

Date: July 14, 2020

To: All LCRB staff
All Licensees
All Industry Associations
All Local Government, First Nations, and police agencies

Re: Cannabis Worker Qualification Regulation amendment – security verification expiry

Previous Policy

A security verification expires two years after the date of the general manager's decision to provide it.

New Policy

A security verification expires five years after the date of the general manager's decision to provide it.

Explanation

This change responds to feedback received from the legal cannabis retail industry seeking to ensure that the security screening process for cannabis workers is timely and cost effective. This change will also allow provincial security screening resources to focus on the qualification of new workers rather than the requalification of current workers.

Security screening and rescreening requirements were implemented as a measure to keep organized crime out of the legal, non-medical cannabis market. To date 4,300 workers have been screened. As a result, with the first re-screenings starting this month, government has amended these requirements to be more efficient and cost effective.

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/liquorregulationandlicensing>

If you have any questions regarding these changes, please contact the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch toll free in Canada at 1-866-209-2111 or 250 952-5787 if calling from the Victoria area.

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