



Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control



Responsible Beverage Service
Get certified by 08.31.22

The passage of Assembly Bill 1221 in 2017 created the Responsible Beverage Service Training Program Act.

AB 1221 required the Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) to create the Responsible Beverage Service Training Program and mandates a new training requirement for on-premises alcohol servers and their managers.

Beginning July 1, 2022, any ABC licensee who has an "ABC On-Premises License" will be required to ensure specific staff (alcohol servers and managers of alcohol servers) have received training from an ABC approved RBS Training Provider within 60 days of employment. This includes staff employed prior to July 1, 2022.

Three Step Certification Process

- 1 Register with ABC as a server on the RBS Portal
- 2 Take RBS training from an approved RBS Training Provider
- 3 Return to the RBS Portal to take ABC's alcohol server certification exam

DEFINITIONS

ABC On-Premises License

ABC license that grants the privilege to serve alcoholic drinks to patrons who then consume them within the licensed premises.

Alcohol Server

Anyone who:

- A) checks customer IDs for the purpose of alcoholic beverage service or entry to an ABC on-premises licensed establishment,
- B) takes customer alcoholic beverage orders,
- C) pours alcoholic beverages for customers, or
- D) delivers alcoholic beverages to customers.

Manager

Anyone who directly hires alcohol servers, oversees alcohol servers at an ABC licensed premises, or trains alcohol servers how to perform the service of alcohol for consumption for an ABC on-premises licensee.

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR OBTAINING A DAILY LICENSE

FEES:

Beer & Wine.....	\$50.00 a day
General (includes beer, wine & distilled spirits)	\$75.00 a day
Special Temporary License	\$100.00

METHOD OF PAYMENT: Cashier's check or money order made payable to the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

- Complete *Daily License Authorization* (Form ABC-221)
- Authorization from property owner is required (property owner may sign Form ABC-221 or a signed letter showing the date, time, place and type of alcoholic beverages to be served may be submitted)
- A detailed diagram of the event location may be required on outdoor events (Form ABC-253)
- Form ABC-221 must be submitted to the local ABC District Office which has jurisdiction over the event location. For a listing of ABC District Offices, please visit <https://www.abc.ca.gov/contact/district-offices/>
- Form ABC-221 may be submitted either in person or by mail
- Form ABC-221 must be received within ten (10) days of the event, but should not be submitted more than thirty (30) days in advance
- **Effective July 1, 2022, any nonprofit organization applying for a temporary or daily license is required to have a valid certified Responsible Beverage Service (RBS) server onsite during the event within the area where the service of alcoholic beverages is occurring. The name, Server ID, certification expiration date and contact phone number for the certified RBS server that will be present each event date must be included on the ABC-221. Certified RBS servers can retrieve their Server ID and expiration date through ABC's RBS Portal.**
 - For additional information, please visit <https://www.abc.ca.gov/education/rbs/>
 - **Virtual Events: Events that will be held 100% virtually are exempt from the RBS server mandate.**

If your organization intends to make a "Casino Night" or use controlled games as part of your fundraising event, you must comply with Business and Professions Code Section 19985, which includes pre-approval from the Bureau of Gambling Control of the Department of Justice. Please visit <http://www.oag.ca.gov/gambling/charitable> for more information.

QUALIFIED ORGANIZATIONS

- To qualify for a GENERAL license, you must be:
An organization formed for a specific charitable or civic purpose, a fraternal organization in existence for over five years, a religious organization, or a political organization
- To qualify for a BEER AND WINE license, you must be:
An existing non-profit organization, including a charitable, civic, cultural, fraternal, patriotic, political, religious, social or amateur sports organization
- If this is the **first time** your organization is having an event, the organization must first be qualified by the Department. As proof, you should bring in IRS and/or Franchise Tax Board documents showing your tax exempt status with your tax D. number

POLICE DEPARTMENT APPROVAL:

Police department approval may be required when any of the following apply:

- A large number of people are attending
- The event is being held on a public street or in a public area (i.e. - parking lot)
- This is the first time an event is being held at the location
- The event is a "casino night"
- In certain other circumstances at the Department's discretion.

It is the applicant's responsibility to obtain local law enforcement's approval. This may be done via a letter from the local agency, or the official may sign directly on Form ABC-221.

CONDITIONS:

Issuance of the license may be subject to conditions relating to the sales, service, and consumption of alcoholic beverages. If conditions are imposed, a representative of the organization may be required to come into the ABC office to sign them.

If above requirements are not met, the one day license may not be approved.