where the fixed place of business cannot be assessed under the Assessment Act, an Annual Tax Rate of \$7.25/\$1,000 in gross sales, to a maximum of \$700, will be imposed and the tax will be based on the previous year's gross sales. The same minimum tax will be charged as outlined in the Business Tax Rates depending upon classification.

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Where there is a fixed place of business that can be assessed under the Assessment Act, the Home-Based Business will be taxed at the appropriate business tax rate. The same minimum tax will be charged as outlined in the Business Tax Rates depending upon classification.

Personal Service Home Based Businesses include, but are not limited to, hairdressers, estheticians, beauty parlors and related.

Tourist Accommodations Tax

Tourist Accommodation Tax 4% of the daily rate for the tourist accommodation.

Authority – Section 129 Towns and Local Services Districts Act, SNL 2023, c. T-6.2

Licence of Occupation

Residential	\$50/year
Commercial	\$50/year plus 1/10 land value

Animal Control

Dog and Cat licenses (male or female)	\$30 lifetime of owner fee
Impounding Fees	\$25 First Offence \$50 Second Offence within a 12-month period, plus \$5 per day for each day the Animals are held at the Animal Shelter. If the animal is not licensed, the impounding fees are doubled.
Replacement Tags	\$5 each

Mobile Business & Vending Machine Operations

Permit Fee Structure	\$50/day Seasonal permit \$125 plus \$10 per mobile unit Annual permit \$225, plus \$10 per mobile unit
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Taxi Fees

Annual Taxicab Vehicle Licence	\$30
Annual Limousine Vehicle Licence	\$50
Decal for Operating Taxicab	\$10
Annual Taxicab Operator's Licence	\$20
Replacement Decals for Operating Taxi	\$10
Transfer Fee for Annual Taxicab Vehicle Licence	\$15

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Transfer Fee for Annual Taxicab Operator's Licence	\$10
Temporary Annual Vehicle Licence**	\$20
Replacement Taxi Rate Decals	\$10

(**to be issued only during the period January to March of each year, prior to the regular fee being applicable on April 1)

Permit Fees

Residential

- Minor Construction (under \$20,000): \$1/\$1000 of construction value
- Major Construction (\$20,000 and over): \$2/\$1000 of construction value
- Minor cosmetic repairs less than \$5,000 do not require a permit

New Homes

- Construction value based on cost per square foot
- Additional Fees:
 - \$50 Permit to Occupy
 - \$1,500 Wastewater Service Levy
 - \$300 Grading Verification Fee

Refundable Deposits:

- \$500 Building Inspection
- \$500 Grading Inspection (Reinspection fee of \$100 per visit)
- \$300 Tree Deposit (Refund to be issued only up to 36 months after the application date)

Subsidiary Apartments, Secondary Suites, Structural Renovations and Additions

- Construction value based on cost per square foot
- Additional Fees:
 - \$50 permit to occupy (applies to apartments and suites)
- Refundable Deposits
 - \$500 Building Inspection (Reinspection fee of \$100 per visit)

Minimum Charge \$10

Accessory Buildings

- Construction Value based on cost per square foot
- Minimum Charge \$25

Fences, Patios, Decks, Balconies, Non-structural Renovations and Cosmetic Repairs

Minimum Charge \$10

Permit Renewal \$10

Non-Residential

\$5/\$1000 of construction value minimum charge of \$25

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Permit Fees cont'd

New Buildings

Construction value based on cost per square foot using RS Means Building Construction Cost Data book

Additional fees:

\$100 Permit to Occupy

\$1,500 Wastewater Service Levy

\$300 Grading Verification Fee

Refundable Deposits (not required if construction is certified by P. Eng. or Architect):

\$500 Building Inspection

\$500 Grading Inspection (Reinspection fee of \$100 per visit)

Structural Renovations and Additions

Construction value based on cost per square foot using RS Means Building Construction Cost Data book

Refundable Deposits

\$500 Building Inspection (Reinspection fee of \$100 per visit)

Minimum Charge \$25

Accessory Buildings

Construction Value based on cost per square foot

Minimum Charge \$25

Fences, Patios, Decks, Balconies, Non-structural Renovations, Cosmetic Repairs, Signs and Advertising Devices

Minimum Charge \$25

Permit Renewal \$25

Occupancy Permits

Required prior to moving into a building that has been vacant for a period of 6 months or more, a newly constructed building, or a building which has a change of use.

Residential \$50 Commercial \$100

Demolition Permit \$25

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Permit Fees cont'd

Driveway Installation Permit

Required if you add an additional driveway or widen an existing driveway

Minimum Charge \$25

Additional fees (may apply if work on the town's infrastructure are required) of \$20/m curb cut down (minimum charge \$100)

\$ 175/m sidewalk removal

Street Excavation

Required if a contractor removes any portion of the Town's infrastructure. Insurance certificates need to be provided.

Minimum charge \$250

Refundable Deposits- \$5,000 to be held for 12 months for warranty purposes

Water and Sewer Connection

Required if there is a need to connect to the town's water or sewer system. Insurance certificate to be provided

Minimum charge of \$400 per connection for larger sized services.

