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On February 23, 2021, Governor Gavin Newsom signed a package of immediate actions that provided needed relief to individuals, families and businesses suffering the most significant economic hardship from the COVID-19 Recession. Read the full [February 23 news release](#).

With the COVID-19 Renewal Fee Relief legislation, the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control is authorized to provide renewal fee waivers for two years to approximately 59,000 businesses heavily impacted by health and safety restrictions imposed in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Between March 1, 2021 and February 28, 2023, certain license types, such as restaurants, bars, and other specified on-sale licenses are eligible for a waiver of their annual license renewal fees. We are excited to be able to provide this relief to our licensees and would appreciate your help spreading the word.

As of mid-October 2021, close to 15,000 licensees have taken advantage of the fee relief, for a total savings of over \$13,500,000.

❖ **COVID-19 Renewal Fee Relief Eligibility Requirements**

The fee waiver eligibility requirements are as follows:

- (1) The license type shall be one of the following: 02, 23, duplicate 23, 40, 41, 42, 47, duplicate 47, 48, duplicate 48, 49, duplicate 49, 50, 51, 52, 57, duplicate 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 64, 68, 69, 71, duplicate 71, 72, duplicate 72, 74, 75, duplicate 75, 76, duplicate 76, 77, 78, duplicate 78, 83, 86, 87, duplicate 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 any time during the period from March 1, 2020, through December 31, 2020, inclusive.

Licensees must meet all of the above criteria to be eligible for the fee relief. For further details, please review the [Requirements and Guidelines](#) for the COVID-19 Renewal Fee Relief Program.

❖ **Submitting a Fee Waiver Request**

Licensees can follow a quick and easy [3-step process](#) to verify their eligibility and submit their fee waiver request online. The 3-step process can be completed in just minutes.

Step 1: After receiving their annual renewal notice, licensees can visit our [website](#) to search for their license information.

Step 2: The [Verify Eligibility](#) tool will reflect if their license types are eligible for the fee waiver and identify any remaining balance due, if any.

Step 3: If the licensee is eligible for a fee waiver, the online submission form will be displayed.

Details about the submission process can be found on our [Verify Eligibility](#) webpage and by reviewing the [Instructions for Completing the COVID-19 Renewal Fee Waiver Self-Certification, Form ABC-SCF Instr.](#)

After verifying their eligibility online, licensees can also request a fee waiver using a hard copy [COVID-19 Renewal Fee Waiver Self-Certification, Form ABC-SCF](#). Licensees will receive a hard copy of the self-certification form with their annual renewal notice. The [Form ABC-SCF](#) can also be downloaded from our website. Licensees that are eligible for a fee waiver but will have a remaining balance after the waiver is applied must submit a hard copy self-certification [Form ABC-SCF](#) with their payment.

COVID-19 RENEWAL FEE RELIEF RESOURCES	
Renewal Fee Relief webpage:	https://www.abc.ca.gov/law-and-policy/coronavirus19/renewal-fee-waiver/
Online eligibility verification & waiver submission:	https://www.abc.ca.gov/law-and-policy/coronavirus19/renewal-fee-waiver/verify-eligibility/
Paper Self-Certification Form, Form ABC-SCF:	https://www.abc.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/forms/ABC-SCF.pdf
Self-Certification Instructions, Form ABC-SCF Instr:	https://www.abc.ca.gov/abc-scf-instructions/
Program Requirements & Guidelines:	https://www.abc.ca.gov/law-and-policy/coronavirus19/renewal-fee-waiver/covid-19-renewal-fee-waiver-requirements-and-guidelines/
Frequently Asked Questions:	https://www.abc.ca.gov/law-and-policy/coronavirus19/frequently-asked-questions/#renewal-fee-waiver
Self-Certification Instructions for Winegrowers:	https://www.abc.ca.gov/abc-scf-instructions-for-winegrowers/
Public Service Announcement – English:	https://twitter.com/CA_ABC/status/1423719171183955969 - Twitter https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=1047973756009454 – Facebook
Public Service Announcement – Spanish:	https://twitter.com/CA_ABC/status/1423720016222973954 - Twitter https://www.facebook.com/CaliforniaABC/posts/4265481393572754 - Facebook