



CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION

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Guidance Statement on Outdoor Service of Alcoholic Beverages

If you wish to offer outdoor service of alcoholic beverages at your restaurant, bar, or other dining establishment, you will need local and state approvals. With this in mind, we have an application, complete with instructions, that has been in use for several years now. There is no fee associated with this application.

The name of the form is Patio, Extension of Use, And/or Additional Consumer Bar Application.

It can be found on our website at www.ct.gov/dcp, linking to Liquor Control Division, and then Applications and Forms or directly linking to:

https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/DCP/LIQUOR_CONTROL/Misc-Liquor-Forms/Patio-Ext-of-Use-ACB-App-pdf.pdf?la=en

The form needs to be reviewed and approved by local officials, specifically zoning, fire marshal, and local health. Since many town offices are closed and officials are working remotely, we will accept electronic signatures. **Please do not submit any form without the required local approvals.** If an application comes without such approvals, it will not be reviewed.

In addition, please provide a copy of the sketch of the proposed outdoor service area which has been provided to and approved by local officials.

If you already applied for and received patio approval, you do not need to reapply.

Note that a patio is an extension of the permit premise, and the permittee must maintain control. All the rules associated with service of alcohol inside the premise (e.g., no service to minors) also applies to the patio.

IMPORTANT- To expedite the review and approval process, please email completed application and sketch to dcp.liquorcontrol@ct.gov. It is important that you provide us with a workable email address which we can use to send you an updated liquor permit showing the outdoor service (patio) approval.