

MEDIA STATEMENT

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LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL PERIOD IS IN FULL SWING

Bloemfontein. The liquor industry has contributed immensely to the Kasie economy over the years, most leaders were raised from the proceeds of this sector. The sector contributes to the revenue of the province and is thus considered as one of the important sectors like the rest of the economy sectors. It is regulated to control abuse and illegal socio-economic factors that might degrade the sector and render it to be blacklisted as a bad sector in the economy.

The financial year renewal processes are now open for all liquor traders to renew their licenses and to be able to trade within the legal confinements of the law. The renewal is important to the industry as it an opportune time for traders and licensee to engage and remind the trade on their obligation as traders. Liquor has gained itself a bad reputation over the years due to those who do not view the long-term benefit of the industry within the previously disadvantage communities. These illegal traders are perpetrators of all sorts of social ills that permeates in the modern society.

With the renewal period government want to restore the dignity in which this industry was treated in the olden days where liquor was a place where talent was scouted, and networking agreements were concluded.

Traders are hereby reminded that the renewal period commenced on the 1st December 2023 and will continue until the 29 February 2024 at all offices of the Free State Gambling, Liquor and Tourism Authority, which are located in Trampsburg (Xhariep District); Bloemfontein (Mangaung Metro); Welkom (Lejweleputswa District); Parys (Fezile Dabi District) and Bethlehem (Thabo Mofutsanyana District).

Licenseses are requested to bring the following to fast tract the process:

- Copy of renewal certificate, (2022)
- Copy of Registration Certificate,
- Proof of payment,
- Copy of Identity Document / Company Registration,
- Copy of Death Certificate (where registrants is deceased)
- Certified affidavit if renewal is done on behalf of the owner.

Renewals not only are for revenue but are there to create a conducive environment for registrants to trade in a free and fair environment that does not encroaches in the lives of others. Renewals are there to ensure that consumers well-being are protected against liquor abuse that could affect their general living as members and families and communities. That liquor industry does not promote unsafety environments and that young people are protected from easy access of liquor at an early stage of their lives.

For more information, please visit the nearest off or contact head office on 051 404 0300 during office hours.

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