

New Hampshire Division of Weights and Measures

Certification Versus Licensure of Devices

- **What is Certification of Commercial Devices?**
 - Certification indicates that a device has been tested and sealed, is legal for use and has been left in proper working condition pursuant to the Weights and Measures Act. See RSA 438.
 - Certification is indicated by a colored sticker displaying the year the device was tested and placed conspicuously on the device by a service technician or Division official.
 - Commercial devices used for **direct sale** weighing & measuring transactions include, but are not limited to: cash register, deli, candy, jewelry, pawn shop, farm stand, and vehicle scales as well as retail motor fuel devices (“gas pumps”), vehicle tank meters (home heating fuel), and LPG meters (i.e., propane).
 - All commercial devices need to be **certified annually**. (See the Division website for a list of NH service technicians).
 - **All commercial devices must be inspected and tested annually and display a certification stamp bearing the current year or the preceding year.**

- **What is Licensure of Commercial Devices?**
 - All commercial devices need to be **licensed annually**.
 - An initial device license application is on the Division’s website.
 - There is an annual fee for each commercial device
 - Be sure to include the placed-in-service report from the service technician verifying certification for each device
 - The Division will send a renewal verification form for all licensed devices each year and the device owner shall verify & update the information including the devices listed, contact information & return the form to the Division.

For a complete and official version of the Division’s laws and administrative rules go to our **newly designed website**: www.agriculture.nh.gov & click on: Division of Weights & Measures laws and rules page, or contact the Division at (603) 271-3700 or (603) 271-2894