

Vermont Department of Liquor & Lottery Information Brewers Licensing Resources

If you are looking to manufacture beer in Vermont and join the Vermont Brewers Association here is a guide to the licenses you will need to apply for to be compliant in the state of Vermont.

[The Department of Liquor & Lottery](#) has moved to an online portal to apply and renew licenses and apply for permits.

Please feel free to reach out to Hannah if you have any questions or need any guidance on licensing, permitting or planning events with alcohol.

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All Vermont Statutes for Alcoholic Beverages can be found below:

[Title 7: Alcoholic Beverages, Cannabis, and Tobacco](#)

- [Chapter 9: Licensing](#)

[License to Manufacture:](#)

- \$285/year paid to the Department of Liquor & Lottery
- Must complete [Manufacturing Seminar](#):
 - \$10 per person - Valid for 2 years
 - Application sent directly to DLL

[First Class License:](#)

- License to sell malt, vinous and RTD on premises
- \$115 to town and \$115 to DLL
- Requires some type of food service available but does not need to be a licensed restaurant (i.g food trucks, cheese boards, dips, pre-packaged food for sale, etc)
- Application gets approved by the town first then DLL.

[Third Class License:](#)

- License to sell spirits and fortified wines on licensed premises
- \$1095 per year paid to Department of Liquor & Lottery (\$550 half year)
- Owner must be First Class Server Certified
- Application gets approved by the town then DLL.

[Fourth Class License:](#)

- Retail License for Manufacturer to sell products on manufacturing premises.
- \$70 per year paid to Department of Liquor & Lottery - requires town approval

[Outdoor Consumption Permit:](#) (First, Third, & Fourth Class Licenses)

- \$20 per year - requires town approval
- Must have this permit if you have an outdoor space/patio at your brewery

[First Class Server Certificate:](#)

- \$25 per person - valid for 2 years
- Certificate to serve alcohol in Vermont - valid for 2 years
- All staff serving alcohol must have a valid First Class Server Training
- All copies of staff certificates must be on file for DLL compliance checks
- Events where you have staff serving you must have copies on hand as well
- Third Class Licenses Owners must also be First Class Server Certified

Vermont Department of Liquor & Lottery Brewers Event Permit Resources

If you are looking to host an event with alcohol in Vermont here is some information you will need below.

[Special Event vs. Sampling Event Permit](#) - [Limited Event vs. Sampling Event Permit](#) - [Town/City Clerk Licensing Information](#)

- [Special Event Permit:](#)
 - \$35 application fee to Department of Liquor & Lottery
 - No more than 10 permits in the same location allowed
 - You may *only* sell beverages manufactured by the permit holder for the event within the event boundaries
 - Allows 2 ounces samples for educational purposes to distribute without charge
 - Also allows sampling to be done on already licensed establishments
 - All copies of staff first class server certificates must be on available for DLL compliance checks
- [Limited Event Permit - Infographic](#)
 - \$250 permit - requires approval from town - limit 4 per year
 - Allows beverages to be purchased from Distributor, Manufacturer, Rectifier, or Wholesaler for the event
 - The invoiced volumes of alcoholic beverages may be transported into the site and sold by the glass to the public by the permit holder or the permit holder's employees and volunteers only during the event.
 - All copies of staff first class server certificates must be on available for DLL compliance checks
 - Permit holder pays tax on alcoholic beverages served
- [Sampling Event Permit - Infographic](#) (*previously Festival Permit*)
 - \$125 per application - requires town approval
 - no more than 4 per year for not more than 4 days
 - Limit to 60 ounces per person with no more than 12 ounces served at one time - [infographic](#)
 - High volume, high patronage public events (example - Vermont Brewers Festival)
 - Attendees must pay entry fee no less than \$5
 - Permit Holder can only purchase alcohol for the event from Vermont manufacturers, packagers, or a manufacturer or packager that holds a federal brewers notice.
 - Transport to event site must also be done by the manufacturers
 - All copies of staff first class server certificates must be on available for DLL compliance checks
- [Promotional Tastings for Licensees](#)
 - Promotional tastings at a retailer (second class license) - \$25 to DLL
 - 2 ounce samples of malt beverages to customer
 - All copies of staff first class server certificates must be on available for DLL compliance checks
 - [Alcohol Tasting](#) - Must be displayed at promotional tasting events

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