

WSR 24-19-092

PERMANENT RULES

GAMBLING COMMISSION

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Effective Date of Rule: Thirty-one days after filing.

Purpose: This rule change aims to align all organizational license expiration dates to June 30th of each calendar year. This rule change will aid in revenue forecasting as well as simplify implementation and communication to licensees when adjusting license fees in the future.

Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: New WAC 230-03-002 and 230-05-177; and amending WAC 230-05-128 and 230-05-136.

Statutory Authority for Adoption: RCW 9.46.070.

Adopted under notice filed as WSR 24-15-061 on July 16, 2024.

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**OTS-5613.1**

NEW SECTION

**WAC 230-03-002 Expiration date for organizational licenses. (1)**

As used in this section, "organization" means a charitable or nonprofit organization holding one or more licenses listed in WAC 230-05-160, a commercial stimulant organization holding one or more licenses listed in WAC 230-05-165, and other businesses holding one or more licenses listed in WAC 230-05-170.

(2) Regardless of date of approval, all organization licenses expire June 30th of each calendar year.

**OTS-5624.1**

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 18-05-026, filed 2/9/18, effective 5/1/18)

**WAC 230-05-128 Renew your license in a timely manner.** (1) You must renew online, unless you have received a waiver as outlined in this chapter and allow enough time to:

(a) Print the license prior to midnight before the license expires; or

(b) Have us print the license and mail it to you so you receive it before your license expires.

(2) If you have a waiver and are not renewing your license online, you must ensure a properly completed renewal application and all applicable license fees are received at our administrative office in Lacey at least ~~((fifteen))~~ 30 days before the expiration date on the license.

(3) If you do not submit a properly completed renewal application and all fees and your license expires, you must immediately stop the gambling activity covered by your license.

(4) If your license expires, you must submit an application and you must not operate any gambling activity until a new license is issued.

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 18-05-026, filed 2/9/18, effective 5/1/18)

**WAC 230-05-136 Prorating or refunding fees.** (1) ~~((We may prorate organization license fees when we adjust expiration dates to schedule our workload.~~

~~(2) We may adjust expiration dates to end on the same day for organizations licensed for more than one activity. Whenever we adjust license expiration dates under this provision, we may prorate the required fees.~~

~~(3))~~ We will not prorate or refund fees when:

(a) You discontinue your gambling activities; or

(b) You voluntarily surrender your license or permit; or

(c) We suspend or revoke your license.

~~((4))~~ (2) We keep a portion of your application or license fees for processing costs when:

(a) We deny or administratively close your application; or

(b) You withdraw your application; or

(c) You overpaid us; or

(d) We received duplicate license fees.

## OTS-5614.1

### NEW SECTION

**WAC 230-05-177 Temporary reduction of base license fees.** (1) As used in this section, "organization" means a charitable or nonprofit organization holding one or more licenses listed in WAC 230-05-160, a commercial stimulant organization holding one or more licenses listed

in WAC 230-05-165, and other businesses holding one or more licenses listed in WAC 230-05-170.

(2) For organizations renewing their license with a license effective date between October 1, 2024, and April 1, 2025, the base license fee will be prorated as follows:

License effective date	Base license fee reduction
October 1, 2024	25 percent
January 1, 2025	50 percent
April 1, 2025	75 percent

(3) Organizations that renewed before the effective date of this rule will receive a refund of 25 percent of the base fee paid. All other organizations renewing will pay a reduced base fee amount.

(4) This rule is only effective through June 30, 2025.