

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
OFFICE OF WASTE, AIR, RADIATION AND REMEDIATION  
BUREAU OF RADIATION PROTECTION  
HARRISBURG, PA 17101

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**BRP INFORMATION NOTICE 2026-01** CHAPTER 217.203 Reciprocity of licenses for byproduct, source, naturally occurring and accelerator-produced radioactive material and special nuclear material in quantities not sufficient to form a critical mass.

**ADDRESSEES**

All Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Reciprocity Licensees that possess or use materials within the Commonwealth.

**PURPOSE**

The DEP is issuing this Information Notice (IN) due to an interpretation of the 180 days in calendar year from DEP counsel. The DEP expects that recipients will review the information and use it to prepare for the upcoming changes which will be effective on January 1, 2027.

**DISCUSSION**

The Department will hold licensees to exactly 180 days in any calendar year, which is defined as January 1 - December 31 as required by regulation under 25 PA Code §217.203. If your license renews mid-year and you have already worked in the Commonwealth 180 days you will not be permitted to work any more days that calendar year without acquiring a specific license. This policy will begin on January 1, 2027, and is applicable to all reciprocity licenses. This change will result in all reciprocity licenses being authorized for 180 days in any calendar year, beginning on January first or a later date when reciprocity is initially applied for, and ending on or before December 31<sup>st</sup>. This change will appear on the license in lieu of an expiration date under Item 5 of the issued license. Please also note, the fee for a reciprocity license will not be prorated based on the time of year the license is issued. Fees are based on the fee schedule established in PA Code Title 25 §218.11(c and d). The Department will enforce this interpretation and change starting January 1, 2027. All reciprocity licenses, regardless of last renewal date, will be required to renew their license for the calendar year of 2027. The Department will provide no exceptions to the 180-day limit for a reciprocity license.

**CONTACT**

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