

Form  
**AB-200**

# Alcohol Beverage License Application

For Municipal Use Only	
Municipality	
License Period	

**License(s) Requested:** (up to two boxes may be checked)

- Class "A" Beer ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_   
  Class "B" Beer ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 "Class A" Liquor ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_   
  "Class B" Liquor ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 "Class A" Liquor (cider only) \$ \_\_\_\_\_   
  Reserve "Class B" Liquor \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 "Class C" Liquor (wine only) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Fees	
License Fees	\$ _____
Background Check Fee	\$ _____
Publication Fee	\$ 20
<b>Total Fees</b>	<b>\$ _____</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. State of Organization		7. Date of Organization	8. Wisconsin DFI Registration Number
9. Premises Address			
10. City		11. State	12. Zip Code
13. County	14. Governing Municipality: <input type="checkbox"/> City <input type="checkbox"/> Town <input type="checkbox"/> Village of: _____		15. Aldermanic District
16. Premises Phone	17. Premises Email		18. Website
19. Premises Description - 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.			
20. Mailing Address (if different from premises address)			
21. City		22. State	23. 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.     Yes     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 . .  Yes  No beverages.  
 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 distributor? . .  Yes  No  
 If yes, provide the name of the restricted investor and describe the nature of the interest.

4. Is the applicant business owned by another business entity? . . . . .  Yes  No  
 If yes, provide the name(s) and FEIN(s) of the business entity owners below. Attach additional sheets as needed.

4a. Name of Business Entity	4b. Business Entity FEIN
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5. Have the partners, agent, or sole proprietor satisfied the responsible beverage server training requirement for this license period? Submit proof of completion. . . . .  Yes  No

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

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

**Part C: Individual Information**

List the name, title, and phone number for each person or entity holding the following positions in the applicant business or businesses listed in Part B, Question 4: sole proprietor, all officers, directors, and agent of a corporation or nonprofit organization, all partners of a partnership, and all members, managers, and agent of a limited liability company. Attach additional sheets if necessary.

Include Form AB-100 for each person listed below. Corporations and LLCs must appoint an agent by including Form AB-101.

Last Name	First Name	Title	Phone

**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)	

# 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.

#### License Requested and License 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").
- For descriptions of each of the alcohol beverage licenses and their authorizations, see [Publication 302, Information for Wisconsin Alcohol Beverage and Tobacco Retailers](#), and *Face 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 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 6-7: Provide the state and date of organization of the legal entity.
- Box 8: 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](#).
- Boxes 9-19: 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 19: Describe the premises in detail. 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.

**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 20-23 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 distributor, 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: If the applicant is owned by another business entity, provide the legal entity name(s) and FEIN(s) of all upstream entity ownership. Attach an organizational chart if possible. Include all persons involved in upstream entity ownership in the table in Part C and submit Form AB-100 for each of those persons with this application.
- Question 5: 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. Submit the associated document with this application.
  - The applicant is renewing a 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 alcohol beverage license in Wisconsin.

**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 6: 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 7: 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*

- Provide basic information for all persons involved in the retail alcohol beverage business who are owners, officers, directors, managers, members, or the agent. Include ownership information as identified in Part B, Question 4.

**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.
- Include an Alcohol Beverage Individual Questionnaire (Form AB-100) for each person listed in this section with the submission of this application.

#### *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.

### **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 approved 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:
  - Form AB-100, *Alcohol Beverage Individual Questionnaire*, for all individuals listed in part C
  - Form AB-101 *Alcohol Beverage Appointment of Agent*, for corporation, nonprofit organizations, and LLC applicants
  - License and publication fees as required by your municipality

- Responsible beverage server training course completion certificate or other acceptable replacement document described in Part B, Question 5
- 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.

- All other information and documents required by your municipality

**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 Wisconsin Department of Revenue. The department publishes a list of alcohol beverage licensees reported by municipalities. The department 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 Department of Revenue 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 Department of Revenue using the contact information below.

