

# Form AB-200 Instructions

## Alcohol Beverage License Application

### Who needs an alcohol beverage license?

Any individual or entity that wants to sell alcohol beverages to consumers or allow consumption in a public place must get a retail alcohol beverage license.

### Who issues alcohol beverage licenses?

Cities, villages, and towns issue alcohol beverage licenses after the governing body (city council, town or village board) grants the license.

### Specific Instructions

#### *License Period:*

- Annual licenses expire June 30 each year, except licenses issued by the City of Milwaukee. Annual licenses issued by the City of Milwaukee also may be issued at any time throughout the year, but are valid for one year from the date of issuance.

#### *Application Type:*

- Select “Initial (New)” if this is the first time you are applying for an alcohol beverage license for this premises.
- Select “Renewal” if you are renewing an alcohol beverage license that was issued sometime in the past year.

#### *License(s) Requested and Fees:*

- Select the alcohol beverage license(s) you would like to apply for.
- Generally, you may apply for no more than two licenses for the same premises. Further, some license combinations are not acceptable, (e.g., “Class A” and a Class “B”). See [Publication 309](#), *Appendix B*, for more information about acceptable license combinations.
- For descriptions of each of the alcohol beverage licenses and their authorizations, see [Publication 302](#), *Information for Wisconsin Alcohol Beverage and Tobacco Retailers*, and [Fact Sheet 3101](#), *Licenses for Retail Sale of Alcohol Beverages*.
- License costs are determined by the municipality within a range set by state law. Ask your clerk how much the license, background check, and publishing fees in that municipality cost.
- License fees for licenses issued for less than one year must be prorated according to the number of months or fraction of months remaining in the licensing period.

#### *Part A: Premises/Business Information*

- Box 1: Enter the legal business name or individual name if a sole proprietor.
- Box 2: Enter the trade name or “doing business as” name, if different than the name in box 1.
- Box 3: Enter the Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN) for the applicant business.
- Box 4: Seller’s permits begin with the digits “456.” For questions about obtaining a seller’s permit, see [Seller’s Permit Common Questions](#).
- Box 5: Check one entity type to indicate how the business is legally organized.
- Box 6: When the controlling members or managers of a limited liability company are other businesses, the real people controlling the licensee through a parent company must be evaluated to determine if they are eligible to hold an alcohol beverage license under state law. Evaluate the upstream ownership chain until the controlling members or managers are natural persons. Describe or illustrate the license applicant’s ownership, including the legal entity names and persons associated with each entity. List all natural persons associated with this question in Form AB-200, *Appendix A*. Submit Form AB-100 for each person listed in Appendix A according to the instructions in Part C.
- Box 7-8: Provide the state and the date of organization of the legal entity.
- Box 9: If you selected “Corporation” or “LLC” in box 5, provide the Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions Registration number. This number is assigned to the entity when it is registered with DFI. It can be located using the Department of Financial Institution’s [Corporate Records Search](#). If your registration with DFI is not in good standing, that does not disqualify you from holding an alcohol beverage license under state law. It is one element a municipality may use to prove the legitimacy of your business. Sole proprietors, partnerships, and nonprofit organizations may not have this number. If you do not have a DFI Registration number, write N/A in the box.
- Boxes 10-19: All requests for “premises” information are requests for the physical location within the municipality and contact information to reach the business during open hours.

- **Box 20:** Describe the premises in detail. A street address alone is insufficient. Include outdoor spaces if your municipality allows it. Some municipalities have specific requirements for outdoor spaces as a part of the licensed premises. Call your municipal clerk to learn more. Attach a floor plan if possible.
  - If you are renewing an application and do not wish to change your premises description from the most recent license year, check the box “for renewal applicants only.” If your license is granted, the municipal clerk will use the same premises description as the previous license year on your license certificate document.
  - If you are renewing an application and wish to change your premises description, do not check the box “for renewal applicants only” and describe your new premises in Box 20.
- **Example:** The premises is located at 1234 Main St., Realtown, WI 12345 and includes only the first-floor bar room, dining room, kitchen, north storage room, and south office of the 5,000 square foot building.
- **Box 21-24** Provide the mailing address for the business, if different from the address in boxes 9-12.

### *Part B: Questions*

- **Questions 1 and 2:** Disclose any civil or criminal violations of law and pending charges in any jurisdiction (federal, state, or local ordinance). Include detailed descriptions of any violations of law involving alcohol beverages. Attach additional sheets as necessary.
- **Question 3:** Wisconsin law generally prohibits alcohol beverage industry members from having an interest in another tier. The law provides some exceptions, with limitations, for restricted investors. If the applicant business, or any of its officers, directors, members, agent, employees, owners, or other related individuals has an interest in an alcohol beverage producer or wholesaler, list the restricted investors and describe the nature of their interest. A restricted investor with an allowable interest in another tier must complete AB-104, Restricted Investor Affidavit. Attach additional sheets as necessary.
- **Question 4:** Wisconsin law requires all sole proprietors, partners, and agents of corporations and LLCs to successfully complete a Wisconsin approved responsible beverage server (RBS) training course within the past two years unless one of the following applies.
  - The applicant is renewing a license, or
  - Within the past two years:
    - a. The applicant held a manager’s or operator’s (bartender) license or permit.
    - b. The applicant held or was the agent of a corporation or LLC that held any municipally issued alcohol beverage license in Wisconsin.
- Submit the associated documentation with this application.

