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## **DCRA Announces Business License Amnesty Program**

*Program will offer business licenses and corporate registrations to businesses without fines*

**Washington, D.C.** – The Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA) announced today the creation of the Business License Amnesty Program, which will allow businesses to become compliant with District regulations by obtaining business licenses, corporate registrations, and weights and measures device registrations without penalties, late fees, or delinquent filing fees.

**“We understand that, sometimes, not being current with licensing requirements has more to do with economic hardship than indifference to the law. This Amnesty Program offers businesses who may have suffered a financial setback a fresh start for the new year to do business in the District,”** said DCRA Director Melinda Bolling.

The Amnesty Program will begin on January 1, 2016 and continue through February 29, 2016. All businesses within the District of Columbia, operating with an expired license or without a license qualify to participate in the program, as do customers with revoked corporate statuses, missing or expired business licenses, and unregistered weights and measures devices. Late fees will not be imposed upon individuals or entities who take advantage of the program.

“With licensing and corporate registration, compliance is our priority. The Amnesty Program provides an opportunity for businesses across the District to come into full compliance with business license and corporation laws without financial penalty,” said Bolling.

Below is a list of customers eligible to participate in the program:

- Businesses operating under an expired license.
- Business operating without a license, or corporate registration in revoked status.
- Business operating without registration of commercial weights and scales, UPC scanners, etc.

Individuals filing in person can visit DCRA at 1100 4th Street SW, Washington, DC 20024 Monday- Friday, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm. The agency is also extending hours on Thursdays until 6:30 pm to accommodate customers' schedules.

For more information about DCRA's Amnesty Program, please visit [www.dcra.dc.gov](http://www.dcra.dc.gov) or send an email to [amnesty.dcra@dc.gov](mailto:amnesty.dcra@dc.gov).

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