



## DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCES RECYCLING AND RECOVERY

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### **NOTICE**

**TO: ALL RECYCLERS AND PROCESSORS**

**SUBJECT: CERTIFICATION REGULATORY CHANGES EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2014**

On September 26, 2013, SB 96 (Chapter 356, Statutes of 2013) was signed into law by Governor Brown, amending Sections 14538 and 14539 of the California Beverage Container Recycling and Litter Reduction Act (Public Resources Code, Division 12.1). The amendments require that on and after January 1, 2014, applicants for certification and applicants for renewal of certification as a recycling center or processor must complete precertification training and meet all other qualification requirements prescribed by CalRecycle, including, but not limited to passing an examination.

Additional amendments to statute establish timelines for the review and approval of certification applications for recyclers and processors. CalRecycle will review applications for completeness within 30 working days of receipt and will approve or deny the application no later than 60 calendar days after the date the application was deemed complete.

Changes were made to the regulations to comply with these new statutory mandates. Amendments to the following sections of Title 14, Division 2, Chapter 5, of the California Code of Regulations go into effect on January 1, 2014: 2010, 2015, 2030, 2040, 2045, 2405, and 2505. Also, Section 2012 has been added. As a result of these changes, you may need to take immediate action to comply with the new statute and regulations.

If you are a recycler or processor who would like to apply for certification or renewal of certification as an operator in the California Beverage Container Recycling Program, you must take the precertification training and pass the precertification examination. Once you complete these requirements, an application voucher will be issued which must be submitted with the certification application within 6 months of completing the precertification training.

To avoid delays in obtaining certification, recyclers and processors should consider these new timelines when preparing to apply for or renew certification. To view the upcoming



precertification training and examination schedule, please visit our website at:  
<http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/BevContainer/CertOperator/PreCertTrain.htm>

In addition, applicants for certification must now include a Readiness Plan with their certification application. Once certified, the operator must confirm the date of operation of the recycling center or processing facility and that all applicable local, county, state, and federal authorization, permits and licenses required for that location have been obtained. To find out more information about the recent changes and how they may affect you, please see our FAQ's by following this link:  
<http://calrecycle.ca.gov/BevContainer/CertOperator/Apply.htm>

The full text of the regulations can be found here:  
<http://calrecycle.ca.gov/BevContainer/LawsRegs/>

If you have any questions about this notice, please call (916) 324-8598.