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NEW LICENSING FEES PUBLISHED IN AMENDMENT TO WC LIQUOR REGULATIONS

The latest Amendment to the Western Cape Liquor Regulations has been finalised and [published](#), including the annual fee increases for licence renewals and various licensing applications. This follows a 30-day public participation period and review of all comments and input received by the Department of Community Safety.

- **Licence renewal fees for 2023 come into operation on 22 July 2022**
- **The application fee for section 64 renewal applications comes into operation on 22 July 2022**
- **All other new licensing fees come into operation on 1 December 2022**

The WCLA is committed to regulating liquor effectively in the public interest. Alcohol is regulated because it causes significant harm to individuals, families and communities; resulting in social, health and economic burdens on society. In the Western Cape, alcohol is linked to over 50% of murders, road deaths and trauma generally.

Licence renewal fees retained by the WCLA are utilised towards compliance and enforcement activities promoting public interest by ensuring licence holders trade in a compliant and legal manner. This includes a focus on under-age drinking, the illegal sale of liquor and unsafe trading conditions amongst others.

For the 2021-2022 financial year, the WCLA inspectorate conducted 13 425 inspections and 317 integrated operations along with other enforcement agencies. A total of 135 fines were issued totalling R3,8 million, 110 licence suspensions were imposed and 6 licences were revoked.

The WCLA is also committed to improving the efficiency of its processes, including the development of an online eLicence platform, to enable a responsive operating environment for businesses.

PLEASE SEE THE FOLLOWING LINKS FOR MORE INFORMATION:

[Western Cape Liquor Regulations, 2011: Amendment, 2022](#)

[Schedule of new licensing fees effective 22 July and 1 December 2022](#)

[Schedule of renewal fees for 2023 with payment details](#)

LICENCE RENEWALS FOR 2023:

- Deadline for payment of renewal fees is 31 December 2022.
- A Renewal Notice (Form 21A) specifying the amount payable for each licence is issued (by email and post). If the Renewal Notice is not received by 31 October, please contact the WCLA.
- In the case of licences not capable of automatic renewal (in terms of section 64 of the WC Liquor Act), the licensee will be served a notice before 31 July 2022 informing them to [apply for renewal](#). If this application for renewal is granted by the Liquor Licensing Tribunal, the Renewal Notice (Form 21A) will be issued.
- Licensees must ensure they pay the correct amount with their WCP licence number as payment reference.
- All details for payment of renewal fees are available in the document hyperlinked above.

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