



QUESTIONS & ANSWERS EVERY LIQUOR PERMITTEE SHOULD KNOW

- Do I have a 30-day grace period to renew my licensee?

No. The 30-day grace period is for the imposition of a late fee. Example: Your license expires May 31. If you sell or deliver alcohol without renewing your license 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.

- I would like to transfer a portion of my business to my children. Can I do so?

Yes, but only with the permission of the Department. Transferring ownership or stock of a business without prior approval of the Department will result in a fine and/or suspension.

- I have run out of liquor during a busy evening. Can I purchase alcohol from the local package store?

No. All alcohol, even that used for incidental purposes, such as cooking, must be purchased from a wholesaler. Purchasing alcohol from a package store for retail use will result in a fine and/or suspension.

- 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 11:00 am on Sunday. You cannot serve breakfast after the legal selling hours, 1:00am Sunday through Thursday and at 2:00am on Fridays and Saturdays.

- I just received my new permit. Can I display it on my counter?

No. State law requires that you frame and hang your permit where alcohol is served or sold.

- I am planning to purchase an existing business. Am I responsible for unpaid liquor bills?

Perhaps. State law requires that you complete a "buyer affidavit." In the affidavit, you will attest to the fact that you have checked for unpaid liquor bills. These bills must be paid by the seller before the closing, or you may be liable for them.

- What are Age Statement Forms?

These forms are used by sellers of alcohol when they question the true age of the individual purchasing alcohol. These forms must be kept on your premises at all times. You may obtain a sample at the Department. If there is any question about the individual's age, you should ask that person to complete and sign an Age Statement Form. You should indicate the form of age identification shown to you and carefully review the Age Statement Form before making the sale.

- I own a café and don't make much of a profit selling food? Can I close my kitchen?

No. If you own a café, you must have food regularly available. The food may include sandwiches, soups, and other foods, whether fresh or processed, precooked and frozen.

- I find it economical to purchase large bottles of liquor and fill smaller ones for use at the bar. Is this legal?

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

- How old must my employees be to serve alcoholic beverages?

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

- 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.

NOTE: This pamphlet is for informational purposes only. If you have specific questions, please call the Liquor Control Division at (860) 713-6210