



Cannabis Control Division

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Annual License Renewal Reminders and Water Verification Requirements

Dear Licensees and Cannabis Stakeholders,

The Cannabis Control Division (“CCD”) is issuing this reminder to all licensees that we strongly encourage prompt submission of annual renewal applications. Submitting a renewal application when the renewal window opens provides licensees the greatest opportunity to identify and correct any deficiencies prior to license expiration and may help reduce the risk of interruptions to licensed operations and continuity of business activities.

Pursuant to 16.8.2.14(C) NMAC, a completed renewal application and annual license fee must be received by the CCD through the electronic licensing portal (NMPlus) no earlier than sixty (60) calendar days before expiration and no later than thirty (30) calendar days before expiration. Licensees are encouraged to begin gathering and reviewing required renewal materials and supporting documentation in advance of the renewal window opening to help support timely submission of a complete renewal application.

Additionally, cannabis producer licensees are reminded that they must comply with all applicable state and local laws relating to water use, water supply, and water quality. Water right verification occurs on an annual basis, and licensees should maintain documentation sufficient to demonstrate a legal right to a commercial water supply, water rights, or another sufficient source of water. The CCD does not independently determine the legal validity of a water right; rather, the CCD relies on documentation and determinations issued by the New Mexico Office of the State Engineer (“OSE”) or the applicable water provider regarding lawful water use. At the time of renewal, licensees may be required to demonstrate that water documentation remains current and valid. Compliance with applicable water requirements is an ongoing obligation, and licensees may be asked to provide supporting water documentation during the renewal process or at other times as necessary to verify compliance.

Be advised:

- If a license expires before a renewal application is submitted, the license is no longer valid, and the business must submit a new application for licensure if it wishes to conduct cannabis business activities.
- A new license application may result in the issuance of a new track-and-trace account or identifier.
- Cannabis inventory associated with an expired license and prior track-and-trace account may not be transferable into a newly issued account.

Additionally, licenses are non-transferable and become void upon discontinuance of operations or other circumstances identified by rule unless amended licensure is approved by the CCD. See 16.8.2.8(N) NMAC.

If you have questions regarding your annual license renewal, please contact CCD Licensing via email at CCD.Licensing@rld.nm.gov

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