



LIQUOR CONTROL DIVISION

Frequently Asked Questions

Off Premises Consumption Licenses

- Q. What are the application processing fees? (16-4-501 MCA)**
A. There is a fee of \$100.00 (ARM 42.12.111) for all licenses. Additional fees apply for the type of license:
Beer: \$200.00 Wine: \$200.00
- Q. How long does it take to get a license?**
A. 90-120 days
- Q. What qualifications are required to qualify for an Off-Premises License?**
A. Premises proposed must be operated as: (ARM 42.12.126)
1. Bona fide grocery store with retail inventory of \$3,000 and three different types of each item: Meats, vegetables, fruits, bakery items, dairy products and household supplies.
2. Drugstore licensed as a pharmacy
- Q. What hours may I sell alcoholic beverages?**
A. 8 a.m. to 2 a.m. (16-4-304 MCA)
- Q. If I have a deli in my store with seating, may I serve beer or wine with lunch or dinner?**
A. No, you may only sell alcohol for off-premises consumption.
- Q. If I sell tobacco through a drive-through window, may I also sell beer/wine through the drive-through?**
A. No, you may not sell alcohol through a drive-through window. (ARM 42.12.122)
- Q. What do I need to do if I want to hire a manager?**
A. You must submit a Management Agreement, a Personal History Statement and Fingerprint Cards for the manager for DOR approval. (ARM 42.12.132)
- Q. Must I contact the Department of Revenue if I want to remodel my premises?**
A. Yes, the Department of Revenue and Building, Health and Fire code agencies must pre-approve the proposed alteration before service in that area is considered lawful. (ARM 42.13.106)
- Q. Where can I store the alcohol if there is not enough room in the coolers?**
A. A Licensee may store alcoholic beverages only on the licensee's licensed premises. (ARM 42.13.301)
- Q. Where can I purchase beer or wine from?**
A. All beer or wine must be purchased from a brewery, winery, or wholesaler/distributor licensed under the provisions of this code. (16-3-301 MCA)
- Q. May I host a wine tasting on my premises?**
A. No, on-premises consumption is prohibited.
- Q. May I sell Keg's of beer?**
A. Yes, keg tags are required, please contact (406) 444-6900 for details. (16-3-321 MCA)
- Q. Am I obligated to contact Department of Revenue if an event prevents the store from remaining open?**
A. Yes, the license must be put in Non-Use status to prevent a lapse of license. (ARM 42.13.108)
- Q. Is there training available for my employees to help prevent underage purchases?**
A. Yes, please contact Liquor Education at 406-444-4307.
- Q. If an intoxicated person wants to purchase alcohol, may I sell to him?**
A. No, it is unlawful to sell an alcoholic beverage to a person apparently under the influence of alcohol. (16-6-301 MCA)
- Q. Where can I get an application?**
A. Please visit our website at <http://www.mt.gov/revenue/formsandresources/forms.asp#onestop>
- Q. What should I do if we are a seasonal facility?**
A. The department must receive a written request from the licensee to close for a specified period greater than 90 days. Once authorized, the closure will not lapse the license if the premises is a dude ranch, resort, park hotel, tourist facility or like business. {ARM 42.13.108 (4)(a)}.