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To: All LCLB staff
All Industry Associations
All Local Government, First Nations, and Police Agencies

Re: Changes to LRS and associated LP Policies: (1) Suspensions of LP's and impact on LRS's (2) Restriction on the number of LRS relocation applications

This policy directive amends the May 2007 Licensing Policy Manual available online at:
<http://www.pssg.gov.bc.ca/lclb/publications/policy/manual/LCLB207.pdf>

The directive amends Liquor Control and Licensing Branch (LCLB) policies concerning the application and operation of Licensee Retail Stores (LRS) and associated liquor primary (LP) establishments. The changes take effect immediately and are as follows:

1. Suspension or Cancellation of Liquor Primary Licences and impact on the associated LRS:

Section 20(1)(e) of the *Liquor Control and Licensing Act* states that the general manager may take enforcement action against a licensee in the event of a suspension or cancellation of a municipally, regionally, provincially or federally granted licence, permit or certificate that the licensee is required to hold in order to operate the licensed establishment.

If the general manager suspends an LP licence as a result of the operation of this section, the licensee has 30 days in order to provide evidence that they have acquired the necessary licence, permit or certificate to bring their licence out of suspension. If the LP licence is still in suspension after 30 days, the associated LRS licence will be suspended for the same period as the LP licence.

If the general manager cancels an LP licence as a result of the operation of this section, the associated LRS will be cancelled at the same time.

2. Restriction of number of LRS relocation applications a licensee may submit without building.

This directive clarifies Policy Directive 06-04.

LRS applicants are permitted a maximum of two relocation applications without licensing unless otherwise approved by the General Manager. Licensees may request an exercise of discretion if they have already had two or more relocation applications. The general manager, in considering whether or not to approve a third application for relocation, will consider information relating to the current and previous relocation applications.

Further Information

Further information regarding liquor control and licensing in British Columbia is available on the Liquor Control and Licensing Branch website at www.pssg.gov.bc.ca/lclb. If you have any questions regarding this change, please contact the Liquor Control and Licensing Branch toll free at 1-866-209-2111 or 387-1254 if calling from the Victoria area.



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