

Date: June 15, 2021

To: All Licensees
All LCRB Staff
All Industry Associations
All Local governments, Indigenous Nations and Police agencies

Re: **Temporary Expanded Service Area, extension of provisions and application deadline**

Current Policy

Under the Liquor Control and Licensing Regulation (LCLR), s.109.1, the General Manager (GM) of the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch (LCRB) may issue a Temporary Expanded Service Area (TESA) authorization to Food Primary (FP), Liquor Primary (LP), and Manufacturer licensees.

Under LCLR, s. 109.5, the TESA provisions in the LCLR will be repealed on October 31, 2021.

See [Policy Directive 20-26](#) for further information.

New Policy

To support the delivery of the Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General's [mandate commitment](#) to make TESA authorizations permanent, the LCLR has been amended.

The TESA provisions in the LCLR will now expire on **June 01, 2022**. This will enable the GM to extend existing TESA authorizations from October 31, 2021 to June 01, 2022.

The LCRB will be providing additional information to licensees, local governments and Indigenous Nations on the process for extending existing TESA authorizations.

The GM will also not be able to accept new TESA applications after **October 31, 2021**. This means that licensees who want to apply for a new TESA authorization need to submit an application to the LCRB by October 31, 2021. Applications can be submitted

by visiting the [liquor and cannabis licensing portal](#).

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.

Explanation

The LCLR has been amended to support the implementation of the Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General's mandate letter commitment to make temporarily expanded service areas permanent.

These amendments will support local governments and Indigenous Nations by providing additional time to review applications where required for permanent expansions to licensed service areas, and also to update any associated policies or requirements. It will also support licensees by providing additional time to apply for a permanent expansion to their service area, and mitigate risks of disruption in the use of the expanded area during the application process.

Further Information

Further information regarding liquor and cannabis regulation and licensing in British Columbia is available on the 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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