

**BEER & WINE PERMIT DEFINITIONS****Off-Premises Beer & Wine Permit (PBG):**

Authorizes the sale of beer and wine to go only.

**On-Premises Beer & Wine Permit (PBW):**

Authorizes the sale of beer and wine to go and authorizes consumption on the permitted premises.

**7 Day On-Premises Beer & Wine Permit (PO7):**

Authorizes the sale of beer and wine for consumption on the permitted premises, as well as to go, seven days a week, with no restrictions on hours of sale. Only issued in counties or municipalities that have passed a referendum allowing Sunday sales of beer and wine.

**7 Day Off-Premises Beer & Wine Permit (P7B):**

Authorizes the sale of beer and wine to go only, seven days a week, with no restrictions on hours of sale. These permits are only issued in counties or municipalities that have passed a referendum allowing Sunday sales of beer and wine.

**Brewpub Permit (PBB):**

Authorizes the sale of beer and wine, the manufacture of beer, and the consumption of beer and wine on the permitted premises.

**Sabbath Observed Beer & Wine Permit (PRB):**

Authorizes the sale and consumption of beer and wine on Sunday if you close your business on Saturday for religious purposes. These permits are only issued in counties or municipalities that have passed a referendum allowing Sunday sales of beer and wine.

**Brewery Permit (PWY):**

Authorizes the manufacture and sale of beer produced on the premises for on- or off-premises consumption to retail customers and allows for offering tastings to customers in conjunction with a tour of their permitted premises.

**Beer & Wine Wholesaler/Distributor Permit (PWB):**

Authorizes any person who makes the first sale within South Carolina or who sells or distributes any quantity of beer or wine to any holder of a retail beer and wine permit for resale. Does not include any person who produces wine in South Carolina from fruits grown within South Carolina by or for the manufacturer.

**Basic Winery Permit (PWY):**

For wineries which produce and sell wine produced on its premises, with less than 60% of the juice from fruit and berries grown in South Carolina. This type of winery may only sell to wholesalers, though it may also ship wine to in-state and out-of-state residents (if it holds a Wine Producer and Blenders Basic Permit issued by the Alcohol Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau and a Wine Shipper's license). These wineries are also permitted to provide with or without cost wine tasting samples to prospective customers.

**Domestic Winery Permit (PDW):**

For wineries which produce and sell wine produced on its premises, with at least 60% of the juice from fruit and berries that are grown in South Carolina. This type of winery may sell at wholesale, retail, ship to consumer homes both in-state and out-of-state, and allow on premise consumption during restricted hours. This type of winery may also sell during restricted hours on Sunday, provided the winery is located in a county of municipality that has passed a favorable referendum.

**7 Day Winery Permit (P7W):**

For wineries which manufactures or blends wines using grapes, all of which are harvested, processed, fermented, bottled and sold at the same contiguous location. This type of winery may sell to wholesalers, retailers and permit consumption of wine seven days a week, during restricted hours-provided the local governing body of the county or municipality where the sale occurs adopts an ordinance permitting wine sales on Sunday under these limited circumstances. This type of winery may also ship wine to in-state or out-of-state consumers.

**Professional Sports Venue Permit (PSV):**

Authorizes the sale of beer, wine, and liquor for consumption on the grounds or complex of a professional baseball team's stadium, a professional soccer team's stadium, the Darlington Raceway, and the Credit One Stadium Tennis Facility.

## HOURS OF OPERATION FOR BEER & WINE PERMIT HOLDERS

### Beer & Wine Permits

- Refer to SC Code Section 61-4-120 to learn about Sunday sales exceptions.
- On-Premises Beer & Wine Permit (PBW) or Off-Premises Beer & Wine Permit (PBG) - Can sell from Monday at sunrise until Saturday at 11:59 PM. However, an establishment that has a PBW and Business (Restaurant or Hotel) Liquor by the Drink License (PLB) or Nonprofit (Private Club) Liquor by the Drink License (PLC) is authorized to sell beer and wine during those hours in which the sale of alcoholic liquors by the drink is lawful. See Hours of Operation for Liquor License Holders for PLB and PLC hours.

