

# Grocery Beer Permit (LGB) Quick Reference Guide Rev. 7/25

## Legal Hours of Alcohol Sales

- **Monday – Saturday:** 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
- **Sunday:** 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- **Holidays:** No sales allowed Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, or New Years Day. (Alcohol may be sold the Monday following any Christmas or New Year's Day that falls on a Sunday.)
- *Local town/city rules may be more restrictive; check with your town hall*

## Permit Requirements

- **Yearly renewal:** You must renew your permit every year. A reminder email will be sent to your email address on file. The expiration date is printed on your permit.
- **Permit framed and hung:** Place your permit in a frame and hang in a place visible to the public.
- **Permittee's name:** Your permittee's name must be displayed on a sign and hung next to the main entrance in a place visible from sidewalk or street.
- **Alcohol purchases:** You may only buy beer from a licensed wholesaler or Connecticut manufacturer. Beer must be purchased from wholesaler that services your town; beer sales are assigned to wholesalers by county.
- **Delivery invoice:** You cannot receive an alcohol delivery unless you or your employee signs the invoice. Invoice should note trade name, permittee's name, and signature or initials of employee. A rubber stamp is allowed.
- **Records needed on premises:** A 2-year record of delivery invoices and daily sales need to be kept at your premises. You may ask for permission to keep elsewhere.
- **Beer storage:** An approved lockable area must be kept that is large enough to store beer stock. Lockable coolers allowed.
- **Age statement forms:** Required to be kept on premises at all times; utilize when a person's age is in question.
- **Employee age:** An employee may be 15 to work at the store, but must be at least 18 years old to sell beer.

## Grocery Store Specific Rules

- **Allowed products:** May only sell malt-based products. Hard cider or spirit-based seltzers are not allowed.
- **Prices:** Prices of all beer products must be posted.
- **Discount:** May sell one beer item below cost; cannot be more than 10% discounted. Report to Liquor Control.
- **Charitable donations:** May donate beer to holder of a temporary noncommercial entity permit only. Report all donations through eLicense portal.
- **Delivery:** May deliver to customers in Connecticut. Verify age at sale and delivery.
- **Curbside pickup:** Allowed in a space or parking lot immediately adjacent to your store.
- **Grocery sales:** You must remain primarily engaged in sale of grocery items to keep permit. Keep store well stocked and rotate expired inventory.
- **THC infused beverages:** Not allowed to sell THC infused beverages.
- **Keg Registration:** If you sell a keg, it must be tagged and returned with tag in tact. Keg books are available from Liquor Control. Must also post a sign telling customer about tag and require a deposit for return of keg.
- **Other permits:** Backer of grocery store permit may also back a restaurant permit provided they are not next door to each other or share space. No limit to number of grocery permits.

### **Common Violations**

- **No drinking:** No drinking alcohol on your premises.
- **Sales to minors:** You may not sell to anyone under 21 years of age (unless with parent, guardian, or spouse). You have the right to refuse a sale to a suspected minor.
- **Sales to intoxicated person:** You may not sell to anyone showing signs of intoxication. You have the right to refuse a sale to someone who is intoxicated.
- **Hours:** You may only sell alcohol during the hours allowed by your permit.
- **Smoking:** Smoking of all kinds is prohibited on your premises, including all electronic systems (cigarettes, cigars, vapes, pipes, hookahs, cigarillos, etc.).
- **Gambling:** No gambling on games of chance is allowed on the premises unless allowed by CT Lottery and licensed by DCP Gaming Division. Example: no dice games, sports pools, or slot machines.
- **Sales to other permit holders:** You cannot sell your beer stock to another permittee.
- **Gifts/Novelties:** No giving, directly or indirectly, any free goods, gratuities, gifts, prizes, coupons or items of value to a customer. Calendars, recipe books, and match books costing under \$5 allowed.

### **Update Your Information**

- **Your email:** It is your responsibility to update contact information with DCP, especially email address and telephone number. We send renewals and permits via email.
- **E-License account:** Set up your eLicense account with the username provided to you by the Department. You will use your eLicense account to renew your permit, cancel your permit, update contact information, submit forms, and request changes to your permit.
- **Permittee changes:** You may assign a new permittee; requires a short application.
- **Ownership changes:** Any change in ownership or stock must be reported to DCP. You cannot transfer your permit to a new owner. New business owners need their own permit.

### **Contact Liquor Control :**

[www.ct.gov/dcp/liquorcontrol](http://www.ct.gov/dcp/liquorcontrol) ♦ [dcp.liquorcontrol@ct.gov](mailto:dcp.liquorcontrol@ct.gov) ♦ 860-713-6200

**(This guide for general reference only; not a full description of all obligations; see Liquor Control Act and corresponding regulations)**