

**GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA
HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT**

NOTIFICATION

Dated Shillong, the 17th December, 2020.

No. Health.147/2017/446 :- WHEREAS vide letter dated 17h May, 2020, the Ministry of Finance, Government of India had instructed the State to initiate reforms to simplify various renewal processes in order to promote conducive business environment in the State;

Whereas, **the Ease of Doing Business** is a priority of the Government of Meghalaya, in consonance with the Business Reform Action Plan of the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India;

Whereas, vide Government of India Notifications No.GSR.1337(E) dated 27.10.2017 & No.GSR.449(E) dt.17.7.2019, certain provisions of the **Drugs and Cosmetic Rules 1945** have been amended stipulating that various licenses issued in various forms mentioned therein at Rules 63, 72, 73AA, 77, 83, 140 & 150D shall remain valid forever if the licensee deposits a **license retention fee** before the expiry of a period of every succeeding five years from the date of the issue of the license unless the license is suspended or cancelled by the licensing authority.

Further, it has also been notified that if the licensee fails to pay license retention fee on or before the due date, he shall be liable to pay license retention fee along with a late fee calculated at the rate of two percent of the license fee for every month or part thereof up to six months, and that in the event of non-payment of such fee, the license shall be deemed to have been cancelled.

As adoption of the license retention system is mandated, therefore, an automatic system for issue of Retention of Drug Manufacturing / Sale License needs to be implemented to also facilitate Ease of Doing Business in the State. Therefore, it is notified that this new Business reform will come into effect from **22.12.2020** and the online retention system will come in to the force in respect of the **Drugs and Cosmetic Rules 1945** from the above mentioned date positively.

Hence, all the Stakeholders are requested to adopt the procedure accordingly.

All the Enforcement Officers of DCA, Pharmaceutical Manufacturers and Sales Traders/ Retailers are informed that, the licenses for Drug Manufacturing and Sales shall be under auto retention system based on the e-payment of the prescribed fee paid through the online portal. The applicants need not submit any separate application. They shall make payment through the portal and download the receipt through the portal without any physical touch point with the Department.

Detailed guidelines for ensuring the compliance of the provisions of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940 and Rules 1945 by the licensees and procedure for the Auto-renewal will be communicated later.

Sd/-M. N. Nampui, IAS,
Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya,
Health & Family Welfare Department.

Memo No. Health.147/2017/446-A

Dated Shillong, the 17th December, 2020.

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1. P.S. to the Minister i/c Health & Family Welfare Deptt. for information of Hon'ble Minister.
2. P.S. to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya for information the Chief Secretary.
3. The Commissioner & Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya, Health & Family Welfare Department.
4. The Commissioner & Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya, Planning/Personnel & AR(A) Department.
5. The Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya, Health & Family Welfare Department.
6. The Mission Director, National Health Mission, Meghalaya, Shillong.
7. The State Informatics Officer, NIC, Meghalaya, Shillong.
8. The Director of Health Services (MI), Meghalaya, Shillong with reference to letter No. HSM/EoDB/2018-19/29615 dated 7-12-2020.
9. The Director of Health Services (MCH&FW)/(Research), Meghalaya, Shillong.
10. The Assistant Drug Controller, Meghalaya, Shillong.

By order, etc.,

Deputy Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya,
Health & Family Welfare Department.
