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Age Verification & Acceptable Identification Requirements

This Notice Supersedes Prior Guidance Dated July 27, 2022, and March 29, 2024 (as amended)

This notice provides updated guidance to cannabis sales facilities regarding acceptable forms of identification, definition of valid identification, and procedures for expired or unscannable identification pursuant to:

- Nevada Cannabis Compliance Board Regulation 7.020
- Nevada Cannabis Compliance Board Regulation 7.015
- Nevada Cannabis Compliance Board Regulation 15.015
- Nevada Cannabis Compliance Board Regulation 15.020

Cannabis sales facilities including consumption lounges shall not sell cannabis or cannabis products to any person unless that person produces valid identification demonstrating that the individual is **21 years** of age or older.

I. DEFINITION OF VALID IDENTIFICATION:

For purposes of compliance with NCCR 7.020 and 15.020, **valid identification** means:

An original, government-issued photo identification that:

1. Contains a photograph of the individual;
2. Includes full legal name and date of birth;
3. Is issued by a recognized governmental authority;
4. Is not falsified, altered, materially damaged, or illegible; and
5. Is unexpired or qualifies under the expired ID exception outlined below.

II. ACCEPTABLE PRIMARY GOVERNMENT-ISSUED IDENTIFICATION

Cannabis sales facilities may accept the following forms of identification:

1. U.S. state or U.S. territory issued driver's license
2. U.S. state or U.S. territory issued identification card
3. U.S. Passport
4. U.S. Passport Card
5. DHS Trusted Traveler Cards (Global Entry, NEXUS, SENTRI, FAST)
6. U.S. Department of Defense identification (including dependents)
7. Permanent Resident Card
8. Border Crossing Card
9. State-issued Enhanced Driver's License
10. Federally recognized Tribal identification card (see Nevada Revised Statutes 239C.105)
11. HSPD-12 PIV card
12. Foreign government-issued passport recognized by the United States
13. Canadian provincial driver's license or Indian and Northern Affairs Canada card
14. Transportation Worker Identification Credential
15. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Employment Authorization Card (I-766)
16. U.S. Merchant Mariner Credential
17. Veteran Health Identification Card (VHIC)

Other foreign driver's licenses or government-issued IDs (e.g., voter ID cards) shall not be accepted.

III. EXPIRED STATE-ISSUED ID EXCEPTION (TSA-ALIGNED STANDARD)

A U.S. state-issued driver's license or identification card that is expired **may be accepted** provided that:

- The ID has not expired for more than **two (2) years**, and
- The customer presents an additional acceptable form of identification confirming identity.

Acceptable secondary identification may include:

- Birth certificate
- Social Security card
- Employer or work-issued photo ID
- Other government-issued documentation confirming identity

The expired ID must clearly display the individual's photograph and date of birth. This exception applies only to U.S. state-issued driver's licenses or identification cards. All other identification documents must be current and unexpired.

IV. UN-SCANNABLE OR SCANNER MALFUNCTION PROCEDURES

If an identification card does not scan or an ID scanner is temporarily inoperable, the facility shall:

1. Verify the ID is not expired (unless qualifying under Section III).
2. Confirm the presence of security features (e.g., UV markings, holograms, microprinting, tactile elements, laser engraving, infrared features).
3. Require a secondary photo ID matching the name and photograph on the primary ID, if authenticity cannot be confirmed.
4. Log verification manually in a standardized facility checklist including:
 - Issuing authority
 - Year of birth
 - Confirmation of age eligibility
 - Secondary ID presented (if applicable)
 - Employee and supervisor verification

All sales transactions, including deliveries, curbside pickup, and drive-through operations, must utilize Board-approved ID scanners consistent with NCCR 7.015, 15.015, and 15.020.

Requests for approved equipment must be submitted through the facility's Accela portal.

Questions regarding this technical bulletin may be directed to:

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