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## **RESTAURANT PERMIT**



### **QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE**

**Our goal:**  
*To inform our permit holders and  
promote the safe service of alcohol.*

**Ned Lamont**  
Governor

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Commissioner

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Director

**Legal Hours of Alcohol Service for On Premises Sales**

Monday through Thursday  
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m.  
Friday and Saturday  
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m.  
Sunday  
10:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m.

**Prohibited**

Sale on Christmas unless food is available  
Premises have the option to be open during a suspension period but their alcohol must be placed in lockable storage.

**Permit Types/Definition**

Covered under three (3) types: Restaurant Beer, Restaurant Wine and Beer, and Restaurant Liquor. Permit Definitions covered under 30-22 of the C.G.S.

**Permit Requirements**

**Permit Recorded** Each year your new permit must be filed with the town clerk's office. The clerk will stamp the original permit and keep a copy on file. You will note that the permit is endorsed:

**“THIS PERMIT IS OF NO EFFECT UNTIL FILED WITH THE TOWN CLERK.”**

**Permit Framed and Hung in Plain View**

Your liquor permit must be kept in a frame for protection and hung inside the premises so as to be visible to the public.

**Permittee Sign**

The permittee sign shall appear at all times adjacent to the main entrance of the permit premises in such a manner as to be visible from the sidewalk or street. *Example:*

**Michael Brooks  
Permittee**

**Rubber Stamp**

No permittee shall receive any liquor deliveries unless upon receipt the retailer affixes by rubber stamp or signs the invoice with information containing the trade name of retailer, the name of the permittee and the signature or initials of the recipient of the merchandise.

***Example of rubberstamp:***

**Received By:**  
Main Street Café  
Michael Brooks,  
Permittee  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
By: \_\_\_\_\_

**Liquor Invoices**

A two (2) year record of liquor invoices must be maintained on the premises. Approval may be granted to keep the invoices off premises upon written request.

**Liquor Storage**

An approved lockable area must be maintained which is large enough to accommodate the liquor in stock.

**Age Statements Forms**

A permittee shall require any person whose age is in question to fill out and sign a statement in the following form. This form is only to be used in conjunction with identification shown. Completed Age Statement Forms must be maintained on the premises in alphabetical order.

**Draught**

The beer lines of your tap system must be cleaned and recorded on a record card on a weekly basis. Pitchers cannot be sold to one (1) person. The tap lever must be of the same brand as being drawn from the keg (unless using a generic handle)

**Liquor Bottles**

Liquor bottles may *not* be refilled, even if the brands are the same. Liquor must be poured from its original container.

**Prohibited Sales**

Sale to Minors. (under 21 years of age)  
Sale to Intoxicated person.  
Sale before or after Legal Hours.  
Sale to another liquor permit holder.

*Note: You have the right to refuse sale if you suspect the patron is a minor or is intoxicated.*

**Smoking**

Smoking of all kind is PROHIBITED, including all electronic nicotine delivery systems. Such systems include electronic (1) cigarettes, (2) cigars, (3) cigarillos, (4) pipes, (5) and hookahs. It also includes related devices, cartridges, or other components.

**Employees**

An employee may be sixteen (16) years of age but a server must be at least eighteen (18) years old to sell alcohol.

**Daily Records**

A Restaurant permittee is required to keep on the premises, in the English language, daily records and a monthly total of the sales of food and liquor.

**Food Requirement**

“Hot meals” must be regularly served.

**Caterer Liquor Permit**

A restaurant permit holder may also hold a separate off premises caterer liquor permit. This allows for off-site catering of food and alcohol.

**Drink Promotions**

Drink promotions must apply to all patrons.

**PROHIBITED DRINK PROMOTIONS**

**Open Bar**

Not allowed unless an area has been rented for a private party by a customer.

**Discrimination**

“Ladies” nights, etc. are prohibited if drink promotions are available only to a certain group of people.

**Drinking Games**

No games which involve the consuming or awarding of drinks may be played on the permit premises.

**GAMBLING PROHIBITED**

There is no gambling of any kind (i.e.- sports pools, dice games, slot machines)

**OFF-PREMISES SALES OF DRAUGHT BEER (GROWLERS)**

Permitted to sell draught beer for off-premises consumption in sealed containers, under the following conditions:

- **Legal Hours (same as Package Stores):** Monday-Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.; Sunday 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. (*\*unless otherwise restricted by local ordinance*)
- **Size:** Four (4) liters allowed to be sold per person per day
- **Distribution:** Containers must be supplied and filled by the permittee (consumers cannot bring their own containers for filling) and they should be clean and sanitary.

Please Note: Distributors are not permitted to provide or sell containers for the sale of draught beer for off-premises consumption to restaurant liquor permit holders; and the law does not prohibit distributors from providing or selling the containers to those with a restaurant beer, and beer and wine, café, or tavern permit.

**LIQUOR PERMITS ARE NOT TRANSFERABLE**

Any change in ownership or transfer of stock must be reported to the Department prior to that change. Your liquor permit must be canceled upon sale or transfer of the business. New business owners must apply and be granted their own permit prior to selling any alcohol.

**LIQUOR MAY BE PURCHASED ONLY FROM AN AUTHORIZED WHOLESALER**

You may only purchase liquor from an authorized wholesaler licensed by the Department of Consumer Protection, Liquor Control Division.

**BEER MUST BE PURCHASED WITHIN A GEOGRAPHIC TERRITORY**

All wholesalers have a geographic territory in which they are allowed to sell certain brands of beer.

If you have any questions regarding your Restaurant permit, please call us at:

Agent Investigations/Complaints	(860) 713-6210
New Applications	(860) 713-6200
Renewals	(860) 713-6200
Transfer of Interest/Stock	(860) 713-6210

*This pamphlet is a quick reference guide only.*

*For complete information regarding your Restaurant Permit, refer Title 30 of the Connecticut General Statutes.*