**Beer & Wine Permits - Off-Premises Sales on Sunday** (only in counties where the beer and wine referendum has passed, authorized by SC Code Section 61-6-2010)

- Refer to SC Code Section 61-4-510 to learn about special retail beer and wine permits.
- 7 Day Off-Premises Beer & Wine (P7B) can sell beer and wine for off-premises consumption only seven days a week, 24 hours a day. To qualify for this permit, your county or municipality must have passed the beer and wine referendum, authorized by SC Code Section 61-6-2010.
- 7 Day On-Premises Beer & Wine (PO7) can sell beer and wine for on-premises consumption seven days a week, 24 hours a day. See SC Code Section 61-4-630 for regulation of on-premises sales on Sundays. To qualify for this permit, you must be located in a county or municipality where both referendums were passed, authorized by SC Code Section 61-6-2010.

**On-Premises Beer & Wine Permit - On-Premises Sales on Sunday** (only in counties where the Local Option Permit (LOP) referendum has passed, authorized by SC Code Section 61-6-2010)

- Refer to SC Code Section 61-4-630 to learn more about Sunday sales.
- On-Premises Beer & Wine (PBW) can sell beer and wine on Sunday from 12:00 AM until 2:00 AM and 10:00 AM until 11:59 PM for consumption on the premises. To qualify for this permit, you must be located in a county or municipality where both referendums were passed, authorized by SC Code Section 61-6-2010.
- 7 Day On-Premises Beer & Wine (PO7) can sell beer and wine on Sunday from 12:00 AM until 2:00 AM and 10:00 AM until 11:59 PM for consumption on the premises. To qualify for this permit, you must be located in a county or municipality where both referendums were passed, authorized by SC Code Section 61-6-2010.

## BEER & WINE PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

### On-Premises or Off-Premises Beer & Wine Permit Requirements (PBG and PBW):

1. On-premises or off-premises beer and wine three tier rule: No person, partner, or member may have any financial interest of any kind in any other tier of the beer, wine, or alcoholic beverage industry. For example, the applicant, partnership, or Limited Liability Partnership seeking a retail beer and wine permit must not have a financial interest of any kind in a beer and wine wholesale business or a brewery.
2. On-premises permits require the location to have functioning restrooms available for use by customers.
3. If your business is open after 5:00 PM to sell alcoholic beverages for **on-premises consumption**, you must provide a copy of your liquor liability policy or general liability insurance policy with a liquor endorsement for a total coverage of at least \$1 million during the period of the biennial permit or license, per SC Code Section 61-2-145.
4. The cost of the biennial permit is \$600.

### 7 Day On-Premises Beer & Wine Permit Requirements (PO7):

1. In counties and municipalities where the public has approved by referendum the sale of beer and wine to go seven days a week and the sale of alcoholic liquors on Sundays, authorized by SC Code Section 61-6-2010(C)(1) (b) and (c).
2. If you are not planning to sell beer and wine to go on Sundays, apply for the PBW.
3. Visit [dor.sc.gov/abl](http://dor.sc.gov/abl) for approved counties and cities.
4. The cost of this biennial permit is \$2,200.

### 7 Day Off-Premises Beer & Wine Permit Requirements (P7B):

1. In counties and municipalities where the public has approved by referendum, retailers may apply for a special permit that allows for the sale of beer and wine seven days a week, 24 hours a day for off-premises consumption.
2. Visit [dor.sc.gov/abl](http://dor.sc.gov/abl) for approved counties and cities.
3. The cost of this biennial permit is \$2,200.

**Brewpub Permit Requirements (PBB):**

1. Must be a tavern, public house, restaurant, or hotel that produces on the permitted premises a maximum of 2,000 barrels a year of beer for sale on the premises. See SC Code Section 61-4-1740 for restrictions.
2. Must meet Department of Health and Environmental Control rules for restaurants. See SC Code Section 61-4-1750.
3. Once registered, you must pay Beer Excise Tax on all beer produced. Every person subject to the tax is required to file a Monthly Brewpubs Return electronically on MyDORWAY. For more information, contact the SCDOR at Beer@dor.sc.gov or 803-896-1970.
4. The cost of this biennial permit is \$2,200.

