

The Virgin Islands Consortium

DLCA Makes Available Pertinent Business Licensing Information

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ST. CROIX -- The Department of Licensing and Consumer Affairs has released some important information for persons looking to start a business, and also for those already in operation but plan on making changes.

According to DLCA, based on Virgin Islands law, a license issued to conduct any type of business activity is valid only for the business location listed on the business license application. Therefore, once a license is issued to conduct business at a particular location, a licensee is not allowed to transfer the business to another location without procuring change of location clearance from the department.

Additionally, prior to issuing a license to conduct a specified type of business at property being leased, the department must be assured that the property owner consents to the operation of the particular business activity at the location. Therefore each applicant for a business to be conducted on leased property, must provide a copy of a lease signed by the landlord, specifying the type of business operation allowed. The lease must be attached with all other required pertinent documents for the business license application to be deemed complete for processing, according to the release.

In the event that the applicant is the owner of the property where the business activity will be conducted, proof of ownership is required to be attached with all other required pertinent documents for the business license application to be deemed complete for processing, it further stated.

If there are any questions or concerns regarding this issue, call DLCA at the following numbers: 713.3522 on St. Croix, 714.3522 on St. Thomas