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Announcement:

Online News Publication Application Requirements (March 1, 2026)

Attention Applicants & Agents:

Based on [New Jersey Public Law 2025,C.72](#), effective March 1, 2026, publication of legal notice in print newspapers is no longer required for applications where newspaper notice was previously required. Instead, legal notice must be provided in an “online news publication” in accordance with the criteria detailed in New Jersey Public Law 2025,C.72.

Additionally, if the applicant is a public entity (a State Agency, County, Municipality or any authority, division, board, bureau, commission or other instrumentality within or created by same), legal notice must be posted on the public entity’s official website.

Applications which previously required newspaper notice (e.g. Major Public Development, Waivers of Strict Compliance, non-PDC Letters of Interpretation and Freshwater Wetland General Permit Applications) submitted to the Commission after March 1, 2026, must meet these new requirements.

The Commission is currently revising its [Application Guidance Documents](#) to address these new requirements. While the method of notification has changed from print newspapers to online news publications, note that the sample public notice language in these guidance documents will remain the same.

For specific information on these new requirements, please contact our Regulatory Programs staff at appinfo@pinelands.nj.gov or 609-894-7300.