Renewal Fee Waiver

Governor Gavin Newsom has signed a relief package that authorizes ABC to waive license renewal fees for eligible licensees. Review the Requirements and Guidelines page for detailed information. The criteria for fee waivers is as follows:

1. The license type shall be one of the following (including duplicates): 40, 41, 42, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 64, 68, 69, 71, 72, 75, 76, 77, 78, 83, 86, 87, 99;
2. The licensed premises' primary operation was disrupted by health and safety restrictions imposed in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic; and
3. The license shall have been active during the period from March 1, 2020, through December 31, 2020, inclusive.

How to Apply

Starting with licenses with an expiration date of March 31, 2021, all licensees will receive Form ABC-SCF with their annual Application for Renewal of Alcoholic Beverage License. Licensees should carefully follow the ABC-SCF Instructions. In summary, the licensee will do the following:

1. Notice: Wait for your annual Application for Renewal of Alcoholic Beverage License to arrive in the mail. Renewal notices typically arrive 60 days prior to the license expiration date.
2. Verify: Use ABC's Verify Eligibility tool to determine which license types are eligible for a fee waiver and identify your remaining balance due, if any.
3. Submit: Submit your complete renewal fee waiver request:
    - Renewal notice
    - Form ABC-SCF

Payment for remaining balance, if any

Additional Resources

- Renewal Fee Waiver Frequently Asked Questions
- California Small Business COVID-19 Relief Grant Program
    - March 5-11: Waitlisted applications from round 1 and 2
    - March 16-23: Non-profit cultural insitutions only

    - March 25-30: Round 5
    - To be Announced: Round 6
- Outsmart Disaster

Outsmart Disaster is a statewide awareness campaign that is focused primarily on providing California businesses with the resources they need to adequately prepare for and recover from all types of disasters