**Note:** To learn about your responsibility to complete the responsible beverage server requirement, please review [Publication 302, Information for Wisconsin Alcohol Beverage and Tobacco Retailers](#).

- **Question 5:** A licensee may only buy liquor or beer for cash or on credit terms for a period not to exceed 15 days for beer and 30 days for liquor. A person may not be issued a license if they are indebted to a wholesaler in excess of these limits.
- **Question 6:** Renewal of licenses may be denied pursuant to a local ordinance if the licensee owes past due municipal taxes, assessments, or other fees.

### *Part C: Individual Information*

- Check each attestation to indicate you have completed the appropriate supplementary paperwork to complete your application.
- Use Form AB-200AA, *Appendix A*, to provide a list of all persons involved in the applicant business. Appendix A is the final page of Form AB-200. Attach additional sheets if necessary.
- Persons holding the following titles in the applicant business and in businesses referenced in Part A, Question 6 must provide contact and personal information to determine their fitness to hold an alcohol beverage license under state law:
  - Sole proprietor
  - All partners of a partnership
  - All officers, directors, and agent of a corporation or nonprofit organization
  - All members or managers, and agent of a limited liability company.

**Example:** Titles could include Agent, President, Treasurer, Director, Chief Financial Officer, Member, Partner, etc.

- Sole-proprietors, partners in a partnership, and the agent of an LLC or corporation must reside in Wisconsin continuously for 90 days prior to application. For additional qualification information, see [Publication 309](#), Part 5.
- Include an accurate Form AB-100, *Alcohol Beverage Individual Questionnaire*, for each person listed on Form AB-200AA with the submission of this application except for the following:

- Corporate shareholders who are not also officers, directors, or agent
- LLC members in a manager-managed LLC who do not have day-to-day involvement in the business
- Beneficiaries of a trust that have an interest in the license
- When an applicant LLC's members are other business entities, the following persons must submit Form AB-100:
  - The trustee of a trust that is a member of an applicant LLC
  - Corporate officers and directors of a corporation that is a member of an applicant LLC
  - Members of managing members of an LLC that is a member of an applicant LLC
- *For Initial (New) Applicants:* Every person listed in Appendix A must submit a completed Form AB-100, except as provided above.
- *For Renewal Applicants:* Submit the **most accurate** copy of Form AB-100 for each person listed in Appendix A, except as provided above. If the paperwork from the previous licensed period is still accurate, you may include a copy of the old paperwork to complete this application. If you do not have paperwork from the previous license period, you may ask the municipality to copy it for you. If the municipality cannot provide the paperwork, you must submit a new Form AB-100 to complete your application.
- Limited Liability Companies, Corporations, and Nonprofit Organizations must appoint an agent using Form AB-101, *Alcohol Beverage Appointment of Agent*.
  - *For Initial (New) Applicants:* Submit a completed Form AB-101 to appoint an agent on behalf of the applicant business.
  - *For Renewal Applicants:* Submit the **most accurate** copy of Form AB-101. If the paperwork from the previous licensed period is still accurate, you may include a copy of the old paperwork to complete this application. If you do not have paperwork from the previous license period, you may ask the municipality to copy it for you. If the municipality cannot provide the paperwork, you must submit a new Form AB-101 to complete your application.
- The application is not considered complete until all required persons are listed in Form AB-200, *Appendix A*, and the most accurate copies of Forms AB-100 and AB-101 are submitted.

#### *Part D: Attestation*

- Read the attestation carefully, then sign and date.

#### *Part E: For Clerk Use Only*

- *"Date license granted"* means the date the municipal governing body approves the license to be issued.
- *"Date license issued"* means the date the municipal clerk issues the license certificate document.

