



## Do You Know?

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1. Did you know that when an application is dismissed by the FCC, a “*Period of Reconsideration*” is “opened”?

- a. The *Period of Reconsideration* becomes “Open” only after an application is dismissed.
- b. The start date of the *Period of Reconsideration* is based on the date the FCC received the application.
- c. The *Period of Reconsideration* varies in length (30-60 days). Apparently, the duration of the *Period of Reconsideration* is based on the type of application that was dismissed.
  - (1) Applications for renewals and administrative updates – Typically 30-45 days from the date of receipt.
  - (2) Applicants who answered the felony question “Yes” but failed to provide their felony explanation – Typically 60 days from the date of receipt.
- d. During the “open” *Period of Reconsideration*, applicants can file additional information (e.g., Their felony explanation) and ask the FCC to reconsider the dismissal of their application.
- e. Applications that are dismissed because the applicant failed to provide an explanation of their felony conviction, are typically dismissed 16-20 days after receipt of the application. This means the “open” *Period of Reconsideration* for those applicants is actually about 40-44 days.
- f. If the *Period of Reconsideration* is open, this means that we might not need to resubmit an application that was dismissed for whatever reason. We can simply tell the applicant to submit any supporting information (e.g., Their felony explanation) even though the initial deadline has passed and ask the FCC to reconsider the earlier dismissal of their application.
- g. Once the *Period of Reconsideration* is “closed”, the application has to be re-submitted.

2. **Now you know.**

Questions?