



BEER AND TABLE WINE DISTRIBUTOR LICENSE APPLICATION

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Information for Completing Application

Please review the information provided to avoid any delays in the processing of your application.

Application Process

You are required to apply for your Basic Permit by contacting the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB). When you submit your application to us for your Beer Wholesaler and Table Wine Distributor License, please send your application for Basic Permit to the TTB.

When we receive a completed application, we will contact you and let you know that your application meets our initial requirements or to request additional documents. It typically takes 60 to 90 days to process this type of application. The approval process includes:

1. Notifying local officials that we have received your application. We notify local officials that we have received an application to help us determine if any concerns or issues exist that may prevent the applicant or proposed location from qualifying for a license.
2. Requesting the Department of Justice to investigate the applicant(s) and location.

Once the Department of Justice has conducted their investigation, if both the location and applicant(s) meet the requirements under Montana law, our department will contact you to approve the transfer or issuance of the license.

Montana Code Annotated Definitions

[16-1-106 \(35\), MCA](#) "Table wine" means wine that contains not more than 16% alcohol by volume and includes cider.

[16-1-106 \(5\), MCA](#) "Beer" means:

- (a) a malt beverage containing not more than 8.75% alcohol by volume; or
- (b) an alcoholic beverage containing not more than 14% alcohol by volume;
 - i. that is made by the alcoholic fermentation of an infusion or decoction, or combination of both, in potable brewing water, of malted cereal grain; and
 - ii. in which the sugars used for fermentation of the alcoholic beverage are at least 75% derived from malted cereal grain measured as a percentage of the total dry weight of the fermentable ingredients.

[16-1-106 \(37\), MCA](#) "Warehouse" means a building or structure located in Montana that is owned or operated by a licensed beer distributor for the receiving, storage, and distribution of beer, table, and **sacramental wine** as permitted by this code.

*Any wine that contains more than 16% alcohol by volume, hard cider that contains more than 6.9% alcohol by volume, beer greater than 14% alcohol by volume, and any caffeinated **or stimulant-enhanced** malt beverages, are considered a distilled spirit and may not be distributed by a beer wholesaler or table wine distributor.*

Additional Information Required When Completing Your Application

We have listed below the types of documents we look for when determining if an application is complete. Please look through the list carefully and send us copies of the required documents as well as the applicable documents that reflect your business to be operated under the license you are applying for.

Required Documents

- ☐ TTB Federal Basic Permit

Please submit the documentation required for your entity type. Failure to provide all applicable documentation will delay the processing of this application. **Note: For applicants that use a multiple entity structure, attach a diagram showing all entities and individuals.**

Partnership Agreement Documentation

- ☐ Federal Employer Identification Number verification from the IRS
- ☐ For newly formed partnerships attach a copy of the application/certificate for registration of the partnership filed with the Secretary of State
- ☐ For existing partnerships attach a copy of the renewal of partnership filed with the Secretary of State in the Partnership name
- ☐ Verification of the Assumed Business Name as filed with the Secretary of State
- ☐ Personal/Criminal History statement(s) for each individual involved in the ownership of the license
- ☐ Fingerprint cards and fees for each person (including officers and directors) involved in the ownership of the license
- ☐ Cannabis & Alcohol Regulation Division (CARD) authorization to disclose tax information for each entity and its members, shareholders or partners with 15% or more ownership

Limited Liability Company

- ☐ Federal Employer Identification Number verification from the IRS
- ☐ Articles of Organization
- ☐ Organization Minutes
- ☐ Certificate of Fact or Certificate of Existence
- ☐ Verification of the Assumed Business Name as filed with the Secretary of State
- ☐ Other member agreements
- ☐ Personal/Criminal History statement(s) for each individual involved in the ownership of the license
- ☐ Fingerprint cards and fees for each person (including officers and directors) involved in the ownership of the license
- ☐ Cannabis & Alcohol Regulation Division (CARD) authorization to disclose tax information for each entity and its members, shareholders or partners with 15% or more ownership

Corporation

- ☐ Federal Employer Identification Number verification from the IRS
- ☐ Articles of Incorporation and Amendments or Addendums thereto
- ☐ Bylaws and amendments or addendums thereto
- ☐ Certificate of Incorporation
- ☐ Certificate of Existences (for Montana corporations)
- ☐ Authority to do Business in Montana (for out-of-state corporation)
- ☐ Corporate Minutes and attachments
- ☐ Share issuance records
- ☐ Share Certificates
- ☐ Stock Ledger or Register
- ☐ Verification of the Assumed Business Name as filed with the Secretary of State
- ☐ Personal/Criminal History statement(s) for each individual involved in the ownership of the license
- ☐ Fingerprint cards and fees for each person (including officers and directors) involved in the ownership of the license
- ☐ Cannabis & Alcohol Regulation Division (CARD) authorization to disclose tax information for each entity and its members, shareholders or partners with 15% or more ownership

