

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

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*

Form AB-101 Instructions

Alcohol Beverage Appointment of Agent

Who must complete Form AB-101?

State law requires corporations and limited liability companies (LLCs) to appoint an agent that takes responsibility for the licensed or permitted premises.

Use this form to appoint an agent for a new premises or to appoint a successor agent when there is a change before the license or permit is up for renewal.

Where do I submit Form AB-101?

Submit Form AB-101 to the appropriate issuing authority, either the clerk of the municipality in which the business or organization is located, or the Division of Alcohol Beverages.

Form AB-101 may be submitted with a license or permit application or at any time to indicate there is a change in agent prior to the license or permit renewal period.

Specific Instructions

Date:

- Date the form in the top right corner.

Agent Type:

- Select original appointment if you are applying for your license or permit for the first time or are renewing a license or permit.
- Select successor agent if you are reporting a change of agent during the licensing or permitting period.

Part A: Business Information

- Box 1: Enter the legal business name. If a sole-proprietorship, enter the individual's first and last name.
- Box 2: Enter the trade name or "doing business as", if different than the name in box 1.
- Box 3: Check one entity type to indicate how the business is legally organized.

Note: This business information must match the information on the license or permit application.

- Box 4: Select which alcohol beverage authorization you hold or are applying for.
- Box 5: For appointment of a successor agent, enter your state permit number (15-digit Wisconsin Tax ID number) or municipal retail license number (if applicable) for which you are appointing a successor agent. If you do not have a municipal retail license number, provide any applicable identifier (e.g., store number or location).
- Box 6: For appointment of a successor agent, describe the reason for the change in agent.

Part B: Agent Information

- Provide all requested personal information.

Part C: Agent Questions

- Question 1: Wisconsin law requires all agents of corporations and LLCs to successfully complete a Wisconsin approved responsible beverage server (RBS) training course within the past two years unless:
 - The applicant is renewing a municipal alcohol beverage retail license, or
 - Within the past two years:
 - a. The applicant held a manager's or operator's (bartender) license.
 - b. The applicant held or was the agent of a corporation or LLC that held any municipally issued retail alcohol beverage license in Wisconsin.

- Some agents for state permittees are exempt from responsible beverage server course requirements. The following permittees are exempt from RBS course requirements: Alcohol Beverage Warehouse, Industrial Fermented Malt Beverages, Wholesalers, Manufacturers, Rectifiers, Direct Wine Shippers, Wholesale Alcohol, Medicinal Alcohol, Industrial Alcohol, and Industrial Wine.
 - If you are applying to be the agent of one of these exempt permittees, answer “yes” to Question 1.
- To learn about your responsibility to complete the responsible beverage server requirement, review [Publication 302, Information for Wisconsin Alcohol Beverage Retailers](#).
- Question 2: Appointed agents for a retail licensee must complete Form AB-100, *Alcohol Beverage Individual Questionnaire*, and submit it to the municipal clerk in which the licensed business is located. Appointed agents for a permittee must complete and submit Form AB-300, *Alcohol Beverage Personal Questionnaire*, and submit it to the Division of Alcohol Beverages.
- Question 3: Appointed agents must be Wisconsin residents for at least 90 continuous days prior to the date of application, except for direct wine shipper permittees.

Part D: Business Attestation

- An authorized representative should sign, date, and provide requested personal information on behalf of the business.

Part E: Agent Attestation

- The agent being appointed should read the attestation carefully, then sign and date.

Assistance

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Form AB-100 Instructions

Alcohol Beverage Individual Questionnaire

Who must complete Form AB-100?

All persons involved in the applicant business who are sole proprietors, partners of a partnership, officers, directors, members, managers, or agents must complete and submit Form AB-100. These persons are identified in Form AB-101, *Alcohol Beverage Appointment of Agent*, and Form AB-200, *Alcohol Beverage License Application*, or Form AB-220, *Temporary Alcohol Beverage License Application*.

Where do I submit Form AB-100?

If applying for a retail alcohol beverage license, submit this form with Form AB-200, *Alcohol Beverage License Application*, or Form AB-220, *Temporary Alcohol Beverage License Application*, to the clerk of the municipality in which the applicant business is located.

To update the agent for an alcohol beverage license, submit this form with Form AB-101, *Alcohol Beverage Appointment of Agent*, to clerk of the municipality that issued the alcohol beverage license.

Specific Instructions

Date

- Date the form in the top right corner.

Part A: Business Information

- Box 1: Enter the legal business name. If sole proprietor, enter the individual's first and last name.
- Box 2: Enter the business trade name or "doing business as" name, if different than the name in box 1.
- Box 3: Check one entity type to indicate how the business is legally organized.

Note: This business information must match the information on any license application (Forms AB-200 or AB-220) or an existing license certificate.

Part B: Individual Information

- Provide all requested personal information.
- Box 4: Enter your title or describe your relationship to the business. Examples: President, Treasurer, Director, Chief Financial Officer, Member, Partner, Agent, etc.

Part C: Address History

- Question 2: List in chronological order all residential addresses within the last five years starting with your most recent address.

Part D: Criminal History

- Question 1: Disclose any civil or criminal violations of law in any jurisdiction (federal, state, or local ordinance), and include detailed descriptions of any violations of law involving alcohol beverages (OWI, disorderly conduct, etc.).
- Question 2: Disclose any pending charges against you in any jurisdiction and include detailed descriptions of any charges involving alcohol beverages.

Note: Subject to the Wisconsin Fair Employment Law (Ch. 111, Wis. Stats.), persons with convictions or pending charges may, if those offenses are sufficiently relevant, be prohibited from holding alcohol beverage license and permits under sec. 125.04(5)(a)(1) Wis. Stats. See the Department of Revenue's [Permit Predetermination Common Questions](#) for offenses that may prevent someone from holding a license.

Part E: Attestation

- Read the attestation carefully, then sign and date.

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