

LIQUOR PERMITS ARE NOT TRANSFERABLE

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

OTHER PERMITS

The holder of a grocery store beer permit (the “backer”) may be the backer of a restaurant permit provided the restaurant and grocery store are not next door to each other or share the same space. There are no limits to the number of grocery store beer permits one backer can hold.

SHIPPING AND DELIVERY

You may deliver items sold at their store directly to customers in Connecticut. Curbside pick-up is also allowed in a space or parking lot immediately adjacent to your store.

YOUR eLICENSE ACCOUNT

Set up your eLicense account with the username provide to you by the Department. You can use your eLicense account to renew your permit, cancel your permit, update your contact information, submit forms, and make certain changes to your permit. www.license.ct.gov

MAINTAIN UPDATED INFORMATION

You are responsible for maintaining updated contact information with the Department, including email address and telephone number. The Department will communicate with you, send your permits, and remind you of renewal via email.

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

Agent Investigations/Complaints	(860) 713-6210
New Applications and Renewals	(860) 713-6200
Transfer of Stock or Interest	(860) 713-6210
Keg Registration books	(860) 713-6000

This pamphlet is a quick reference guide only.

For complete information regarding your Grocery Beer Permit, refer to Title 30 of the Connecticut General Statutes and Connecticut State Regulations.



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GROCERY BEER PERMIT



QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

Our goal:

To inform our permit holders and promote the safe service of alcohol.

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Legal Hours of Beer Sales for a Grocery Beer

Permit:**

Monday through Saturday
8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
Sunday
10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

No Sales Allowed On:

Thanksgiving
Christmas
New Years Day

(Beer may be sold on the Monday following any Christmas or New Year's Day which falls on a Sunday.)

Local city and town ordinances may be more restrictive

Permit Definition See Connecticut General Statutes §30-20(b)-(c)

PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

Yearly Renewal Your permit must be renewed every year. A reminder email will be sent to your email address on record. The expiration date is also printed on your permit.

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. The permit is not activated until it has been stamped.

Permit Framed and Hung in Plain View Your liquor permit must be kept in a frame for protection and hung inside the store in a place visible to the public.

Permittee Sign The permittee's name must be displayed on a sign that is hung next to the main entrance of the store and be visible from the sidewalk or street.

Example: Michael Brooks
Permittee

Deliveries No permittee shall receive any alcohol deliveries unless upon receipt the store signs the invoice with information containing the trade name of the store, the name of the permittee and the signature or initials of the employee. A rubber stamp is allowed.

Example of rubber stamp:

Received By

Main Street Liquors
Michael Brooks, Permittee
Date: _____
By: _____

Liquor Invoices A 2-year record of liquor invoices must be kept at the store. Written permission may be granted upon request to keep the invoices somewhere else.

Alcoholic Beverage Prices All alcoholic beverage prices must be posted on or near the item. A list of *all* All alcoholic beverage prices must be posted on or near the item.

Beer Storage An approved lockable area must be maintained. This storage area must be large enough to accommodate the beer in stock. Lockable coolers are allowed.

Discounted Item A grocery store beer permittee may sell one beer item below cost each month, provided that the item is not discounted more than 10%. To register a product, create an account at this website: https://www.biznet.ct.gov/DCP_LiquorControl_Retailers

Age Statements Forms An employee shall require any person whose age is in question to sign an Age Statement Form. This form is only to be used in conjunction with identification shown. Completed Age Statement Forms must be maintained at the store.

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.****

Employees Employees may be fifteen (15) to work at a grocery store, but they must be at least eighteen (18) years old to sell beer.

KEG REGISTRATION

Your employee shall at the time of a keg sale (1) place an identification tag from a keg book on all kegs, (2) require each buyer of a keg to sign a receipt for the keg, and (3) inform the buyer that any deposit paid, if required, shall be forfeited if the keg is returned without the original identification tag intact and readable. Keg books are available from the Department. The permittee shall retain a copy of all such receipts on the permit premise for a period of six months and shall be available for inspection and copying by the Department or law enforcement. The information regarding the deposit may be given verbally to each purchaser or may be provided by means of a sign at least six by nine inches conspicuously posted at the point of sale.

The sign must read as follows:

ANY DEPOSIT PAID BY THE PURCHASER FOR THE KEG, IF REQUIRED, SHALL BE FORFEITED IF THE KEG IS RETURNED WITHOUT THE ORIGINAL IDENTIFICATION TAG INTACT AND READABLE

You may not refund the deposit if the returned keg does not have an identification tag required or if the identification tag has been defaced to the extent that the information cannot be read.

BEER MAY BE PURCHASED ONLY FROM AN AUTHORIZED DEALER

You may only purchase liquor from an authorized wholesaler or self-distributing manufacturer licensed by the 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. It is your responsibility to ensure that you are purchasing from the correct distributor.

SALE OF GROCERIES

You must remain primarily engaged in the sale of grocery items to keep your liquor permit. Keep your store well stocked and rotate expired inventory.