Management Information Checklist

- ☐ Employment, Management and Other Agreement(s) and Contract(s). If you are applying as other than a sole proprietor (i.e. Corp, LLC, Partnership, LLP, and the officers/directors/members/partners are the managers), their duties must either be covered in the organization minutes or provide a management agreement
- ☐ Personal/Criminal History Statement(s) on all management personnel
- ☐ 2 Fingerprint Cards and fees for each manager

Management Information Checklist

- ☐ Send signed copies of all loan agreements, contracts, notes and all related security agreements, guarantees and trust indentures. **Note: Non-institutional loan (NIL) form must be filed with the application if any lenders or other sources of financing are not state or federally regulated financial institutions, including gifting statements**
- ☐ Lease, rent, purchase option and financing agreements or other evidence of ownership of the real property (must provide documentation of any possessory interest in property where the business is operating). Provide any other documentation to verify source of funding for purchase of the real property, if applicable, including terms
- ☐ Franchise agreements
- ☐ Franchise statements (i.e., balance sheet and income statement or tax return for the business)
- ☐ Submit copies of all purchase documents and related guarantees, mortgages, or security agreements associated with the business proposed for licensing, all bills of sale, deeds or other documents reflecting title transfer of assets purchased
- ☐ Purchase agreement for the alcoholic beverage license including compensation, terms, the appropriate parties as buyer and seller and the license listed by number. Provide copies of all documentation to verify source of funding for purchase of the alcoholic beverage license. **Note: No assignments are allowed**
- ☐ Bank signature card and authorization forms for all of the applicant's operating, investment or any other business accounts (i.e. saving and checking accounts)
- ☐ Authorization for examination and release of information for NIL only
- ☐ Personal/Criminal History Statement(s) for NIL only
- ☐ 2 Fingerprint Cards for NIL only

Premises Information Checklist

- ☐ Floor plan (including business name, alcoholic beverage license number, physical address, dimensions, seating, service bar, alcoholic beverage storage, etc. Do not send in the original blue prints, only a copy of the floor plan)
- ☐ Zoning documents

Please send your completed application (located on pages 1 through 5) and all required and applicable documents (listed on pages iv and v) to us at:

Montana Department of Revenue
Cannabis & Alcohol Regulation Division (CARD)
PO Box 1712
Helena, MT 59624-1712

Questions? Call us at (406) 444-6900, or Montana Relay at 711 for the hearing impaired.



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Note: Applications for a new license or transfer of location will need approvals from the building, health and fire code officials before we can approve this application.

Section 1 – General Information

Note: If the applicant is an individual, list the individual's name below. If the applicant is a partnership, limited liability partnership (LLP), corporation, or limited liability company (LLC) list the business' name below.

Name of Applicant(s) _____

Federal Employer Identification Number

OR

Social Security Number

Current License Number (if available) - - -

Business Name _____

Name of Person Managing the Business _____

Phone Fax Cell

Email

Physical Location _____
(Street Address, City, State, and ZIP Code)

Mailing Address _____
(Street Address or PO Box, City, State, and ZIP Code)

☐ Check if you prefer to receive an annual reminder email to complete your renewal electronically

☐ Check this box and complete below information if you wish to have all correspondence sent to the attorney who submitted this application on your behalf.

Attorney Name _____ Phone

Email

Mailing Address _____
(Street Address or PO Box, City, State, and ZIP Code)

Section 2 – Type of Transaction and Fees

Please check all the boxes that relate to the type of application you are completing and be sure to include the appropriate fee.

☐ New License Beer and Table Wine Distributor (\$400) \$ _____

☐ Transfer of Ownership

☐ Transfer of Location

☐ Corporate Structure Change

☐ Processing Fee (required for *all* transactions) \$ 200

☐ Fingerprint Fee(s) (\$30.00 per individual) \$ _____

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Payable to
Department of Revenue



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Section 3 – Entity Ownership Statement

All entities, except sole proprietorships, must provide the following information for all shareholders, members or partners.
(Please attach additional pages if necessary.)

Please Print

1	Shareholder, Member, or Partner Name										SSN	
	Address											
	Date of Birth		MM		DD		YYYY		Actual Number of Shares and % of Ownership			
2	Shareholder, Member, or Partner Name										SSN	
	Address											
	Date of Birth		MM		DD		YYYY		Actual Number of Shares and % of Ownership			
3	Shareholder, Member, or Partner Name										SSN	
	Address											
	Date of Birth		MM		DD		YYYY		Actual Number of Shares and % of Ownership			
4	Shareholder, Member, or Partner Name										SSN	
	Address											
	Date of Birth		MM		DD		YYYY		Actual Number of Shares and % of Ownership			

Officers and Directors (Please attach additional pages if necessary.)

