

# Bunkhouse Frequently Asked Questions

## Do I need a permit for a bunkhouse?

A Building Permit is required for a bunkhouse to ensure that all bunkhouses for seasonal farm workers meet the requirements of the Ontario Building Code, applicable laws, and are safe for all workers.

A change of use permit is required to change any existing dwellings to a seasonal bunkhouse for farm workers and a building permit is required to bring a trailer on the site to be used as a bunkhouse.

## What types of trailers can I use as a bunkhouse?

A trailer used for a bunkhouse must meet CSA-Z240 MH standards for safety and anchorage. Modular homes need to meet the CSA Z240 or CSA A277 standards.



## Can a bunkhouse be located in a farm building?

No. A farm building is defined as a building not containing a residential occupancy. Bunkhouses are to be in a separate building, separated from a farm building by an engineered masonry firewall, or farm use portion designed as an industrial building (OBC) by a qualified individual.

## Who can design a Camp for the Housing of Workers/Bunkhouse?

### 4 employees or less:

Proposed construction is considered a house as defined by the Ontario Building Code (OBC), the property owner may submit the required documents.

### 5 or more employees:

The proposed construction is considered a camp for the housing of workers as defined by the Ontario Building Code (OBC). The Applicant will need to retain the services of a qualified individual with BCIN Small Buildings/Building Services, an Architect and/or a Professional Engineer to complete the design documentation for this permit application.

### On-Site Sewage System:

A septic system can be designed by a sewage system owned by the person, a qualified individual with BCIN On- Site Sewage Systems or a Professional Engineer. A separate permit application is required.