

Date: April 7, 2022

To: Liquor Primary, Food Primary and Manufacturer Licensees
All LCRB Staff
All Industry Associations
All Local Governments, Indigenous Nations, and Police Agencies

Re: Temporary Expanded Service Area, extension of provisions

Current Regulation Provisions

Under Liquor Control and Licensing Regulation (LCLR) section 109.4, the General Manager (GM) of the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch (LCRB) may amend the period for which an existing Temporary Expanded Service Area (TESA) authorization is valid.

Under LCLR s. 109.5, all TESA provisions in the LCLR are set to repeal on June 1, 2022. All TESA authorizations are set to expire at the same time.

New Regulation Provisions

LCLR s. 109.5 has been amended so that the repeal date of TESA provisions in the LCLR is now March 31, 2023. This will enable the GM to extend existing TESA authorizations from June 1, 2022 up to March 31, 2023.

Local governments and First Nations will be provided with an opportunity to raise concerns about existing TESA authorizations in their jurisdictions before those TESAs are extended. Please consult the LCRB website for more details.

Licensees do not need to apply to the LCRB for an extension, and there will be no fee charged.

Approved TESAs must remain in compliance with local bylaws and requirements, and all other requirements relating to TESA authorizations remain the same. If the local authority bylaws or requirements change and prevent the operation of TESAs in that jurisdiction, the local authority should advise the LCRB.

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Further Information

Further information regarding liquor and cannabis control and licensing in British Columbia is available on the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch website at <http://www.gov.bc.ca/lcrb>.

If you have any questions regarding these changes, please email the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch at LCRBLiquorPolicy@gov.bc.ca.

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