



Malt Beverage Distributors Association of Pennsylvania

Citizens Guide to Liquor License Definitions

Many Pennsylvanians are unfamiliar with the various types of liquor licenses that comprise Pennsylvania's system of alcoholic beverage control. The Malt Beverage Distributors Association of Pennsylvania wishes to help our citizens better understand this complicated system by providing a summary of the different types of licenses that are available under existing state law.



DISTRIBUTOR (D)

- **Annual Cost**—\$830 with Sunday License
- **Sales**—For off-site consumption only
- **Hours**—8am to 11pm, Sundays 9am to 9pm
- **Products Sold**—Malt or brewed beverages by the case only, soft and other non-alcoholic drinks, salty snack foods
- **Facility Size**—Not less than 1000 sq. ft.
- **Ownership**—Only one license per person or company



IMPORTING DISTRIBUTOR (ID)

- **Annual Cost**—\$1480 with Sunday License
- **Sales**—For off-site consumption only
- **Hours**—8am to 11pm, Sundays 9am to 9pm
- **Facility Size**—Not less than 2500 sq. ft.
- **Products Sold**—Malt or brewed beverages only, may sell to other Distributors
- **Ownership**—May only hold one license



MANUFACTURER (G) [BREWERY]

- **Annual Cost**—\$1,455
- **Sales**—For both on- and off-site consumption
- **Facility Size**—No restrictions
- **Products Sold**—Malt or brewed beverage products only
- **Ownership**—May only hold one license

CLUB LICENSES (C)

Club licensees include VFWs, Moose Lodges, American Legion Posts and related facilities

- **Annual Cost**—\$335 for on-site consumption of malt and brewed beverages, wine and liquor

OTHER LICENSES

There are a variety of other licenses sold for various specialized purposes, such as stadiums, arenas, art facilities, museums, airports, catering, non-profit events, wineries and more.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- For new restaurants located in an officially-designated Keystone Opportunity Zone



RETAIL DISPENSER (E)

E licensees include eateries and delicatessens (E), small hotels (L), municipal golf courses (GE) and private golf courses (PGE)

- **Annual Cost**—\$230 - \$430, depending on population
- **Sales**—For both on- and off-site consumption
- **Hours**—7am to 2am, Sundays 9am to 2am
- **Products Sold**—Malt or brewed beverages and primarily food for on-site consumption, and the privilege of selling beer in two six-pack increments per transaction, with unlimited transactions per customer
- **Facility Size**—Not less than 300 sq. ft. with at least 30 seats
- **Ownership**—May hold as many licenses as desired



RESTAURANT-LIQUOR (R)

Restaurant Liquor licensees include restaurants, grocery and convenience stores, hotels (H), airport restaurants (AR), municipal and private golf courses (GR, GE, PGE), and off-track restaurants (OWR)

- **Annual Cost**—\$280 to \$730, depending upon population
- **Sales**—For both on and off-site consumption
- **Hours**—7am to 2am, Sundays 9am to 2am
- **Products Sold**—Malt or brewed beverages, wine, liquor and primarily food for on-site consumption and the privilege of selling beer in two six-pack increments per transaction, with unlimited transactions per customer. Unfinished bottles of wine ordered with food may be re-corked and removed from premises for off-site consumption
- **Facility Size**—Not less than 400 sq. ft. with at least 30 seats
- **Ownership**—May hold as many licenses as desired

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