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**URGENT: New Licensing Requirement for Tobacco, Nicotine, and Vapor Product Retailers – Action
Required by January 1, 2026**

Effective January 1, 2026, Senate Bill 100 will require all businesses in the Commonwealth of Kentucky selling tobacco, nicotine, or vapor products to be licensed by the Kentucky Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC). No retailers are exempt from this new requirement.

Any business wishing to engage in the sale of such products as of January 1, 2026 is urged to submit their application as soon as possible, as ABC cannot guarantee that licenses will be issued by that date for any applications that are not timely submitted.

Licenses will generally be valid for one year and must be renewed annually. Operating without a valid license after January 1, 2026 will be a direct violation of state law.

To apply for a license, you must:

- Complete and submit the Tobacco, Nicotine, or Vapor Product License Application;
- Include all required supporting documents as outlined in the application; and
- Pay the fifty dollar (\$50) nonrefundable application fee as required by KRS 438.3063(1).

Applications are available exclusively through the ABC's online
portal: <https://abcportal.ky.gov/BELLEExternal>

Do not delay—selling tobacco, nicotine, or vapor products without a license after January 1, 2026 will result in appropriate enforcement action. For help, contact the ABC at abc.info@ky.gov.

Thank you,
Kentucky Department Of Alcoholic Beverage Control Portal