**Website:** [DOR Alcohol Beverage \(wi.gov\)](#)

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

**Call:** (608) 264-4573

## Resources Provided by the Department of Revenue

[License frequently asked questions](#)

[Publication 302](#) *DOR Alcohol Beverage Laws for Retailers Licenses*

[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 Individual Questionnaire

Date
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All individuals involved in the alcohol beverage business must complete this form, including:

- sole proprietor
- all partners of a partnership
- all officers, directors, and agent of a corporation or nonprofit organization
- members and agent of a limited liability company

Your alcohol beverage application or renewal is not complete until all required Individual Questionnaires are submitted.

<b>Part A: Business Information</b>				
1. Legal Business Name (individual name if sole proprietor)				
2. Business Trade Name or DBA				
3. 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

<b>Part B: Individual Information</b>				
1. Last Name		2. First Name		3. M.I.
4. Relationship to Business (Title)		5. Email		6. Phone
7. Home Address				
8. City		9. State	10. Zip Code	11. Date of Birth
12. Drivers License/State ID Number			13. Drivers License/State ID State of Issuance	

<b>Part C: Address History</b>					
1. Do you currently reside in Wisconsin? ..... <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No					
If yes to 1 above, how long have you continuously lived in Wisconsin prior to the date of application? ....				Years	Months
2. List in chronological order all of your addresses within the last 5 years. Attach additional sheets if necessary.					
Previous Address 1		City	State	Zip Code	
Previous Address 2		City	State	Zip Code	
Previous Address 3		City	State	Zip Code	
Previous Address 4		City	State	Zip Code	
Previous Address 5		City	State	Zip Code	
3. List all states and counties you have lived in as an adult. Attach additional sheets if necessary.					
State	County	State	County	State	County
State	County	State	County	State	County

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**Part D: Criminal History**

1. Have you ever been convicted of any offenses (excluding traffic offenses unless related to alcohol beverages) for violation of any federal, Wisconsin, or another state's laws or of any county or municipal ordinances? . . . .  Yes  No  
 If yes to question 1, please list details of each conviction below. Attach additional sheets as needed.

Law/Ordinance Violated	Location	Conviction Date
Penalty Imposed		Was sentence completed? . . . . <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Law/Ordinance Violated	Location	Conviction Date
Penalty Imposed		Was sentence completed? . . . . <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Law/Ordinance Violated	Location	Conviction Date
Penalty Imposed		Was sentence completed? . . . . <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

2. Are charges for any offenses currently pending against you (excluding traffic offenses unless related to alcohol beverages) for violation of any federal, Wisconsin, or another state's laws or any county or municipal ordinances? . . . . .  Yes  No  
 If yes to question 2, describe nature and status of pending charges using the space below. Attach additional sheets as needed.

**Part E: Attestation**

**READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING:** Under penalty of law, I have answered each of the above questions completely and truthfully. I certify that I am not prohibited from participating in this business due to any involvement in another tier of the alcohol beverage industry as a restricted investor. 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.

Signature	Date
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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 must be identified in Form AB-101, *Alcohol Beverage Appointment of Agent*, Form AB-200, *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* to the clerk of the municipality in which the applicant business is located.

If applying for an alcohol beverage permit, submit this form as required by the permit application to the Division of Alcohol Beverages.

To update the agent for an alcohol beverage license or permit, submit this form with Form AB-101, *Alcohol Beverage Appointment of Agent* to the issuer of the authorization.

### 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 (Form AB-200) or 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.



## Assistance

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- Submission of the retail license application and supplemental forms
- Availability and cost of certain licenses.

If you have questions about alcohol beverage laws and regulations, you may contact the Department of Revenue using the contact information below.

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# Alcohol Beverage Appointment of Agent

Date
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<b>Agent Type</b> <i>(check one)</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Original (no fee)	<input type="checkbox"/> Successor (\$10 fee for municipal licensees only)

<b>Part A: Business Information</b>	
1. Legal Business Name (individual name if sole proprietor)	
2. Business Trade Name or DBA	
3. Entity Type <i>(check one)</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Limited Liability Company	<input type="checkbox"/> Corporation
<input type="checkbox"/> Nonprofit Organization	
4. Alcohol Beverage Business Authorization <i>(check one)</i>	5. If successor agent, provide State Permit or Municipal Retail License Number
<input type="checkbox"/> Municipal Retail License <input type="checkbox"/> State Permit	
6. Describe the reason for appointing a successor agent, if successor is checked above.	

