

Date: October 4, 2021

To: All LCRB staff
All Licensee Retail Store licensees
All Industry Associations
All Local Government, Indigenous Nations, and Police agencies

Re: Extension to the Moratorium on new Licensee Retail Store (LRS) licences

Current Regulation

No new Licensee Retail Store (LRS) licences may be issued; this moratorium is to expire on July 1, 2022. This does not affect an application to convert an Independent Wine Store (IWS) licence to an LRS licence under section 66.

New Regulation

No new LRS licences may be issued; this moratorium is to expire on **July 1, 2032**. This does not affect an application to convert an IWS licence to an LRS under section 66.

Explanation

The existing moratorium on new LRS licensees is being extended ten years.

Extending the moratorium will continue to help protect public health by preventing a proliferation of retail liquor outlets and will maintain the stability of the retail liquor sector.

Disclaimer

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seek specific advice from your professional advisors as appropriate in the circumstances.

Further Information

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

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

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