



# A Newsletter for Idaho Tobacco Retailers

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## 2020 FACTS AND STATS

**What was the Compliance Grade after last month's state tobacco inspections?**

**Grade A  
for  
August 2020**

According to Idaho Code 39-5701, the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare must inspect each Permitted Retailer that sells tobacco and electronic smoking devices to ensure that it does not sell these products to minors.

How well did these Permitted Retailers comply with the law in August 2020?

- 330 Permitted Retailers were inspected.\*
- 19 Permitted Retailers sold to the inspecting minor.
- The compliance rate for August 2020 was

**94.24%  
WELL DONE!**

\*Non-minor Exempt Inspections where purchase attempts were made.

## Annual Tobacco Permit Renewal Begins October 1

It's officially Autumn! The leaves are falling, school is back in session, and the holidays are fast approaching. This time of year also means it's annual Idaho Tobacco Permit renewal season. Starting October 1 through December 31, all Permitted Retailers can go to [tobacopermit.com/Idaho](http://tobacopermit.com/Idaho) and renew their Idaho Tobacco Permit for 2021!

We want to make the renewal process as quick and easy as possible. So here are some answers to frequently asked questions (FAQs):

- Q. I just got an Idaho Tobacco Permit, do I still have to renew my permit?  
A. Yes, all Idaho Tobacco Permits are valid for one calendar year. Permits issued before October 1, 2020 will show an expiration date of December 31, 2020. Go to [tobacopermits.com](http://tobacopermits.com) and renew your permit between October 1 and December 31 to extend your permits expiration date to December 31, 2021.
- Q. My business has multiple outlets, can I just get one permit for all my retail locations?  
A. No. Each location selling tobacco must have its own permit. For help setting up a corporate profile to make managing and renewing your multiple permits easier, feel free to call us at 877-641-4468 for assistance.
- Q. I am selling my business, does my Idaho Tobacco Permit transfer to the new owner?  
A. No. Idaho Tobacco Permits are NOT transferrable. The new owner will need to go online to [tobacopermits.com](http://tobacopermits.com) or call us at 877-641-4468 and obtain a new permit.
- Q. How much do Idaho Tobacco Permits cost?  
A. Nothing! Idaho Tobacco Permits are FREE.
- Q. Is there an application process or waiting period to get an Idaho Tobacco Permit?  
A. No. Getting a new permit or renewing a permit is fast and easy. There is no waiting period. As soon as the online permit renewal (or first-time permit) questions are completed, a permit is electronically issued to you.
- Q. What if my business owes a fine to the Idaho Tobacco Project?  
A. All retailer incurred fines must be paid before the business can renew its Idaho Tobacco Permit.
- Q. I could not get my permit to print after I finished the renewal (or first-time permit) process. What do I do?  
A. Should you have any technical difficulties using [tobacopermits.com](http://tobacopermits.com) we are happy to help you. You can either call 877-641-4468 for assistance or email us using the "Contact Us" feature on the homepage. We can immediately email you a copy of your permit. You can also request a copy be mailed if that is your preference. In addition, we are happy to email or mail you a copy of your permit at any time throughout the year.

- Q. Do I need an email address to obtain an Idaho Tobacco Permit?
- A. Yes. A valid email address is required to process your Idaho Tobacco Permit renewal (or to obtain a first-time permit). An email verification process will be part of the permitting process. Should you have any questions or difficulties with this requirement, please either call us at 877-641-4468 or email us using the [“Contact Us”](#) feature on the homepage.
- Q. I cannot get the email verification process to work. What do I do?
- A. Should you have any technical difficulties using [tobacopermits.com](http://tobacopermits.com) we are happy to help you. You can either call 877-641-4468 for assistance or email us using the [“Contact Us”](#) feature on the homepage.
- Q. I no longer need an Idaho Tobacco Permit. What do I do?
- A. If you no longer need an Idaho Tobacco Permit, please either call 877-641-4468 or email us using the [“Contact Us”](#) feature on the homepage. We will then administratively deactivate your permit. Please indicate in the email or phone message one of the following reasons for your deactivation request: Change of Ownership; No longer selling tobacco or electronic smoking devices; On an Indian Reservation; Out of Business; or Other. If at any time you decide to resume the sale of tobacco or electronic smoking devices your permit can be administratively reactivated upon request.
- Q. Do I really have to have an Idaho Tobacco Permit?
- A. Yes. If any retailer sells tobacco or electronic smoking devices to the public within the boundaries of the State of Idaho, [Idaho Code 39-5701](#) requires these retailers to obtain and keep a valid state tobacco permit. The only retailers exempt from obtaining an Idaho Tobacco Permit are businesses that are physically located within the boundaries of an Indian Reservation. There are civil and criminal penalties for selling tobacco or electronic smoking devices in Idaho without a permit so be sure to keep your Idaho Tobacco Permit renewed and valid.

We want the annual Idaho Tobacco Permitting process to go smoothly for you. Feel free to reach out to us at any time during this renewal process for assistance. Be sure to keep an eye out for notices and reminders between now and the end of the year about permit renewals. Once your renewal is complete or you have requested a permit deactivation, you will no longer receive renewal reminders for this renewal cycle.

So, mark your calendars for **October 1, 2020** and renew right away!



Need information on the Idaho tobacco law, training and point-of-sale resources, information about what IDs look like, a helpful quiz and game to practice when to refuse the sale of tobacco to a customer, and many other resources tailored to Idaho Tobacco Retailers? Check out our website designed just for Idaho Tobacco Retailers: [Preventthesale.com/Idaho](http://Preventthesale.com/Idaho)



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