

Frequently Asked Questions – BLLC Renewal Process 2021

1. What is the renewal period and when are applications due?

*Answer: The renewal period for 2021-2022 begins March 1, 2021 – March 31, 2021. All applications are due by March 31, 2021. Any applications received after March 31, 2021 are subject to a late penalty of \$50 per day, not to exceed \$1500. **A renewal application shall receive a time stamp only after it has been submitted, payment has been made, and the agency deems the application complete.***

2. Didn't I just file for a new license in December 2020 that you just delivered to me?

Answer: Yes, due to the unique circumstances imposed by the COVID-19 public health emergency, the BLLC altered the process to accommodate the closures mandated by the Governor's and Mayor's State of Emergency Executive Orders for one time only. However, as this renewal process is for your license for the 2021-2022 cycle, this renewal is in accordance with State statutory law.

3. What do I need to submit to the BLLC to renew my license?

*Answer: A completed and notarized 2021 application, a check and/or money order made payable to the **DIRECTOR OF FINANCE** for application processing fee of \$50.00. Once the 2021 renewal application has been processed you will be notified (via phone and/or electronic mail) to mail in payment for the yearly license fee, which should be made payable to the **DIRECTOR OF FINANCE**.*

**** Note that in the 46th Legislative District Class "B" Beer, Wine, and Liquor Restaurant Food form needs to be completed, certified by your accountant, and submitted before the BLLC will issue your 2021-2022 license. ****

**** Note that all Class "A" Beer, Wine, and Liquor license, Class "A-2" Beer, Wine, and Liquor license, and Class "A-7" Beer, Wine, and Liquor license holders must submit the affidavit attesting that you have a digital surveillance system with high-definition cameras that provide continuous, 24-hour video monitoring without audio recording capacity. ****

4. What are the license delivery/pick-up options?

Answer: Due to the ongoing public health concerns surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic licenses will be delivered and may not be picked up at BLLC offices.

5. Can I request that my mail be sent to alternate address?

Answer: As part of the renewal application there is a space to add a mailing address vs. the licensed location. The BLLC has also added fields for emails and alternative phone numbers.

6. How do I request a waiver/reduction of late fees?

Answer: All requests for a waiver/reduction of late fees must be made via submission of the Late Fee Waiver Request Form. A copy of the form shall be provided by staff upon request. Upon receipt, the Chairman or his or her designee shall review the request and make a determination if a waiver/reduction of late fees should be applied. If granted, BLLC staff shall contact licensee(s) to ensure that payment is properly processed.

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7. How do I get a copy of my previous year renewal application?

*Answer: You can request a copy by email to JaredN.Ramsey@baltimorecity.gov and/or call the office at (410) 396-4377. **This request may take multiple business days to complete given the number of requests during the renewal period.***

8. Do I need to attach any additional documentation to my renewal application?

Answer: Generally, no. However, if you are a Class "B" Beer, Wine, and Liquor Restaurant licensee in the 46th Legislative District, then you must also submit a "food form" that is accompanied by an affidavit of a licensed certified public accountant. If you are a Class "A" Beer, Wine, and Liquor license, Class "A-2" Beer, Wine, and Liquor license, or Class "A-7" Beer, Wine, and Liquor license holder, you must submit the affidavit attesting that you have a digital surveillance system with high-definition cameras that provide continuous, 24-hour video monitoring without audio recording.

9. Can I change and/or remove the name of a licensee at license renewal?

Answer: At renewal, you may change and/or remove a name on your license held as a limited liability company or a corporation if the majority owner of the business is not changing. Because a criminal background check must be done on any new licensee, please file your renewal early in March so that your renewal license will not be delayed.

10. What if I moved and/or got married?

Answer: If you strictly wish to change your name for License Year 2021-2022, please check "Yes" in the "Name Change from 2020" section. If, during the past license year, you have moved to a new home address, please enter your new home address in the space provided.

11. Can I change the information on a Baltimore resident and/or property owner?

*Answer: If you are **changing** the city resident and taxpayer on your license at renewal, you must provide proof that the applicant currently lives in the city and pays taxes within Baltimore City. This is a continuing requirement, and you must always have someone on your license who qualifies as a City resident or taxpayer.*

12. Does the BLLC offer Notary services?

Answer: NO, the BLLC does not offer notary services and we will not accept applications that have not been notarized properly.

13. What happens if I licensee has died in the last year?

Answer: There are certain provisions under Alc. Bev. Art § 3-802 specifically apply to the death of licensee and transfer that will take place.

14. What are the forms payments that are being accepted this renewal period?

*Answer: The Board only accepts checks and/or money orders made payable to the DIRECTOR OF FINANCE. **The renewal application processing fee is \$50.00, and is non-refundable.***