1	Officer or Director Name										SSN (optional)	
	Address											
	Date of Birth (Optional)		MM		DD		YYYY		Title			
2	Officer or Director Name										SSN (optional)	
	Address											
	Date of Birth (Optional)		MM		DD		YYYY		Title			
3	Officer or Director Name										SSN (optional)	
	Address											
	Date of Birth (Optional)		MM		DD		YYYY		Title			
4	Officer or Director Name										SSN (optional)	
	Address											
	Date of Birth (Optional)		MM		DD		YYYY		Title			

Section 4 – Questions

- 1 Does any applicant, member, shareholder, or partner have **an** ownership interest in a retail alcoholic beverage license, agency liquor store, **or** beer **and** table wine distributor license in Montana?

☐ Yes If Yes, please explain _____
☐ No

A beer **and** table wine distributor cannot hold any financial ownership or operational control in an agency liquor store, any retail alcoholic beverage license, brewery, or winery license in Montana.

- 2 Does any person other than the applicant have financial interest in your business?

☐ Yes If Yes, please list **their** name **and** address and give a brief description of the involvement (attach additional paper if necessary) _____
☐ No

- 3 Is the location to be licensed within a zone or area where the sale of alcoholic beverages is not allowed by city or county ordinances?

☐ Yes
☐ No

- 4 Do you own the furniture, fixtures, and equipment used at the location?

☐ Yes
☐ No If No, please send **a copy of** the lease or purchase agreement.

- 5 Is the building **proposed for licensing** complete and ready for use?

☐ Yes
☐ No If No, please provide the expected date of completion _____

- 6 Do you own the furniture, fixtures, and equipment used at the location?

☐ Yes
☐ No If No, please explain **briefly** the plan to operate **this** business. _____

- 7 **Does the applicant** own or are **they** purchasing the building proposed for licensing?

☐ Yes If Yes, please send a purchase agreement or current tax bill.
☐ No If No, please send a lease agreement.
☐ I am adding a Beer **and** Table Wine Distributor License at the current licensed premises and a document showing possessory interest of the real property has been provided.

Section 5 – Brands to be Distributed

Please be aware that all products must be approved by the Alcohol, Tobacco, Tax and Trade Bureau and verified by the Montana Department of Revenue prior to distribution. A list of the products that are being distributed will be required prior to approving your application. For help with this, go to <https://tap.dor.mt.gov> to access the Beer/Wine label search.

(Please attach additional **pages** if necessary.)

Brands to be distributed in Montana

Brand Name	Brewery or Winery Name	Montana Liquor License Number	Percentage of Alcohol by Volume

Have you entered into any contract, agreement or franchise with the above-named brewers or wineries?

☐ Yes

☐ No If no, please review Montana Code Annotated sections [16-3-221](#), [16-3-226](#) and [16-3-416](#), relating to these agreements and send the necessary documents to us. The laws can be found on our website at <http://leg.mt.gov/bills/mca/index.html>.

Please be aware that a beer **and** table wine distributor licensed in the State of Montana needs to file tax return(s) forms Brewers and Distributor Monthly Tax Return (BET), and/or Wine Distributors and Wineries Monthly Tax Return (WIT), and/or Hard Cider Distributors/Brewers Monthly Tax Return (HCT) and pay the tax to the department for the amount of beer or table wine manufactured in this state sold and delivered by you and also of the amount of beer or table wine manufactured in places outside of the state sold and delivered by you during the previous month and of your inventory by the 15th of the month for the previous month. All tax forms can be found on our web page at revenue.mt.gov.

Section 6 – Temporary Operating Authority

The Montana Department of Revenue **Cannabis & Alcohol Regulation Division (CARD)** may grant temporary operating authority to an applicant who requests a transfer of ownership and intends to operate the business pending final approval and who has not changed the location of the business. This authority may only be granted if the **application** meets the requirements in [16-4-433.MCA](#), and [ARM 42.12.208](#).

I would like to have temporary operating authority issued. ☐ Yes ☐ No

License number _____

To Be Completed By Applicant

The undersigned applicant, **whether an individual or duly authorized representative of an applicant entity**, requests authority to operate pending final approval of the license transfer. Temporary operating authority will be immediately revoked if the applicant or any employees violate any provision of the Montana Alcoholic Beverage Code or the department's rules.

_____ Signature of Applicant	_____ Date
_____ Printed Name	_____ Title

I would like temporary operating authority issued on _____
Date

To Be Completed By Current Licensee

I, **as an individual owner or a duly authorized representative of the current licensee**, authorize temporary operating authority to be granted to the applicant by the department, pending final approval of this application. I understand the applicant may not operate the business until temporary operating authority has been granted. I understand [ARM 42.12.208](#) states in part "Any proposed fine, suspension or revocation arising out of a violation will be assessed against, and is the responsibility of, the recorded owner of the license."

_____ Signature of Current Licensee	_____ Date
_____ Printed Name	_____ Title

Section 7 – Declaration and Affidavit

I declare under penalty of false swearing that I am the applicant or the duly authorized representative of the entity making this application, and that the responses provided, including any accompanying information, are true, correct and complete.

_____ Signature	_____ Date	_____ Printed Name	_____ Title
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