**Sabbath Observed Beer & Wine Permit Requirements (PRB):**

1. This permit authorizes the sale and consumption of beer and wine on Sunday if you close your business on Saturday for religious purposes.
2. These permits are issued in counties or municipalities that have passed a referendum allowing Sunday sale of beer. Visit [dor.sc.gov/abl](http://dor.sc.gov/abl) for approved counties and cities.
3. If you operate on Saturdays while holding this permit, the SCDOR will revoke your permit to sell beer and wine. For complete requirements, review SC Code Section 61-4-620.
4. The cost of this biennial permit is \$650.

**Brewery Permit Requirements (PWY):**

1. The brewery must be constructed, maintained, and/or operated in this state for the production of any beer, ale, porter, or other similar malt or fermented beverage.
2. The beverages cannot contain more than 14% alcohol by weight.
3. The cost of this biennial permit is \$400.

**Beer & Wine Wholesaler/Distributor Permit Requirements (PWB):**

1. A person who makes the first sale within this state or who sells or distributes any quantity of beer or wine to any other person for resale. Does not include any person who produces wine in South Carolina from fruits grown within South Carolina by or for the manufacturer.
2. The cost of this biennial permit is \$2,200.

**Professional Sports Venue Permit Requirements (PSV):**

1. Must be a professional baseball team's stadium, a professional soccer team's stadium, the Darlington Raceway, or the Credit One Stadium Tennis Facility.
2. For complete requirements, review SC Code Section 61-6-2016.
3. The cost of this biennial permit is \$6,100.

**HOURS OF OPERATION FOR WINERY PERMIT HOLDERS****Wineries - Sales on Sunday**

- Refer to SC Code Section 61-4-725 to learn about Sunday sales exceptions.
- Licensed wineries in counties that allow liquor by the drink to be sold on Sunday can sell wine on Sunday for consumption on the premises from 12:00 AM until 2:00 AM and 10:00 AM until 11:59 PM.

**WINERY PERMIT REQUIREMENTS**

Wine cannot contain more than 21% alcohol by volume. Wines containing more than 16.5% alcohol by volume may only be sold in licensed retail liquor stores. See SC Code Sections 61-4-10 and 61-4-770.

**Basic Winery Permit Requirements (PWY):**

1. Can only sell to wholesalers.
2. Can ship wine to in-state and out-of-state residents if it holds a Wine Producer and Blenders Basic Permit issued by the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB) and has obtained a Wine Shipper's license in accordance with SC Code Section 61-4-747.
3. Allows up to 24 tastings per calendar quarter, including Sundays if the winery is located in a county or municipality that passed a favorable referendum. See SC Code Section 61-4-737.
4. The cost of this biennial permit is \$400.

### **Domestic Winery Permit Requirements (PDW):**

1. May sell at wholesale, retail, ship to consumer homes both in-state and out-of-state, and allow on-premises consumption during restricted hours.
2. Can sell during restricted hours on Sunday if the winery is located in a county or municipality that passed a favorable referendum. See SC Code Sections 61-4-720; 61-4-725; 61-4-730; and 61-4-735.
3. The cost of this biennial permit is \$400.

### **7 Day Winery Permit Requirements (P7W):**

1. Can sell to wholesalers, and permit consumption of wine seven days a week, during restricted hours, if the county or municipality where the sale occurs passed an ordinance permitting wine sales on Sunday under these limited circumstances. This type of winery may also ship to in-state or out-of-state consumers. See SC Code Sections 61-4-120; 61-4-720; and 61-4-735.
2. The cost of this biennial permit is \$1,500.

## **LIQUOR LICENSE DEFINITIONS**

### **Liquors Cooking License (PAL):**

Authorizes the holder to use alcoholic liquors for cooking purposes only. Only needed for establishments that do not hold a Liquor by the Drink license.

### **Business (Restaurant or Hotel) Liquor by the Drink License (PLB):**

Authorizes the sale and consumption of alcoholic liquors on the licensed premises. These licenses are issued to restaurants and hotels/motels only.

### **Nonprofit (Private Club) Liquor by the Drink License (PLC):**

Authorizes the sale and consumption of alcoholic liquors on the licensed premises. These licenses are issued only to nonprofit organizations chartered by the SC Secretary of State's Office. These locations may not be open to the general public.

### **Retail Liquor Store License (PRL):**

Authorizes retail locations to sell alcoholic liquors and/or wines containing up to 21% alcohol by volume.

