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## PRESS RELEASE

The Comptroller of the Inland Revenue Department would like to remind all persons with outstanding balances owed to the Government of Anguilla to have these bills settled on or before **31<sup>st</sup> December 2025**.

### **BUSINESS LICENCES**

All business owners are reminded that Business Licences expire on **31<sup>st</sup> December 2025**. Please note that it is an offence to carry on a business without a valid licence in accordance with Section 5 of the **Licensing of Businesses Act**. Under Section 27, offenders are liable to summary conviction to a fine of EC\$5,000.00 or imprisonment of three months.

If a business owner fails to renew their business licence after it has expired and continues to operate without a valid licence, the licence shall not be renewed until the business owner pays the arrears for the period that the business was operating without a licence. A penalty of 1% of the total arrears shall also be applied.

### **RENEWAL OF BUSINESS LICENCES**

The Inland Revenue Department reminds all business owners to come in on or **before 31st January, 2026** to renew your Business Licence for the year. All Business Owners will be required to complete a **Renewal of Business Licence Application Form and submit the required information** for the renewal of their business. Upon renewal, a Taxpayer Services Officer will ensure that all relevant accounts are up-to-date prior to completion of the process.

Business owners who have not paid their Business Licence fees for 2025 should note that they are now past due. Officers of the Inland Revenue Department will be making inspections of all businesses in the first quarter of 2026 to ensure adherence to the Licensing of Businesses Act, 2021.

If there are any proposed changes to your business operations, the business owner will be required to submit a letter to the Business Licensing Board at the Ministry of Economic Development requesting or explaining the changes as applicable.

## **NEW BUSINESSES**

Persons interested in opening a new business should obtain a Business licence prior to operation. Business Licence application forms are available at the Inland Revenue Department. Upon completion of the form, you are required to submit the application and required documents to the Ministry of Economic Development, Commerce Unit for approval.

Once your business licence has been approved by the Licensing Board, Commerce Unit, you will submit the approved application to the Inland Revenue Department, Taxpayer Services for registration. The officer will prepare an assessment for payment to the cashier for the Business Licence Certificate to be issued.

## **LIQUOR LICENCES**

All persons operating a restaurant or local business that sells liquor, should obtain a licence according to the Liquor Licence Act 2010, Section 41.

First time applicants would be required to make an application at the Court 21 days before the next Liquor Licence Court.

Additionally, persons who have not yet submitted their application for renewal for 2025, should do so by applying to the Court before the next Liquor Licence Court. The next Liquor Licence Court will be held on **Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2026 at 9:00am**.

Persons operating without a valid Liquor Licence are subject to be fined EC\$9,600.00, according to the provisions of the Liquor Licence Act 2010.

## **DRIVER'S LICENCES**

All persons holding 1 or 3 year Driver's Licences are asked to please check their licences for the expiry date. Expired licences should be renewed at the Inland Revenue Department without delay. The Traffic Department will be making routine checks and persons found without a valid licence will be fined accordingly. All persons renewing their Driver's Licence are required to take a new photo.

## **VEHICLE LICENCES**

Vehicles are licensed according to the last digit of their registration number. Persons with registration numbers ending with **0 to 9** and who have not renewed their licence should do so promptly.

All vehicles licensed with a **Vanity Plate** are required to renew their vehicle licence during the month of **August**.

Information on unlicensed vehicles will be submitted to the Traffic Department of the Royal Anguilla Police Department, who will be making routine checks. Persons found driving an unlicensed vehicle will be fined accordingly.

## **PROPERTY TAX**

Commercial Property owners who have not paid their bill in full by 1st June 2025, are reminded that the second half of your property tax was due and payable at the Inland Revenue Department on or before 1st December 2025. If payment has not been made, please do so before 31st December, 2025.

Any residential properties categorized as long-term rental houses, apartment, or condominiums are not exempted from paying Property tax. Therefore, property tax will persist for improvements on land classified as residential and utilized for long-term rental purposes, such as leased or rented residential properties.

According to Section 53(1)(k) of the Property Tax (Amendment) Act, any outstanding tax, tax arrears, interest or penalties for Property Tax assessed or pending assessment for the 2024 financial year or any prior years, as outlined in the Act, will remain due and payable.

## **PAYMENT OPTIONS**

Please be advised that the Inland Revenue Department accepts Master and Visa Debit and Credit Cards. Payments for Goods and Services Tax, Universal Social Levy, Property Tax and Business Licences are also accepted on the IRD Online Portal at [www.services.gov.ai](http://www.services.gov.ai).

## **HOURS OF OPERATION**

The regular hours of operation are 8:00am to 3:00pm, Monday to Friday. The department will be closed on the following public holidays: 19<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> December 2025 and on the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026. We will resume normal operations on Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2026.

*Please be advised that strict enforcement of the Acts, will be implemented, and all concerned parties are urged to take note of this directive.*

*The Inland Revenue Department extends heartfelt appreciation for your cooperation throughout 2025. Your commitment to fulfilling tax obligations contributes to the prosperity of our community. We wish you a Happy New Year marked by success and prosperity.*



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Lonnie Hobson (Mr.)  
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Inland Revenue Department

15<sup>th</sup> December 2025