

Classification unit description

General Retail (not elsewhere specified) Classification Unit: 741013	Sector: Trade
	Sub-sector: Retail

Introduction to classification units

We group all firms into classification units based on the products produced, the services provided, and the processes, technology, or materials used. The base premium rate reflects the cost of compensation and prevention in the classification unit.

This classification unit description provides an overview of the classification unit for general guidance only. Firms are classified based on this, our classification policies, Rate and Classification List, and other relevant classification unit descriptions. The items listed below are examples only; they are intended to be illustrative (not exhaustive). Every example may not apply to every firm in the classification unit.

Description This classification unit covers firms that operate locations less than 7,500 sq ft, including retail, storage and office space. Also covered are firms primarily engaged in door-to-door, in-home or other direct sales and internet merchants that maintain a stock of goods and sell to a final consumer.

Facility Here are some examples of facilities covered by this classification unit:

Book store	Clothing store
Drugstore	Flower shop
Hardware store	Lottery kiosk
Pawn shop	Pet store
Pharmacy	Postal outlet
Retail store	

Services Here are some examples of services that firms in this classification unit provide:
Retail labour supply

General information For classification purposes, WorkSafeBC generally defines "retail" as the direct sale of small-quantity goods to a final consumer.

Included in this classification unit are labour supply firms that fulfill client staffing requirements by supplying an individual or group of individuals. Although individuals are under the direction and control of the client, they are paid by the labour supply firm.

Where "not elsewhere specified" is indicated in the Classification Unit (CU) title, please note that the CU is intended to represent business activities that are not appropriately represented elsewhere in the classification system. It recognizes that the current collection of CU descriptions are not exhaustive and that product or service type; processes or equipment; and industry competition must also be considered when determining a best industry fit.

When to contact us

Firms in this classification unit may also occasionally engage in other business activities. However, if they have a significant presence in any of the following industries, it may make sense for them to be assigned to another classification unit.

- 1) retail locations with a total floor space of greater than 7,500 sq ft, including retail, storage and office space (see CU 741033);
- 2) butcher shop (see CU 741005);
- 3) supermarket (see CU 741025);
- 4) eyewear sales or repair shop (see CU 741015);
- 5) garden or landscaping supply centre (see CU 741011);
- 6) home improvement centre (see CU 741014);
- 7) jewellery, clock, watch, or trophy shop (see CU 741015);
- 8) light equipment, machinery or power tool rental shop (see CU 741016);
- 9) music store that services & repairs musical instruments (see CU 741018);
- 10) party supply centre (see CU 741019);
- 11) retail art gallery or picture framing shop (see CU 741020);
- 12) retail bakery or deli (see CU 741021);
- 13) retail brewing/wine making (see CU 741022);
- 14) chocolate shop or other retail confectioners (see CU 741026);
- 15) internet sales business (with no stock of goods in BC)(see CU 762005);
- 16) internet wholesale business (with stock of goods in BC)(see CUs in subsector 7420);
- 17) convenience store, farm market, or specialty food store (see CU 741030);
- 18) flooring store (see CU 741029);
- 19) bicycle shop (see CU 741004);
- 20) furniture store (see CU 741031);
- 21) retail/wholesale auto parts (see CU 741027);
- 22) wholesale auto parts (see CU 742008);
- 23) drycleaning facility or laundromat (see CU 764020);
- 24) beer, wine or liquor store (see CU 741032);
- 25) recycling depot involved in the collection of larger items and those which pose a higher risk to workers (see CU 731004); or
- 26) recycling drop-off centre involved in the collection of items such as bottles or other beverage containers which pose minimal risk to workers (see CU 741034).

Please contact us if you have any questions about this or anything else related to this classification unit description.

Base premium rates

2017: 0.77% (or \$0.77 per \$100) of assessable payroll
2016: 0.77% (or \$0.77 per \$100) of assessable payroll
2015: 0.75% (or \$0.75 per \$100) of assessable payroll