



QUICK GUIDE | BREW PUBS, WINE PUBS, AND DISTILLERY PUBS

The holder of an On-Premise Retailer's License may apply for a brew pub, wine pub, and distillery pub endorsement (collectively "pub endorsements") to their existing licenses, which allows for the production of alcohol by the license holder.

PUB ENDORSEMENT PRIVILEGE

The pub endorsements provide the following privileges:

- A brew pub endorsement allows for the production of beer.
- A wine pub endorsement allows for the production of wine (up to 21% alcohol by volume).
- A distillery pub endorsement allows for the production of spirits.

See the quick guide on Classifying Alcoholic Beverages for assistance with classifying alcohol products as beer, wine, or spirits.

MULTIPLE ENDORSEMENTS

A licensee may obtain one or more pub endorsements authorizing the production of alcohol. Each pub endorsement only authorizes the production of one class of beverage (i.e., beer, wine, or spirits). If a licensee wishes to produce multiple classes of beverages (e.g., beer and wine), then the licensee must apply for and obtain multiple pub endorsements.

QUALIFIED LICENSES

The pub endorsement is available to any On-Premise Retailer's License holder issued a restaurant, tavern, multipurpose facility, hotel, or nightclub license that authorizes the sale and service of the product being produced.

ON-SITE AND OFF-SITE PRODUCTION

A brew pub, wine pub, and distillery pub endorsement allow for the production of authorized alcohol products at the licensed premises. Pub endorsement holders may also produce authorized products at a facility within 600 feet of the licensed premises if an Off-Site Production Permit is obtained. No alcohol sales are permitted from the off-site location.

CLOSED CONTAINER SALES

A pub endorsement authorizes the sale of alcohol authorized by the pub endorsement to patrons on the premises for off-premise consumption in crowlers, barrels, cans, growlers, kegs, sealed, bottles, and other closed containers so long as the product is (1) manufactured at the facility; (2) manufactured by the license holder at any location where the license holder has at least a 5 percent ownership interest in the business regardless of jurisdiction; or (3) manufactured as part of a collaboration with another manufacturer regardless of jurisdiction.

MANUFACTURING REQUIREMENT

All brew pub endorsement holders shall have alcohol manufacturing equipment on the premises within 60 days of issuance of the pub endorsement. Brew pub endorsement holders are further required to make alcohol manufactured by the pub endorsement holder available to patrons and offer it for sale within 60 days of issuance of the pub endorsement or have authorized alcohol products in the process of production on the premises (e.g., ageing, fermenting). All brew pub endorsement holders shall also have alcohol manufactured at the premises available and offered for sale at least 90 days in a calendar year.

All wine pub endorsement holders shall have and maintain all licenses, permits, and endorsements required by the federal Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB) on the premises. Wine pub endorsement shall make these documents available to ABRA for inspection immediately upon request. Wine pub endorsement holders are further required to have wine manufacturing equipment on the premises and shall make reasonable efforts to produce at least one wine product per calendar year.

RECORDS REQUIREMENT

Brew and distillery pub endorsement holders shall maintain records on the premises, in either physical or electronic form, books and records showing the days when beer was manufactured or available and offered to sale to patrons.

Wine pub endorsement holders shall submit on or before January 15th of each calendar year on a form provided by ABRA a list of products produced or reasonably attempted to produce on the premises and the identity of the vintner for each product.

INVENTORY SHARING

A licensee holding pub endorsements at various locations in the District may transport alcohol produced at one facility and store, sell, and serve it at another establishment operated by the license holder so long as the receiving establishment holds the same type of pub endorsement.

FARMER'S MARKETS

All pub endorsement are allowed to participate in licensed farmer's markets. Pub endorsement holders may engage in sampling and sell products they produce for off-premise consumption. Sampling should be limited to no more than 3 ounces of spirits, 6 ounces of wine, and 12 ounces of beer per customer in one day.

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