

Top Ten Questions and Answers About Liquor Permits

1.) **Do liquor permits expire?**

Yes, liquor permits typically expire annually. You will receive a renewal notice from the Department of Consumer Protection in the mail.

2.) **Is it true that, as a permittee, I have a 30-day grace period to renew my permit?**

No. The 30-day grace period is for the imposition of a late fee. Example: Your permit expires May 31. If you sell or deliver alcohol without renewing your permit on June 1, you subject yourself to disciplinary action. You may, however, renew your permit within the first thirty days after May 31 without incurring a late fee.

3.) **I have run out of liquor during a busy evening at the restaurant. Can I purchase alcohol from the local package store?**

No. All alcohol must be purchased from a wholesaler. Purchasing alcohol from a package store for retail use can result in a fine and/or suspension.

4.) **I own a café and would like to serve breakfast after hours. Can I do so?**

No, but you can serve breakfast beginning at 9:00am, Monday through Saturday and at 11:00am on Sunday. You cannot serve breakfast after the legal selling hours, 1:00am Sunday through Thursday and 2:00am on Fridays and Saturdays.

5.) **How old must my employees be at the restaurant to serve and/or sell alcohol?**

A server must be at least 18 years of age to serve and/or sell alcohol.

6.) **I find it economical to purchase large bottles of liquor and fill smaller ones for use at the restaurant. Is this legal?**

No. Liquor bottles cannot be refilled. Liquor must be poured from its original container.

7.) **I am selling my liquor business. Can I allow the new buyer to use my permit until he gets his own?**

No. Liquor permits are not transferable. Each new owner must apply and receive his own permit before he can commence selling liquor.

8.) **I just received my new liquor permit. Do I need to file the permit with the Town?**

Yes. State law requires you to file a duplicate copy of the permit with the town clerk within which the place of business is located.

9.) **What should I do with my original liquor permit?**

State law requires you to frame, display, and hang your permit where alcohol is served or sold.

10.) **Where can I get more information about Liquor Control?**

You are invited to visit our website at www.ct.gov/dcp and select "Information Index" on the left, and then "Liquor Control Division." You can also register to receive e-mail updates from Liquor Control by going to www.ct.gov/dcp and selecting "Registry Notification" in the bottom left corner.