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# DLCA Issues Nearly 9,000 Business License Renewals and 1,711 New Licenses, Promotes 'Apply and Comply' Program

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The V.I. Department of Licensing and Consumer Affairs announced Wednesday that it has extended its "Apply and Comply" program through August 31, 2022, while providing details on the number of business licenses it has renewed and new ones issued compared to fiscal year 2021.

The program offers establishments/persons who have experienced any type of economic hardship a 70 percent reduction of penalty fees incurred for failing to timely renew their license, the agency said. The program also waives 70 percent of the penalty issued for operating without a business license.

“We have received positive feedback to Operation Apply and Comply. Over sixty establishments/persons have taken advantage of the program and obtained a current business license,” said DLCA Commissioner Richard Evangelista. “As such, we have extended Operation Apply and Comply until August 31, 2022. Don’t be left out!”

According to the release, this fiscal year up to July 31, 2022, DLCA has issued 1,711 new licenses and 8,999 renewal licenses as compared to the entire last fiscal year 2021 when DLCA issued 1,022 new licenses and 7,458 renewal licenses. Mr. Evangelista commended the members of "Team DLCA" who issued more licenses this year than the prior year. "They have professionally and efficiently accomplished this assignment for the third consecutive year since fiscal year 2020," he said.

Establishments/persons with expired business licenses or engaged in a business without a business license are encouraged to immediately visit the department’s website at [www.dlca.vi.gov](http://www.dlca.vi.gov) to either apply for or renew their business license. You may also contact us by using our main telephone lines at 340-713-3522 on St. Croix; 340-714-3522 on St. Thomas, and 340-474-2800 on St. John.

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