#### *Appendix A: List of Persons Involved in the Applicant Business*

- Select "Initial (New)" if this is the first time you are applying for an alcohol beverage license at this premises.
- Select "Renewal" if you are applying to renew an existing alcohol beverage license.
- Use the same license period listed at the beginning of Form AB-200.
- Box 1: Enter the same legal business name or individual name from Part A, Box 1.
- Box 2: Enter the same legal business name or individual name from Part A, Box 2.
- Box 3: Enter the same FEIN from Part A, Box 3.
- First Name and Middle Initial: List a first name and middle initial of a person.
- Last Name: List the last name of a person.
- Title/Relationship to Applicant Business: Titles could include Agent, President, Treasurer, Director, Chief Financial Officer, Member, Partner, etc.
- Phone Number: Enter a phone number where the person can be reached during business hours.
- Email: Enter an email for each person.
- Status:
  - New: All entries on an initial (new) application, or a new entry on a renewal application. Submit a Form AB-100 for each person with this status. Submit a Form AB-101 for any person with this status and the title "Agent."
  - Remove: Use this status to indicate a person is no longer serving as a part of the applicant business at renewal.
  - Update: Use this status to indicate a person has changed information contained on Forms AB-100 or AB-101 or their relationship to the entity has changed. Submit new Forms AB-100 or AB-101 to reflect the changes.
  - No Change: Use this status on renewal applications to indicate that a person's relationship to the applicant business has not changed and no information requested on Forms AB-100 and/or AB-101 has changed. Include the **most accurate** copy of Forms AB-100 and/or AB-101 for persons with this status.

## Completion and Submission of AB-200

- Submit the completed application to the clerk of the municipality in which you are applying for a license.
- License applications must be filed with the municipal clerk at least 15 days before they can be considered by the governing body, except licenses issued by municipalities within Milwaukee County. Governing bodies of municipalities within Milwaukee County establish their own period that applications must be filed with the municipal clerk.
- In addition to Form **AB-200**, include:
  - An accurate Form AB-100, *Alcohol Beverage Individual Questionnaire*, for all individuals listed in Appendix A
  - An accurate Form AB-101, *Alcohol Beverage Appointment of Agent*, for corporation, nonprofit organizations, and LLC applicants
  - License and publication fees as required by your municipality
  - All other information and documentation required by your municipality
  - Responsible beverage server training course completion certificate or other acceptable replacement document described in Part B, Question 4
  - Proof the applicant holds a seller's permit, such as a copy of the seller's permit document

**Note:** See [Publication 206](#), *Sales Tax Exemptions for Nonprofit Organizations*, for information on when a nonprofit organization may be exempt from holding a seller's permit.

**Note:** You are required by federal law to register as an Alcohol Dealer with the federal Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB) before beginning business. Use [Form TTB F 5630.5d](#), *Alcohol Dealer Registration*, and return the form to the address listed on the instructions.

## Open Records

This application is an open record under Wisconsin law (sec. [19.35](#), Wis. Stats.) and may be provided to the public. If this license is issued by your municipality, your municipality must report the license to the Division of Alcohol Beverages. The division publishes a list of alcohol beverage licensees reported by municipalities. The division will not disclose personal information such as residential addresses, home phone numbers, social security numbers, age, birth date, and place of birth of individuals, including partners, officers, directors, members, managers, and agents of corporations or LLCs.

## Assistance

This form is designed by the Division of Alcohol Beverages for use by municipal governments. If you require assistance with this form, consider reaching out to your municipal clerk for assistance with the following:

- Submission of this application and associated forms
- Availability and cost of certain licenses

If you have questions about alcohol beverage laws and regulations, you may contact the Division of Alcohol Beverages using the contact information below.

**Website:** [DOR Alcohol Beverage \(wi.gov\)](http://DORAlcoholBeverage.wi.gov)

**Write:** [DORAlcohol@wisconsin.gov](mailto:DORAlcohol@wisconsin.gov)

**Call:** (608) 266-2526

## Resources Provided by the Division of Alcohol Beverages

[License frequently asked questions](#)

[Publication 302 Information for Wisconsin Alcohol Beverage Retailers](#)

[Publication 309 Retail Alcohol Beverage Licensing Guide for Municipalities](#)

[Fact Sheet 3101 Licenses for Retail Sale of Alcohol Beverages](#)

[Fact Sheet 3103 Licensed or Permitted Premises Description](#)

[Fact Sheet 3116 Reserve "Class B" Liquor Licenses](#)

[Fact Sheet 3118 "Class B" Liquor License Quotas](#)

# Alcohol Beverage License Application

For Municipal Use Only
Municipality
License Period

**Application Type** (check one)

Initial (New)                       Renewal

License(s) Requested: (up to two boxes may be checked)	Fees	
<input type="checkbox"/> Class "A" Beer ..... \$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Class "B" Beer ..... \$ _____	License Fee(s) \$
<input type="checkbox"/> "Class A" Liquor ..... \$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Regular "Class B" Liquor \$ _____	Background Check Fee \$
<input type="checkbox"/> "Class A" Liquor (cider only) \$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Reserve "Class B" Liquor \$ _____	Publication Fee \$
<input type="checkbox"/> "Class C" Liquor (wine only) \$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Above-Quota "Class B" Liquor ..... \$ _____	<b>Total Fees</b> \$