<b>Part B: Agent Information</b>			
1. Last Name	2. First Name	3. M.I.	
4. Email		5. Phone	
6. Home Address			
7. City	8. State	9. Zip Code	10. Age
11. Drivers License/State ID Number		12. Drivers License/State ID State of Issuance	

<b>Part C: Agent Questions</b>	
1. Have you satisfied the responsible beverage server training requirement? ..... Submit proof of completion.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
2. Have you completed Form AB-100, <i>Alcohol Beverage Individual Questionnaire</i> ? ..... Submit a completed Form AB-100 with this form.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
3. Have you been a Wisconsin resident for at least 90 continuous days? ..... See instructions for exceptions.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

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**Part D: Business Attestation**

READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING: I, the **Undersigned**, authorize the above-named individual to act for the above-named corporation, nonprofit organization, or limited liability company with full authority and control of the premises and of all alcohol beverage activities on such premises. I certify that I am authorized by the above-named entity to authorize this individual to act on behalf of the entity. If I am appointing a successor agent, I rescind all previous agent appointments for this premises. Further, I 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: Agent Attestation**

READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING: I, the **Agent**, hereby accept this appointment as agent for the above-named corporation, nonprofit organization, or limited liability company and assume full responsibility for the conduct of all alcohol beverage activities on the premises for the above-named business. 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.
Signature			Date	

# Form AB-101 Instructions

## Alcohol Beverage Appointment of Agent

### Who must complete Form AB-101?

State law requires corporations, limited liability companies (LLCs), and nonprofit organizations 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 and Tobacco Retailers](#).
- Question 2: Appointed agents must submit Form AB-100, *Alcohol Beverage Individual Questionnaire*, in addition to this form.
- 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**

If you have questions about alcohol beverage laws and regulations, you may contact the Department of Revenue using the contact information below.

**Website:** DOR Alcohol Beverage (wi.gov)

**Write:** DORAlcohol@wisconsin.gov

**Call:** (608) 264-4573

CITY OF MEQUON  
ALCOHOL BEVERAGE LICENSES  
ENFORCEMENT POLICY GUIDELINES

**Intent.** As it is the responsibility of the Finance-Personnel Committee ("Committee") of the Mequon Common Council to screen applications for alcohol beverage licenses within the City of Mequon and to make recommendations thereupon to the Common Council for its decision under the licensing authority granted by Chapter 125 of the Wisconsin Statutes and Chapter 14 of the Municipal Code of the City of Mequon, the Committee recommends and the Common Council adopts the following guidelines in order to specify the reasons for denying, non-renewing or revoking an alcohol beverage license. If a decision is made to deny, revoke, suspend or non-renew a license, the Council is required to provide that person with a written reason for the denial. These guidelines are adopted to assist the Committee in its reviews and recommendations and the Common Council in its decision-making, to meet that requirement.

The following guidelines are established by the Common Council to provide a framework for which persons are eligible for issuance of an alcohol beverage license (*i.e.* grounds for denial) and a framework for suspension, revocation or non-renewal. **There is broad discretion retained on behalf of the Committee and the Common Council to consider each case on an individual basis. Deviation from the guidelines may be allowed if unusual, exaggerated or mitigating circumstances exist, which may include, but are not limited to, the particular circumstances documented or the length of time that has expired since the offense.**

Since alcohol beverage license holders must act in cooperation with law enforcement to enforce the alcohol beverage laws, drunk driving laws, and assist with minimizing disturbances of the peace and maintaining the safety of the community, individuals with a past history of negative or uncooperative contacts with police agencies should be scrutinized; provided, however, that the Committee and the Common Council shall not discriminate against such applicants based on a prior arrest or conviction record, pursuant to Wis. Stat. §§ 111.321, 111.322, 111.335 and 125.12(1)(b), unless said arrest or conviction record substantially relates to the circumstances of the particular licensed activity. It is with these goals in mind, as well, that these guidelines are adopted.