Residential sized services have one fee for all three connections. (Water, storm, and sanitary connection)

Miscellaneous Fees

Zoning Compliance Letters	\$150
Side yard Compliance Letters	\$100
Town Plan Amendment	\$1,000 – without public hearing plus \$2,200 – if public hearing is required
Development Regulations Amendments	\$1,000
Development Application Fee	\$50
Subdivision Development Application Fee	\$200
Subdivision Resubmission Review Fee	\$200
Tax Inquiry	\$150
Tax Certificates	\$150 (If no tax inquiry is required for the property)
Subdivision Development Fees	Residential \$30 per front metre Residential Recreation \$5 per front metre Commercial \$35 per front metre

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Miscellaneous Fees cont'd

	Apartments: \$250 per unit (1 bedroom) \$300 per unit (2 bedrooms) \$350 per unit (3 bedrooms)
NSF Payments/Returned Payments	A charge of \$25 will be levied for anyone having a payment returned by a finance institution.
Vehicle Impounding Fees	Towing Charge plus \$20/night
Fire Alarm Monitoring Fee	\$400/year plus HST
After Hours Service Request	Cost Recovery Basis
Fire Extinguisher Monthly Inspection	Cost Recovery Basis
Charge for Witnessing Documents Unrelated to Town Business	\$50 plus HST
Marriage Fee	\$200 plus HST
Sludge Disposal Fees	\$100 load per 1000 gallons or less \$200 load per 1001 to 3000 gallons \$300 load over 3000 gallons
Wood Stove Inspection	\$150 plus HST

Recreation Department Fees

Steele Community Centre User Rates

Ice Rental Rates for Adult & For-Profit Groups

Sunday to Friday	6:00am - 8:00am	\$78.38/hr.
	8:00am - 6:00pm	\$133.05/hr.
	6:00pm - Close	\$181.43/hr.
Saturday	6:00am - Close	\$133.05/hr.

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Recreation Department Fees cont'd

Ice Rental Rates for Minor Hockey and Figure Skating

Sunday to Friday	6:00am - 8:00am	\$78.38/hr.
	8:00am - 7:00pm	\$108.86/hr.
	7:00pm - Close	\$181.43/hr.
Saturday	6:00am - 8:00am	\$78.38/hr.
	8:00am - Close	\$108.86/hr.

General/Family/Morning Skating & Shinny Hockey

Morning Skating		Adults: \$3.48
General Skating		Students: \$2.61
Family Skating		
Family Skating Pass	Includes 2 Adults & their Children	\$65.22 per season or \$10 per session
Shinny Hockey		\$4.35

Spring/Summer Floor Rentals

Floor Rental	Daily	\$69.78/hr.
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Non-Ice Events

Steele Community Centre rental rates have been set at the following:

When Ice is On

\$2,560.19 per day, plus other recoverable costs. For set-up and tear-down days, the rate will be \$2,048.15.

When Ice is Not On

\$2,355.37 per day, plus other recoverable costs. For set-up and tear-down days, the rate will be \$1,536.11 per day.

Room Rental: Steele Community Centre \$26.75 an hour (birthday parties only)

Cobb's Pond Building \$50 per hour (Amphitheatre electricity \$20/hr)

Steele Community Centre Parking Lot Rental Fee \$535/day

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Recreation Department Fees cont'd

Field Rentals

Recreation Softball	Adult	\$524.30/per team per season
	Children	\$9.31/child for June–August (\$4.65/child per mth after August)
Baseball Teams	Adult	\$524.30/ per team per season
	Children	\$9.31/child for June–August (\$4.65/child per mth after August)
Soccer Teams	Adult	\$524.30/ per team per season
	Child	\$9.31/child for June–August (\$4.65/child per mth after August)
Track and Field	Adult	\$524.30/ per team per season
	Child	\$9.31/child for June–August (\$4.65/child per mth after August)

Town Field Lighting Fee (Soccer/Track & Softball) \$20/hour

Tournament Daily Rental Fee (All facilities)

Youth	\$107.00
Adult	\$160.50

Single Ballfield, Soccer Games \$37.45 per 1.5 hours

Single Track and Field Rentals \$21.4 per 1.5 hours

Field and light will be donated to organizers of youth / special Olympics Provincial / Atlantic scale tournaments drawing a minimum of 4 teams.

NOTE: HST is to be added for all the rates charged in this section.

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Interest on Overdue Accounts

The due date for payment of taxes for properties and businesses assessed as of January 1, 2026, is March 31, 2026.

All taxes that are in arrears after March 31, 2026, will be charged simple interest at the rate of 12% per annum which will be charged at the first day of each month on the outstanding principal.

For those property owners who elect to pay their property tax monthly by post-dated cheque or pre-authorized bank payment, the due date is the last banking day of the month in which the tax is payable and will be considered overdue if unpaid after the end of the month and the simple interest rate will be set at 12% per annum.

All other property, business and water and sewer taxes, including supplementary assessments, are due 30 days from the date of issuance and all invoices in arrears at the end of the 30-day period following the issuance will be subject to simple interest charges of 12% per annum. All other miscellaneous billings are due 30 days from the date of issuance and all invoices in arrears at the end of the 30-day period following the issuance will be subject to simple interest charges of 12% per annum.

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