

QUICK GUIDE | MULTIPURPOSE FACILITIES

A Multipurpose Facility license (D/X or C/X) is an on-premise retailer dedicated to the performance of cultural, recreational, sports, and tourist activities at the premises. This license is generally cheaper than equivalent licenses based on the presumption that the sale, service, and consumption of alcohol are incidental to the venue's primary activity. This license also has unique entertainment privileges.

ELIGIBILITY

The Multipurpose Facility license will only be issued to the following venues that show to the satisfaction of the Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Board that they will operate as a:

- Live performance or legitimate theater (e.g., theatrical, operatic, or dance performances)
- Sports facility (e.g., stadium, sport field, bowling alley)
- Movie theater
- University
- Museum
- Art gallery
- Conference center
- Indoor playground or park
- Workspace
- Recreational facility (e.g., pool hall, swimming pool, outdoor playgrounds, pool hall, swimming pool, video arcade)

ENTERTAINMENT PRIVILEGES

The Multipurpose Facility license allows the holder to offer entertainment without an entertainment endorsement. Under the terms of the license, a Multipurpose Facility may offer live entertainment, a dance floor, and cover charges for admission. A multipurpose facility that qualifies as a legitimate theater may also allow nudity by performers in dramatic productions.

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