

Cannabis Control Division

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Age Verification Not Required for State and Local Officials on Official Duty

Dear Licensee:

The Cannabis Control Division (CCD) is issuing this notice to clarify for cannabis licensees that state and local government employees acting within their lawful jurisdiction and performing official government duties may enter a licensed cannabis premises, including limited access areas, and are not subject to the standard age verification procedures applicable to consumers or non-government visitors.

This includes, but is not limited to, state and local law enforcement authorities, fire departments, emergency medical services, inspectors, and representatives from regulatory or partner agencies conducting official inspections or related activities.

Licensees and their employees may request official identification, such as a business card or badge, to verify the individual's status as a state or local government employee. This exemption applies only when the individual is entering the premises in an official capacity and does not apply to individuals entering in a private or personal capacity.

Licensees are reminded to review Section 16.8.2.10 (J) NMAC regarding compliance requirements for limited access areas.

For any questions, please contact the CCD via email at CCD.Compliance@rld.nm.gov.