### **Liquor Manufacturer License (PML):**

Authorizes an entity operating a plant or place of business in South Carolina for distilling, rectifying, brewing, fermenting, blending, or bottling alcoholic liquors.

### **Liquor Wholesaler/Distributor License (PWL):**

Authorizes an entity that purchases, acquires, or imports from the outside of South Carolina, or who purchases or acquires alcoholic liquors from South Carolina manufacturers to distribute alcoholic liquors to holders of a Retail Liquor Store license.

### **Liquor Micro Distillery License (PMD):**

Authorizes a person or entity who distills, blends, and bottles alcoholic liquors with an alcohol content greater than 17% and who produces a maximum quantity of 125,000 cases per year at the licensed premises.

## **HOURS OF OPERATION FOR LIQUOR LICENSE HOLDERS**

### **Business (Restaurant or Hotel) Liquor by the Drink License**

- Refer to SC Code Section 61-6-1610 for additional information.
- Business (Restaurant or Hotel) Liquor by the Drink (PLB) licensees can sell liquor by the drink Monday through Friday from 10:00 AM until 2:00 AM the next morning and on Saturday from 10:00 AM until 11:59 PM. They can sell on Sundays if they have a Local Option Permit (LOP). See SC Code Section 61-6-2010.

### **Nonprofit (Private Club) Liquor by the Drink License**

- Refer to SC Code Section 61-6-1600 for additional information.
- Nonprofit (Private Club) Liquor by the Drink (PLC) licensees can sell liquor by the drink seven days a week between 10:00 AM and 2:00 AM the next day.

### **Local Option Permit (LOP)** (only in counties where the LOP referendum has passed pursuant to SC Code Section 61-6-2010)

- Refer to SC Code Section 61-6-2010 for additional information.
- Business (Restaurant or Hotel) Liquor by the Drink (PLB) licensees can obtain a Local Option Permit (LOP) to sell liquor by the drink on Sunday for on-premises consumption. The SCDOR has exercised its discretion to specify the following terms for the Local Option Permit (LOP): Liquor can only be sold on Sunday from 12:00 AM until 2:00 AM and 10:00 AM until 11:59 PM.

### **Retail Liquor Store License**

- Refer to SC Code Sections 61-6-1500 and 61-6-4160 for additional information.
- Retail Liquor Store (PRL) licenses can only sell liquor for off-premises consumption (to go) Monday through Saturday from 9:00 AM until 7:00 PM.
- A licensed retail dealer with a wholesaler's basic permit issued pursuant to the Federal Alcohol Administration Act may sell and deliver to a person licensed to sell alcoholic liquors for on-premises consumption Monday through Saturday from 9:00 AM until 7:00 PM.

## **LIQUOR LICENSE REQUIREMENTS**

### **General location requirements for Business (Restaurant or Hotel) Liquor by the Drink, Nonprofit (Private Club) Liquor by the Drink, and Retail Liquor Store Licenses:**

1. Your business must be at least 300 feet from a church, school, or playground if the church, school, or playground is located in the city.
2. Your business must be at least 500 feet from a church, school, or playground if the church, school, or playground is located in the county.
3. These requirements do not apply if the establishment or location was established prior to November 7, 1962 or if you are acquiring a business that is currently licensed to sell alcohol. SC Code of Regulation 7-303 establishes how this measurement is conducted.
4. If your business is open after 5:00 PM to sell alcoholic beverages (beer, wine, and/or liquor) for on-premises consumption, you must provide a copy of your liquor liability policy or general liability insurance policy with a liquor endorsement for a total coverage of at least \$1 million during the period of the biennial permit or license, per SC Code Section 61-2-145.

