

# ABCA

## 2025 EXTENDED HOLIDAY HOURS SCHEDULE

The Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Administration (ABCA) coordinates an Extended Holiday Hours Program that allows alcohol licensed venues to sell and serve alcohol until 4:00 a.m. and operate 24-hours a day on select days in conjunction with eligible District Government and federal holidays. Details and applications are available at [abca.dc.gov](http://abca.dc.gov). FAQs are on the reverse.

HOLIDAY	DATE OF HOLIDAY	DURATION <i>(Runs the evening of the first date through 4:00 a.m. on the last date)</i>	REGISTRATION DEADLINE
New Year's Day	Wednesday, January 1	Tuesday, December 31 – Wednesday, January 1	Monday, December 2
Washington's Birthday Weekend	Monday, February 17	Friday, February 14 – Monday, February 17	Friday, January 17
DC Emancipation Day <sup>1</sup>	Wednesday, April 16	Tuesday, April 15 – Wednesday, April 16 & Friday, April 18 – Sunday, April 20	Monday, March 17
Memorial Day Weekend	Monday, May 26	Friday, May 23 – Monday, May 26	Monday, April 28
Juneteenth	Thursday, June 19	Wednesday, June 18 – Thursday, June 19	Monday, May 19
Independence Day Weekend	Friday, July 4	Thursday, July 3 – Sunday, July 6	Wednesday, June 4
Labor Day Weekend <sup>2</sup>	Monday, September 1	Friday, August 29 – Monday, September 1	Friday, August 1
Indigenous Peoples' Day Weekend	Monday, October 13	Friday, October 10 – Monday, October 13	Monday, September 15
Veterans Day Weekend	Tuesday, November 11	Friday, November 7 – Sunday, November 9 & Monday, November 10 – Tuesday, November 11	Tuesday, October 14
Thanksgiving Day Weekend	Thursday, November 27	Wednesday, November 26 – Sunday, November 30	Monday, October 27
Christmas Day Weekend <sup>3</sup>	Thursday, December 25	Wednesday, December 24 – Thursday, December 25 & Friday, December 26 – Sunday, December 28	Tuesday, November 25
New Year's Day	Thursday, January 1	Wednesday, December 31 – Thursday, January 1	Tuesday, December 2

**DAYLIGHT SAVING**

Hours for alcohol service are automatically extended during Daylight Saving time changes. Registration is not required.  
**Spring | Sunday, March 9 | Any licensee that normally ends alcohol service at 3:00 a.m. is eligible to operate until 4:00 a.m.**  
**Autumn | Sunday, November 2 | Any licensee that normally ends alcohol service at 2:00 a.m. will automatically gain an additional hour.**

<sup>1</sup> Standard alcohol service hours apply on the evenings of Wednesday, April 16 and Thursday, April 17.

<sup>2</sup> Standard alcohol service hours apply on the evening of Sunday, November 9.

<sup>3</sup> Standard alcohol service hours apply on the evening of Thursday, December 25.

**Note: Due to Inauguration Week (January 14 - January 21), extended hours will not be offered for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (January 20). Inauguration Week requires a separate registration and has a daily fee to participate. Visit [inauguration.dc.gov](http://inauguration.dc.gov) for details.**

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### **Question (Q) Who can participate?**

Answer (A) Eligible licensees include on-premises retailers including restaurants, taverns, nightclubs, hotels, and multipurpose facilities, and manufacturers with an on-site sales and consumption endorsement. Temporary licensees are also eligible. Settlement Agreements, Mayor's Orders, and Board Orders may restrict eligibility.

### **Q. Is there a fee to participate in the Extended Holiday Hours Program?**

A. There is no fee to participate.

### **Q. When do extended hours start and end?**

A. Extended hours start the evening of the first day listed in the "duration" section. All alcohol sales must cease by 4:00 a.m. on the last day listed in the "duration" section.

### **Q. Does the two (2)-hour kitchen requirement for restaurants still apply?**

A. Yes. Restaurants serving alcohol until 4:00 a.m. are required to serve food until 2:00 a.m.

### **Q. Do the hours of my entertainment endorsement get extended?**

A. No. You will need to file Substantial Change Application for ABC Board consideration.

### **Q. How do I apply?**

A. You must submit an Extended Holiday Hours Program registration form.

### **Q. What is the registration deadline?**

A. Registrations are accepted on a rolling basis. You must submit your completed materials at least 30 days before the first holiday you would like to extend your hours.

### **Q. Do I need to register for hour changes related to Daylight Saving?**

A. No.

### **Q. How long does registration last?**

A. Registration is valid indefinitely unless restricted by Mayor's Order, Settlement Agreement, or Board Order.

### **Q. How do I find out what establishments have been approved for extended hours?**

A. A roster is published on ABCA's website prior to each eligible holiday.

### **Q. Why aren't extended hours being offered for Martin Luther King (MLK) Jr. Day?**

In 2025, MLK Day will not be offered as it falls on Inauguration Day (Monday, January 20) and during Inauguration Week (Tuesday, January 14 - Tuesday, January 21). Inauguration Week participation requires a separate registration.

### **Q. How do I register to offer extended hours during Inauguration Week?**

A. For a daily fee, registered venues may sell and serve alcohol until 4:00 a.m. and/or operate for up to 24-hours during the seven day period starting the evening of Tuesday, January 14 through 4:00 a.m. on Tuesday morning, January 21. Visit [inauguration.dc.gov](https://www.inauguration.dc.gov) to register by Tuesday, January 7, 2025.