**Part A: Premises/Business Information**

1. Legal Business Name (individual name if sole proprietorship)		
2. Business Trade Name or DBA		
3. FEIN	4. Wisconsin Seller's Permit Number	
5. Entity Type (check one) <input type="checkbox"/> Sole Proprietor <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Limited Liability Company <input type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Nonprofit Organization		
6. If the applicant business is an LLC, are the controlling members other LLCs or corporations? ..... <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, the members, managers, officers and directors of those business entities must be listed in Part C and provide a Form AB-100.		
7. State of Organization	8. Date of Organization	9. Wisconsin DFI Registration Number
10. Premises Address		
11. City	12. State	13. Zip Code
14. County	15. Governing Municipality: <input type="checkbox"/> City <input type="checkbox"/> Town <input type="checkbox"/> Village of: _____	16. Aldermanic District
17. Premises Phone	18. Premises Email	19. Website
20. Premises Description <b>Initial (New Applicants Only):</b> Describe the building or buildings where alcohol beverages are produced, sold, stored, or consumed, and related records are kept. Describe all rooms within the building, including living quarters. Authorized alcohol beverage activities and storage of records may occur only on the premises described in this application. Attach a map or diagram and additional sheets if necessary. <b>Renewal Applicants Only:</b> I am renewing a license and by checking the box following this statement, I affirm that I have reviewed the last issued license certificate and the premises description remains the same. <input type="checkbox"/>		
21. Mailing Address (if different from premises address)		
22. City	23. State	24. Zip Code

**Part B: Questions**

1. Has the business (sole proprietorship, partnership, limited liability company, or corporation) been convicted of violating federal or state laws or local ordinances? Exclude traffic offenses unless related to alcohol beverages. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, list the details of violation below. Attach additional sheets if necessary.		
Law/Ordinance Violated	Location	Trial Date
Penalty Imposed	Was sentence completed? ..... <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Law/Ordinance Violated	Location	Trial Date
Penalty Imposed	Was sentence completed? ..... <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

2. Are charges for any offenses pending against the business? Exclude traffic offenses unless related to alcohol beverages.  Yes  No

If yes, describe the nature and status of pending charges using the space below. Attach additional sheets as needed.

3. Is the applicant business or any of its officers, directors, members, agent, employees, owners, or other related individuals or entities a restricted investor with any interest in an alcohol beverage producer or wholesaler? . .  Yes  No  
If yes, provide the name of the restricted investor and describe the nature of the interest.

4. Have the partners, agent, or sole proprietor satisfied the responsible beverage server training requirement for this license period? Submit proof of completion. . . . .  Yes  No

5. Is the applicant business indebted to any wholesaler beyond 15 days for beer or 30 days for liquor/wine? . . . . .  Yes  No

6. Does the applicant business owe past due municipal property taxes, assessments, or other fees? . . . . .  Yes  No

**Part C: Individual Information**

Check each box to attest that you have provided the appropriate supplementary information to complete your application. See the instructions for Part C of this application, beginning on page 2, to complete this section.

- I have accurately listed and provided contact and personal information for all required persons involved in the applicant business and any business identified in Part A, Question 6 using Form AB-200AA.
- I have provided an accurate Form AB-100 for each person listed in Form AB-200AA.
- (For corporations, limited liability companies, and nonprofit organizations only) I have provided an accurate Form AB-101 to appoint an agent on behalf of my business.
- I understand that my application is not complete until this supplementary paperwork is received by the municipal clerk where I am applying for an alcohol beverage license.

**Part D: Attestation**

One of the following must sign and attest to this application:  
 • sole proprietor      • one general partner of a partnership      • one corporate officer      • one member of an LLC

**READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING:** Under penalty of law, I have answered each of the above questions completely and truthfully. I agree that I am acting solely on behalf of the applicant business and not on behalf of any other individual or entity seeking the license. Further, I agree that the rights and responsibilities conferred by the license(s), if granted, will not be assigned to another individual or entity. I agree to operate this business according to the law, including but not limited to, purchasing alcohol beverages from state authorized wholesalers. I understand that lack of access to any portion of a licensed premises during inspection will be deemed a refusal to allow inspection. Such refusal is a misdemeanor and grounds for revocation of this license. I understand that any license issued contrary to Wis. Stat. Chapter 125 shall be void under penalty of state law. I further understand that I may be prosecuted for submitting false statements and affidavits in connection with this application, and that any person who knowingly provides materially false information on this application may be required to forfeit not more than \$1,000 if convicted.

Last Name	First Name	M.I.
Title	Email	Phone
Signature		Date

**Part E: For Clerk Use Only**

Date Application Was Filed With Clerk	License Number	Date License Granted	Date License Issued
Signature of Clerk/Deputy Clerk		Date Provisional License Issued (if applicable)	

