Trailer Dealer License
A trailer dealer license allows an individual to buy and sell trailers only.

Documents to Include with Application:
- A zoning letter from city or county stating proposed location is approved for a trailer dealership
- If renting or leasing, a copy of the lease agreement stating a trailer dealership is allowed per the lease
- A $10,000 surety bond is required if trailers weigh more than 3,000 pounds
- If selling new trailers, a copy of the dealer or franchise agreement with the manufacturer or distributor

The initial license application fee is $125 and the annual license renewal fee is $100.

Boat Dealer License
A boat dealer license allows an individual to buy and sell boats and boat trailers only.

Documents to Include with Application:
- A zoning letter from city or county stating proposed location is approved for a boat dealership
- If renting or leasing, a copy of the lease agreement stating a boat dealership is allowed per the lease
- A $20,000 surety bond
- If selling new boats and boat trailers, a copy of the dealer or franchise agreement with the manufacturer or distributor

The initial application fee is $250 and the annual license renewal fee is $175.

Motorcycle And Off-Road Vehicle License
A motorcycle and off-road vehicle license allows an individual to buy and sell motorcycles and off-road vehicles only.

Documents to Include with Application:
- A zoning letter from city or county stating proposed location is approved for a motorcycle and off-road vehicle dealership
- If renting or leasing, a copy of the lease agreement stating a motorcycle and off-road vehicle dealership is allowed per the lease
- At least $300,000 in public liability insurance
- A $5,000 surety bond
- If selling new motorcycles and off-road vehicles, a copy of the dealer or franchise agreement with the manufacturer or distributor

The initial application fee is $250 and the annual license renewal fee is $150.

Snowmobile Dealer License
A snowmobile dealer license allows an individual to buy and sell snowmobiles only.

Documents to Include with Application:
- A zoning letter from city or county stating proposed location is approved for a snowmobile dealership
- If renting or leasing, a copy of the lease agreement stating a snowmobile dealership is allowed per the lease
- A $5,000 surety bond
- If selling new snowmobiles, a copy of the dealer or franchise agreement with the manufacturer or distributor
- A place of business in which the records, books, and files necessary to conduct business are maintained and available for inspection

The initial application fee is $150 and the annual license renewal fee is $125.

Note: For ALL applications, if there are missing documents, processing the license will be delayed.
Motor Vehicle Dealer License

A motor vehicle dealer license allows you to buy and sell motor vehicles, motorcycles, off-road vehicles, and trailers.

Requirements:

- A letter from the city or county zoning stating the proposed location is approved for a vehicle dealership
- If renting or leasing a property, a copy of the lease agreement stating a vehicle dealership is allowed per the lease
- A minimum of $300,000 in public liability insurance
- A $25,000 surety bond
- If selling new vehicles, a copy of your dealer or franchise agreement with the manufacturer or distributor

The initial license application fee is $300 and the annual license renewal fee is $175.

Each of the above listed items need to be submitted with the license application. Any missing documents will delay the processing of your application.

Who needs a dealer license?

- Any person engaging in the business, either exclusively or in addition to any other occupation of selling, offering to sell, or displaying new or used vehicles without a license, unless you qualify for an exception from dealer licensing.

If you acquire a vehicle with the intention to sell it, you will need a license. A violation of selling vehicles without a license is a Class 2 Misdemeanor. Any subsequent violations within two years of previous violation is a Class 1 Misdemeanor. (SDCL 32-6B-4)

No person may act as, offer to act as, or hold himself or herself out to be a broker. A violation of this section is a Class 2 misdemeanor. (SDCL 32-6B-4.1)