

Cigarette and Tobacco Products Licensing Act of 2003

The Investigations Division of the Board of Equalization (Board) will be issuing citations in accordance with the [California Cigarette and Tobacco Products Licensing Act of 2003 \(AB 71\)](#). Two types of citations will be issued: Civil Citations and Criminal Citations. The Criminal Citation is a Notice to Appear in court. Both types of citations are subject to civil penalties.

If a criminal citation is issued, it must first be processed through the court system. Depending on the violation(s) cited, the court may impose fines, jail time or both. Once the criminal process is complete, the Board will receive any citation that is upheld by the court. The Board may impose additional civil penalties. **For additional information about Board imposed civil penalties, see [Publication 161](#), *Criminal Citations Include a Civil Administrative Process*.** A civil appeal process is available to the licensee if additional penalties are imposed.

If a civil citation is issued, a copy of the citation will come to the Board for processing. The Board may impose civil penalties. An appeal process is available to the licensee

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