For purposes of these guidelines, an "alcohol beverage license," "license" or "permit" constitutes a retail license or an operator's license. Additionally, the definition of "person" shall be as defined in Wis. Stat. § 125.02(14) of the Wisconsin Statutes. Therefore, these guidelines also apply to corporations, limited liability companies, agents, and partnerships. A corporation or limited liability company with an arrest or conviction record may be issued a license if the corporation or limited liability company has terminated its relationship with all the individuals whose actions directly contributed to the conviction. **Furthermore, to the extent Wis. Stat. Ch. 125 or Mequon Ordinances provide additional grounds for denial, suspension, revocation or non-renewal, the Committee may also rely on such provisions.**

The Common Council will only deny renewal of, suspend or revoke a current alcohol beverage license under these guidelines, or other justification provided by law, if the person committed an offense substantially related to the licensed activity within the license year period immediately preceding the year for which the person is seeking renewal or within the license year period in which suspension or revocation is sought, unless the Police Chief demonstrates that previous offenses were not considered in the approval of the current license. In the event the person is considered for non-renewal, suspension or revocation as the result of such an offense, the Committee and Common Council shall consider all offenses, regardless of when they occurred, to determine application of these guidelines.

Additionally, with respect to a non-natural person, such person's license may be revoked, suspended or non-renewed in the event a new officer, director, member, or manager, is named and such person does not qualify under these guidelines; with the exception that a corporation or limited liability company may retain its license if it terminates its relationship with all the individuals whose actions directly contributed to the conviction. With respect to successor agents, see Wis. Stat. § 125.04(6).

Notwithstanding the above, the following violations may not be used as grounds for suspension, revocation or non-renewal of an existing license:

1. Furnishing alcohol beverages to underage persons (unless the licensee has committed two (2) violations within a one (1) year period, or has committed a single violation in two consecutive years); or
2. Violations punishable under Wis. Stat. § 945.03(2m), 945.04(2m) or 945.05(1m) (relating to commercial gambling and gambling devices).

**A copy of these guidelines shall be provided to each person who applies for a license.**

#### GUIDELINES

**Guideline 1.** Provided the offense is substantially related to the circumstances of the licensed activity, any person who has been convicted of any felony, unless duly pardoned, does not qualify for an alcohol beverage license. (To the extent the other guidelines reference a specific offense, this guideline shall apply if the offense constitutes a felony.)

**Guideline 2.** Provided the offense is substantially related to the circumstances of the licensed activity, any person who has been convicted of, released from incarceration in a State or Federal Prison System, or a county jail for, or released from parole or probation status, or has a current charge pending, for two (2) or more offenses, arising out of separate incidents, within the last ten (10) years in the following subcategories, does not qualify for an alcohol beverage license:

- (a) Violent crimes against the person of another, including but not limited to homicide, aggravated battery, sexual assault, injury by negligent use of a weapon, injury by negligent use of a vehicle, or injury by intoxicated use of a vehicle.
- (b) Crimes involving cooperation (or lack thereof) with law enforcement officials, including but not limited to, obstructing a police officer, resisting arrest, bribery of public officers or employees, misconduct in public office, bomb scares, or acts or threats of terrorism.
- (c) Manufacturing, distributing, delivering a controlled substance or a controlled substance analog; possessing with intent to manufacture, distribute or deliver, a controlled substance or a controlled substance analog.

**Guideline 3.** Provided the offense is **substantially related to the circumstances of the licensed activity**, any person who has been convicted of, released from incarceration in a State or Federal Prison System, or a county jail for, or released from parole or probation status, or has a current charge pending, for two (2) or more offenses, **arising out of separate incidents**, within the last seven (7) years in the following subcategories, does not qualify for an alcohol beverage license:

- (a) Disorderly conduct, criminal damage to property, solicitation of prostitution or other prostitution related offenses, wherein the offense involves an incident at a place that is, or should have been licensed under Wis. Stat. Ch. 125.
- (b) Alcohol beverage offenses (under Wis. Stat. Ch. 125 or Mequon Ordinance Ch. 14 - excluding administrative violations such as "failure to post license under glass") **(furnishing alcohol beverages to underage persons shall not be used as grounds for suspension, revocation, or non-renewal of an existing license unless the licensee has committed two (2) violations within a one (1) year period, or committed a single violation in two consecutive years).**
- (c) Perjury or false swearing, wherein the offense involves an incident at a place that is or should have been licensed under Wis. Stat. Ch. 125.
- (d) Possessing a controlled substance, controlled substance analog or drug paraphernalia.
- (e) Operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of intoxicants or drugs.
- (f) Operating a motor vehicle with a BAC in excess of .08% by weight.
- (g) Open intoxicants in public places or in a motor vehicle.

