

Regulatory Update: California Cannabis Licensees May Defer License Payments Until August 31, 2020

June 30, 2020

In a continuing response to COVID-19, on June 29, 2020, the three California cannabis agencies (the Bureau of Cannabis Control, California Department of Food and Agriculture CalCannabis, and the California Department of Public Health Manufactured Cannabis Safety Branch) announced that cannabis licensees may defer license payments until August 31, 2020.

Specifically, any business with a cannabis license that was set to expire between June 30 and August 31, 2020 may request a deferral in the fee payments. The deferral can be up to sixty days if granted. This deferral is in addition to previous sixty-day deferrals, which were allowed between May 14 and June 30, 2020.

In order to obtain a license fee deferral, a cannabis licensee must consult with the specific licensing agency for procedures. In general, the deferral requires the submission of a license renewal form, with an associated email requesting the fee deferral. The instructions for each agency can be found in the links below.

For CalCannabis licensees, the link for the fee deferral instructions can be found [here](#).

For Bureau of Cannabis Control licensees, the link for the fee deferral instructions can be found [here](#).

For Manufactured Cannabis Safety Branch licensees, the link for the fee deferral instructions can be found [here](#).

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