

WVABCA LICENSE RENEWAL ADVISORY

EXECUTIVE ORDER 4-21 & 11-20

In response to COVID-19 and per the emergency powers granted to the Governor pursuant to W. Va. Code §15-5-6, the Governor has ORDERED in 4-21 issued February 17, 2021 stating that EO 7-20 issued on March 19, 2020 & EO 23-20 issued April 9, 2020, are no longer in effect and all licensees **must renew** their 2020-2021 licenses on or before March 15, 2021.

Licensees that were exempted and that must **RENEW** :

1. W. Va. Code §60-4-22 - liquor broker and wine representative permits;
2. W. Va. Code §60-7-6 - private clubs, private resort hotels, private hotels, private golf clubs (18 hole), & private 9-hole golf course;
3. WV Code of State Rules §175-4-3 & 4 - wine suppliers and wine distributors;
4. WV Code of State Rules §175-5-16 - retail liquor outlets, both freestanding and mixed;
5. W. Va. Code §11-16-9 - brewers, importers, resident brewers, brewpubs, Class A retail dealers – taverns; and
6. W. Va. Code §60-8-3, §60-4-14 and §60-4-15 - distilleries, mini-distilleries, wineries, farm wineries, multi-capacity licensees, private wine restaurants, private wine bed and breakfasts, private wine spas, and private wine stadiums.

Any of the above-mentioned current licensees must renew for their 2020-2021 license on or before March 15, 2021, if they have not already done so.

Please be advised that the WVABCA will be sending 2021-2022 license year renewals out in mid-March, and all licensees must be renewed for the 2020-2021 license year before the 2021-2022 renewals will be processed.

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EXECUTIVE ORDER 11-20

RENEWAL AND NEW LICENSE APPLICATIONS:

EO 11-20 and several rulings by the WV Secretary of State's office have permitted certain digital signatures and authorizations.

For current retail licensees completing renewal applications and currently licensed retail liquor outlets completing new applications due to Rebid 2020, the WVABCA will permit digital signature of documents, digital certificate and signature on nonintoxicating beer and alcoholic liquor bonds and no notary requirement of documents.

For all new retail applicants, the WVABCA will permit digital signature of documents, digital certificate and signature on nonintoxicating beer and alcoholic liquor bonds and electronic or digital notary of the documents.

Please see the Governor's Executive Orders and guidelines, and also WVABCA advisories for capacity requirements, entertainment restrictions, face covering requirements and social distance requirements.