### **Business (Restaurant) Liquor by the Drink License Requirements (PLB):**

1. Your business must be primarily engaged in the preparation and serving of meals.
2. Your business must have seating for at least 40 people simultaneously at tables for the service of meals each day it is open for business and available in all types of weather.
3. Your business must have a kitchen that is in a separate area of the business and that is used solely for the preparation and serving of solid foods that make up meals.
4. Your kitchen must have a working fixed grill, stove, or microwave oven.
5. You must have a functioning cold storage unit with a minimum of 21 cubic feet capacity.
6. You must have a menu or sign listing the meals offered at your place of business.
7. There must be adequate food on the premises of your business to serve 40 people a hot meal. Prepackaged single portioned foods prepared off the premises will not count as adequate food.
8. You must have (or plan to have by the time you open for business) hot meals during normal "mealtimes" which occur when your business plans to be open to the public.
9. If such establishment advertises, a substantial portion of its advertising must be devoted to food sales.
10. The bar area used for storing and dispensing liquor by the drink must be lighted (or plan to be lighted by the time you open for business) so that customers have a clear view of all activities taking place in the bar area.
11. Your place of business must maintain a Grade A Restaurant License issued by the SCDA.
12. You must have functioning restrooms available for use by customers.
13. If you are selling liquor by the drink (from "big bottles" and/or you sell liquor by the drink in minibottles) you are required to pay the 5% liquor by the drink excise tax. Upon completion of the ABL registration process you will receive an information packet that includes the liquor by the drink return and procedures on paying the liquor by the drink excise tax.
14. The cost of this biennial license is \$1,705.

### **Business (Hotel) Liquor by the Drink License Requirements (PLB):**

1. Your business must have at least 18 rooms to rent to the public as accommodations for lodging.
2. The bar area used for storing and dispensing liquor by the drink must be lighted (or plan to be lighted by the time you open for business) so that customers have a clear view of all activities taking place in the bar area.
3. Sales and consumption are restricted to the interior of the building and do not extend to the parking area even if food is served in these areas.
4. The cost of this biennial license is \$1,705.

**Nonprofit (Private Club) Liquor by the Drink License Requirements (PLC):**

1. This license is only available to bona fide nonprofit organizations, which are exclusively for social, benevolent, patriotic, recreational, or fraternal purposes, but not for profit. No earnings of the organization can be paid directly to any member or shareholder. The sale of alcoholic beverages should not be the main purpose of the organization.
2. The organization must have a fixed method of electing members. This method must be described in the organization's bylaws and relate to the organization's purpose in some way.
3. Members must pay dues on a regular basis (monthly, quarterly, or annually). These dues should be used to maintain the organization.
4. The organization should have an elected governing body, such as a board of directors or executive committee. Elections should occur on a regular basis (at least annually). Exceptions: Universities and similar public institutions can use a different governing body as long as this is noted in the bylaws of the organization.
5. If the organization ceases operations, any remaining assets must be turned over to other nonprofit organizations. No member or shareholder can be given these assets.
6. Members, officers, agents, or employees of the nonprofit cannot be paid directly by the sale of alcoholic beverages, beyond any fixed salary already received. Regular salaries should be reasonable for the services actually performed.
7. The premises to be licensed must **not** be open to the general public and must have limited membership.
8. The premises to be licensed must be located in a place separate and distinct from the premises of any business establishment. This means that the location must have a separate address, separate entrance, and cannot be connected by common doors or passageways with any other business premises.
9. The bar area used for storing and dispensing liquor by the drink must be lighted (or plan to be lighted by the time you open for business) so that members have a clear view of all activities taking place in the bar area.
10. You must have functioning restrooms available for use by members.
11. The cost of this biennial license is \$1,705.

**Retail Liquor Store License Requirements (PRL):**

1. Beginning June 1, 2022, no more than six licenses may be issued to one licensee.
2. A retail dealer must maintain a separate store or place of business with not more than two means of public entrance or exit which must be on the front or the same side of the building, except that the doors may be located at the corner of two adjacent sides of the building. One additional door, not in the front, is allowed if used solely for the receipt of commercial deliveries or an emergency exit.
3. Non-alcoholic merchandise is prohibited except as described in SC Code Section 61-6-1540.
4. Your business must be at least 300 feet from a church, school, or playground if the church, school, or playground is located in the city. Your business must be at least 500 feet from a church, school or playground if the church, school, or playground is located in the county.
  - a. These requirements do not apply if the establishment or location was established prior to November 7, 1962 or if you are acquiring a business that is currently licensed to sell alcohol. SC Code of Regulation 7-300 established how this measure is conducted.
5. No retail liquor dealer is permitted to purchase any alcoholic liquors except from a licensed wholesale dealer in this state. The purchase, or negotiation for purchase, of alcoholic liquors from outside South Carolina by a retail dealer is strictly forbidden. No wholesale liquor dealer is permitted to purchase alcoholic liquors for the exclusive use of any retailer.
6. The cost of this biennial license is \$1,405.