**Guideline 4.** Provided the offenses are **substantially related to the circumstances of the licensed activity**, any person who is a habitual law offender does not qualify for an alcohol beverage license. To constitute a habitual law offender there need not have been a trial or conviction for each or any offense. What is required is that the offenses were committed, that the law has been violated, and that the fact of such violations can be shown. *See Smith v. City of Oak Creek*, 139 Wis. 2d 788 (1987). For purposes of these guidelines, a habitual offender includes, but is not limited to a person who has committed two (2) or more offenses, each a separate incident, within the immediately preceding five (5) years.

**Guideline 5.** In addition to the other provisions under these guidelines, pursuant to Wis. Stat § 125.12, a person's alcohol beverage license may be denied, non-renewed, suspended or revoked if the person:

- (a) Keeps or maintains a disorderly or riotous, indecent or improper house.
- (b) Sold or has given away alcohol beverages to known habitual drunkards.
- (c) Does not possess the qualifications under Chapter 125 of the Wisconsin Statutes and Chapter 14 of the Municipal Code of the City of Mequon to hold a license.
- (d) Was issued a license in conjunction with a warning letter as to any future law violations, regardless of whether the basis for the warning letter was conduct occurring earlier or outside of any of the time limits set forth in Guidelines 2., 3. and 4. above, and has committed a law violation subsequent to the issuance of the warning letter.

**Guideline 6.** Any person who materially falsifies an application for an alcohol beverage license will not be eligible to re-apply for an alcohol beverage license for a period of twelve (12) months from the **date of denial** of such application. The Committee within its review and recommendation process and the Common Council may waive the provisions of this paragraph, allow the applicant to submit a corrected application, with the appropriate fee, and grant an alcohol beverage license to the person, if it appears to the Common Council that any falsifications on the application were the



result of inadvertence, excusable neglect or mistake.

**Guideline 7.** In the event that any person's alcohol beverage license is denied, non-renewed, suspended or revoked based upon the person's conviction record, the person shall be allowed the opportunity to show evidence of rehabilitation and fitness to engage in the licensed activity. If the person shows competent evidence of sufficient rehabilitation and fitness to perform the licensed activity, the Committee may not refuse to license the person or bar or terminate the person from licensing based on that conviction record unless the conviction is for an exempt offense under Wis. Stat. § 111.335(4). Competent evidence of sufficient rehabilitation and fitness to perform the licensed activity may be established by the production of any of the following:

- (a) The person's most recent certified copy of a federal department of defense form DD-214 showing the person's honorable discharge, or separation under honorable conditions, from the U.S. armed forces for military service rendered following conviction for any offense that would otherwise disqualify the person from the license sought, except that the discharge form is not competent evidence of sufficient rehabilitation and fitness to perform the licensed activity if the person was convicted of any misdemeanor or felony subsequent to the date of the honorable discharge or separation from military service.
- (b) A copy of the local, state, or federal release document; and either a copy of the relevant department of corrections document showing completion of probation, extended supervision, or parole; or other evidence that at least one year has elapsed since release from any local, state, or federal correctional institution without subsequent conviction of a crime along with evidence showing compliance with all terms and conditions of probation, extended supervision, or parole.
- (c) In addition to the above documentary evidence, the Committee will consider any of the following evidence presented by the individual:
  - i. Evidence of the nature and seriousness of any offense of which he or she was convicted.
  - ii. Evidence of all circumstances relative to the offense, including mitigating circumstances or social conditions surrounding the commission of the offense.
  - iii. The age of the person at the time the offense was committed.
  - iv. The length of time that has elapsed since the offense was committed.
  - v. Letters of reference by individuals who have been in contact with the person since the person's release from any local, state, or federal correctional institution.
  - vi. All other relevant evidence of rehabilitation and present fitness presented.

**Severability.** If any section, subsection, sentence or phrase of this Policy is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by reason of a decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of any other section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase.

**Conflict.** Any impermissible conflict between Wis. Stat. Ch. 125, Ch. 14 of the Municipal Code of the City of Mequon and this policy shall be decided on the order of precedence which shall be the order listed in this sentence.

These policy guidelines will go into effect on the 1st day of October, 2019.