

Business License Newsletter

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Alabama
Department
of Revenue



THIS NEWSLETTER IS DESIGNED TO PROVIDE SOME UPDATES
AND REQUIRED INFORMATION CONCERNING STATE/COUNTY
BUSINESS PRIVILEGE LICENSES.

2022-23 LICENSE YEAR PAPER COLOR

The color of the privilege license paper for 2022-23 is **Yellow #114**. If your county is currently printing its licenses on paper that you purchased rather than the paper supplied by the State Comptroller's Office, then please use this color for the new license year. **If you decide not to use the comptroller's paper, then please notify the Comptroller's Office at 334-242-7830 or send an email to jenny.neese@comptroller.alabama.gov.**

The State Comptroller **KATHLEEN D. BAXTER** and Commissioner of Revenue **VERNON BARNETT** must be displayed on all business privilege licenses.

2020 CENSUS INFORMATION

The 2020 Census information for the state of Alabama is available at <https://www.revenue.alabama.gov/division/business-license/>. Click on Census 2020 by County or Census 2020 by City to view the 2020 Census data.



2022 LEGISLATIVE UPDATES



Act 2022-296 prohibits a county from charging a farmer or others engaged in the production of farm products any license or fee for the sale of farm products produced by the farmer at any place. Act 2022-296 does not impact the issuance of the state/county business privilege licenses.

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CONTACT US

Please make sure that you are using our correct mailing address when sending information to our office:

Business and License Tax Division

Severance and License Section
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license.account@revenue.alabama.gov

334-353-7827, OPTION 5
334-353-1809 (FAX #)

INSOLVENTS AND BUSINESS LICENSES

Act 2021-515 created new responsibilities regarding the annual list of insolvents. As amended, §40-5-24, Code of Ala. 1975, prohibits anyone with insolvent taxes from being issued any state, county, or municipal business or manufacturing license. The code now specifies that once the county commission completes its examination of the list of insolvents, it shall direct the collecting official to provide that list to the officials responsible for issuing the various business or manufacturing licenses. The code further states that no license shall be issued for any person that has insolvent status until confirmation is provided by the tax collecting official that the insolvent's taxes have been paid.

Please share this information with the local officials in your county. Contact ALDOR's Property Tax Division at 334-242-1525 if you have any questions about this matter.

DATA EXCHANGE PORTAL (DEP) UPDATE

In 2020, ALDOR offered local county governments and their vendors the capability of securely submitting the monthly business license reports to the ALDOR Data Exchange Portal (DEP) using an SFTP connection along with an SSH Private/Public key pair. In the last two years, we had 51 localities convert to the DEP method. We encourage all counties/vendors who have not converted to the DEP method when filing the monthly business license reports to contact ALDOR at 334-353-7827, Option 5, or license.account@revenue.alabama.gov to obtain the registration form. For additional information visit <https://www.revenue.alabama.gov/fall-2021-business-license-newsletter/>.

CHANGES TO THE BUSINESS LICENSE WEBSITE

The following business types have been added to the Quick Reference Guide:

- Airbnb – Section 115
- Bartender – None
- CBD Products – Section 315
- Medical Marijuana – Contact Cannabis Commission
- Water Bottler – Possibly Sections 172/174
- Wedding Planner – None

RESOURCES

Please refer to the Privilege License Handbook for clarification on licenses prior to contacting the Severance and License Section regarding what type licenses should be sold to a taxpayer (staff members have the same information that is available in the book). For your convenience, the Privilege License Handbook and the Quick Reference Guide are available on ALDOR's website at <https://www.revenue.alabama.gov/division/business-license/>. **If a link to the handbook is shown on your county's webpage, please update the link to reflect the correct version.**

Please make sure the contact number and address shown on ALDOR's website at <https://www.revenue.alabama.gov/business-license/county-probate-office-directory/> are correct for your county. If any changes are required, contact our office at 334-353-7827 or email us at license.account@revenue.alabama.gov.

Business Essentials for State Taxpayers (B.E.S.T.) webinars provide a brief but comprehensive overview of Alabama's business taxes, tax obligations, the forms required, as well as information on electronic filing and other requirements. For more information visit <https://www.revenue.alabama.gov/b-e-s-t/>.