

PRIVILEGES

- May sell malt or brewed beverages produced by the brewery to individuals for consumption on or off the licensed premises in any container or package of any volume
- May also sell to hotel, restaurant, club or public service liquor licensees
- May sell PA-manufactured wines, spirits and malt or brewed beverages for on-premises consumption, not to exceed 50% of on-premises sales of the brewery's own malt or brewed beverages

PREMISES REQUIREMENTS

Requirements for All Premises

- Must have a production area
- Consumption permitted 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 a.m., Monday through Saturday, and 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m. Sunday, unless premises has a Brewery Pub (GP), Restaurant (R), Eating Place Malt Beverage (E) or Hotel license (H)
- Minimum of 10 seats
- Food or snacks for 10 patrons
- Premises manager
- Health license authority (the local Department of Health or PA Department of Agriculture governs health license requirements)

RENEWAL AND REPORTING

- Licenses must be renewed or validated by Dec. 31 every year
- Secondary permits can be renewed or added at license renewal/validation time
- Must file monthly reports in PLCB+ no later than 60 days after the end of each month. Monthly reporting must be current at the time of the renewal
- Must report in 31-gallon equivalents
- [Malt or Brewed Beverages Reporting FAQs](#)

PRODUCTION REQUIREMENTS

- Must produce 200 gallons per year minimum, or 250 barrels per year minimum if holding a retail couplet (see couplet sections herein)
- Beer must be at least 0.5% alcohol by volume (ABV)
- Cider must be between 0.5% and 8.5% ABV
- Mead must be between 0.5% and 8.5% ABV
- Fermented fruit beverages must be between 0.5% and 8.5% ABV

DISTRIBUTION REQUIREMENTS

The sale of malt or brewed beverages (including fermented fruit beverages) is governed by a three-tier distribution system.

- An out-of-state brewery must sell its products to an importing distributor (ID) licensee that has been assigned specific geographic territories by the brewery
- In-state breweries may choose to self-distribute (unless a couplet is obtained) or give primary distribution rights to a distributor (D) or ID licensee through a written territorial agreement

BRAND REGISTRATION

All brands must be registered with the PLCB and U.S. Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB).



PERMITTED HOURS OF SALE

Sales to the general public and holders of a Special Occasion Permit:

- Monday - Saturday, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 a.m.
- Sunday, 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.
- May operate on New Year's Eve (December 31), and stay open until 2:00 a.m. New Year's Day (January 1)
- Sunday Sales Permit (SS) required for Sunday off-premises sales from 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Sales and deliveries to other licensees:

- 2:00 a.m. on Monday through 12:00 a.m. of the following Saturday
- May deliver Sunday through prior arrangement to any ID or D with which it has a territorial agreement

PERMITS AVAILABLE

Amusement Permit (AP)

- Fee is 1/5 of the annual license fee
- Permits dancing by patrons, floor shows, theatrics and movies

Sunday Sales Permit (SSM)

- Fee is \$100 per year (paid during the license renewal)
- Allows alcohol to be sold on Sundays (only required for off-premises consumption)

Manufacturers Extended Hours Permit

- Fee is \$50 per year - only good for one day in the calendar year
- Allows the holder to remain open and sell alcohol until 2:00 a.m. of the following calendar day
- Applies to all the permit holder's locations that fall under the umbrella of the same primary license
- At least 48 hours prior to the use of the permit, the permit holder must notify the local police department (or the Pennsylvania State Police if there is no local police department) of the date, time and place of the extended sale of alcoholic beverages

Off-Premises Catering Permit (OPCP)

- Fee is \$500 annually
- Available only to brewery pub licensees
- Allows the holder to sell alcohol off-premises at an unlimited number of catered functions

Farmers Market Permit (FMP)

- Fee is \$250 per year
- Allows the holder to participate in more than one farmers market at any given time and an unlimited number through-out the year, during the standard hours of operation of the farmers market
- Notice to Pennsylvania State Police, Bureau of Liquor Control Enforcement required at least two weeks in advance of each event



Exposition Permits

- Fee is \$30 per day
- Allows the holder to participate in affairs held indoors or outdoors with the intent of promoting Pennsylvania products by educating those in attendance of the availability, nature and quality of PA-produced products in conjunction with suitable food displays, demonstrations and sales
- Held a maximum of 100 days in any calendar year
- Cannot exceed 30 consecutive days

ADDITIONAL LICENSES

Brewery Pub (GP)

- Permitted hours of sale: Monday - Saturday 7:00 a.m. - 2:00 a.m., Sunday 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 a.m., if no meal is offered
- May also sell PA-produced wines and spirits
- Must have a minimum of 300 sq. ft., have food and seating for 30 patrons and have a health license
- May have a secondary service area
- May have an interior connection or be adjacent with the associated brewery
- May have the same manager as the brewery if they can devote full time to both

Brewery Storage (GS)

- May have up to two storage licenses for premises separate from the manufacturing location
- May have on-premises consumption, but not required
- Same seating and food requirements as a brewery (G) license (if there is on-premises consumption)
- Permitted hours of sale: same as brewery (G) license

Manufacturing Couplet (LK/AL)

- Permitted hours of sale for LK: Monday - Saturday 7:00 a.m. - 2:00 a.m., Sunday 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 a.m., if no meal is offered
- Permitted hours of sale for AL: same as brewery (G) license
- Must be held by the same legal entity that holds the brewery license
- May have the same manager as the brewery if they can devote full time to both
- Premises of the couplet must meet requirements of the applicable license type

Retail Couplet (R/E/H)

- Permitted hours of sale: Monday - Saturday 7:00 a.m. - 2:00 a.m., Sunday 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 a.m., if no meal is offered
- Must be held by same the same legal entity that holds brewery license
- May have the same manager as the brewery if they can devote full time to both
- Premises of the couplet must meet requirements of the applicable license type
- Allows a secondary service area

WHEN TO NOTIFY PLCB

- ◆ License transfer ◆ Extension of Premises
- ◆ Change of manager or corporate structure
- ◆ Change to address or trade name ◆ Requesting additional permits

RESOURCES

Have questions or want to check the status of an application?

- ◆ Call (717) 783-8250 or email RA-LBLICENSING@pa.gov
- ◆ For brand registration, email RA-LBMBCO@pa.gov
- ◆ PLCB Legal Homepage: lcb.pa.gov, click "Legal" in the top right corner to find [Liquor Code](#), act summaries, advisory opinions searchable by topic and more
- ◆ Some applicable sections of the law: 47 P.S. §§ 4-431, 4-445, 4-446, 4-446(b) for OPCP, 40 Pa. Code §§ 3.91-3.93, 5.51

Trouble filing online? ◆ Call (844) 707-5475 or email RA-LBLICENSINGMOD@pa.gov

Want information on TTB? ◆ Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau: ttb.gov/beer