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Telluride vacation rental checklist

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Telluride requires a short-term rental license: homes in the Residential Zone and Limited licenses are held to 29 nights a year, while Classic licenses elsewhere have no night limit but pay a per-bedroom regulatory fee. No one can hold more than two licenses. Stays owe 17.22% in taxes, and platforms don't collect the town's 11%.

> Fee amounts come from a May 2026 property manager's guide; we couldn't open the town's license page. Confirm fees and any inspection requirements with the town's STR Program Administrator.

Licensing steps

STATE OF COLORADO

- [ ] **Get a state sales tax license**
  If you rent rooms or a home for stays under 30 days, Colorado requires a sales tax license from the Department of Revenue. Platforms like Airbnb collect the state and state-administered taxes on their bookings; you file for anything booked directly.
  MyBiz Colorado: https://mybiz.colorado.gov/
- [ ] **Check for home-rule city taxes**
  Many cities and mountain towns collect their own sales and lodging taxes. Platforms aren't required by the state to collect these, so you may need a separate city tax license and returns.
- [ ] **Get your county or city rental license**
  Most Colorado mountain counties and towns, and Denver, require a short-term rental license or permit, often with an inspection, an occupancy limit, posted information, and a local responder. Pick your area for the rules.

SAN MIGUEL COUNTY, COLORADO

- [ ] **Get a state sales tax license**
  Needed for any rental unless a platform covers all your taxes.
- [ ] **Then your town or area**
  Towns set their own rental licenses and collect their own taxes, and the county's rules cover only areas outside town limits. Pick your area.

TOWN OF TELLURIDE

- [ ] **Find your zone and license**
  If your home is in the Residential Zone (outlined in red on the town map), you need a Residential license. Elsewhere choose Classic (no night limit) or Limited (up to 29 nights a year). Hotels and lodges use the Lodging license. You can hold an interest in no more than two licenses.
- [ ] **Apply online**
  Since July 1, 2025 all forms are online. Include the Financial Ownership Disclosure and a Bulk Notary Form for notarized documents. Licenses don't transfer; a new owner or added owner needs a new license and fee.
- [ ] **Taxes on each stay**
  Stays under 30 days owe 17.22%: 11% to the Town of Telluride and 6.22% to the state and San Miguel County. Airbnb and other platforms collect the state and state-administered taxes on their bookings; for direct bookings, file with the Colorado Department of Revenue. The town has no tax agreement with Airbnb or VRBO: file the town's 11% in Rentalscape each month for each property, and state and county taxes in the state's SUTS system.

Fees

Classic: $165 + $22 per bedroom + $288 admin + $857 per bedroom regulatory fee; Residential and Limited pay half the base and no regulatory fee

Classic license	**$165 plus $22 per sleeping room**
Administrative fee (all types)	**$288 per unit**
Regulatory fee (Classic)	**$857 per bedroom**
Residential or Limited license	**50% of Classic base fees plus $288**
Town business license	**$100**

Official sources

Colorado Department of Revenue: Sales & Use Tax Topics: Rooms & Accommodations-. https://tax.colorado.gov/sales-use-tax-topics-rooms-accommodations

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