

QUICK GUIDE | THIRD-PARTY ALCOHOL DELIVERY LICENSE

A license is required for third parties to deliver alcohol on behalf of authorized licensed retail and manufacturer license holders to consumers who use the third party to arrange local, same-day delivery of alcohol.

RELEVANT LAW

The law addressing the Third-Party Alcohol Delivery License is found at D.C. Official Code § 25-130.

AUTHORIZED ACTIVITY

Third-Party Alcohol Delivery License holders may take orders from customers over the telephone, internet, mobile application, and other electronic channels and distribute alcohol received from any D.C. licensed retailer authorized to sell closed containers and any D.C. licensed manufacturer at any location unless otherwise prohibited by law. Third-Party Alcohol Delivery License holders shall not purchase, store, and sell their own alcohol.

LICENSEE REGISTRATION

No licensee may distribute alcohol through a Third-Party Alcohol Delivery License holder before registering with ABCA.

LICENSEE SUSPENSION

Any licensee that has its license suspended or revoked is not authorized to distribute alcohol through a Third-Party Alcohol Delivery License holder until the license is returned or restored. Note that both a Third-Party Alcohol Delivery License holder and the licensee distributing alcohol may be held liable for distributing alcohol on a suspended or revoked license.

AGE VERIFICATION

Third-Party Alcohol Delivery License holders must verify that all customers are 21 years of age or older by checking their valid government-issued photo identification at the time of delivery.

INTOXICATION

Third-Party Alcohol Delivery License holders may not deliver alcohol to any person that is or appears to be intoxicated at the time of delivery.

CLOSED CONTAINERS

Third-Party Alcohol Delivery License holders must deliver alcohol in closed containers.

PROHIBITED DELIVERY LOCATIONS

Third-Party Alcohol Delivery License holders may deliver alcohol to a customers at any location except to an address occupied by a university, college campus, an elementary school, or secondary school.

REPORTING

Third-Party Alcohol Delivery License holders shall file semi-annual reports by January 30 and July 30 each year. The reporting forms and required information may be found on ABCA's website. License holders shall report the total number of alcoholic beverages delivered, the name and address of the D.C. licensee providing the alcohol, and delivery dates.

BOOKS AND RECORDS

Third-Party Alcohol Delivery License holders shall maintain the following records on-site at the licensed location and make such records available for inspection upon written request by ABCA within 3 business days: (1) documents showing the date, address, and recipient for each delivery; and (2) the name and business address of the person making the delivery. These records shall be stored for a period of 3 years. Permission for off-site storage of records must be obtained from the Board and the storage location must be within the District of Columbia.

LICENSE PERIOD

Third-Party Alcohol Delivery Licenses are valid for 3 years and must be renewed.

CONTACT ABCA

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