



## **Quick Guide: Bakery with a Class C Manufacturer's License**

A bakery licensed with a class C manufacturer's license is permitted to operate a facility that produces baked goods with a maximum of five percent of alcohol per volume. The alcohol-infused products may be sold to:

- Other alcoholic beverage licensees in the District;
- Dealers licensed outside of the District; and
- Consumers 21 years of age or older.

Any baked good infused with alcohol must be sold in a sealed or closed container. The container must have a label stating the brand of alcohol used in the product and that the product contains alcohol up to five percent per volume. The label must also state that the sale of an alcoholic beverage to an individual under 21 years of age is prohibited.

In addition, a licensed bakery is required to obtain and maintain all appropriate licenses required by the District of Columbia Department of Health.

### **FEES**

The annual fee for a class C manufacturer's license is \$1,000.

### **OWNER, MANAGER REQUIREMENTS**

An owner or ABC manager must be on the premises at all times when alcoholic beverages are sold and consumed. A manager must obtain and carry a manager's license upon his or her person. Upon request, a manager's license must be shown to any:

- ABRA investigator; and
- Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) officer.

### **TASTING PERMIT**

A bakery must obtain a tasting permit in order to provide samples of products to customers at no cost. A tasting permit allows the bakery to utilize a portion of

the licensed premises for the sampling of products from:

- 8 a.m.-Midnight, Monday through Sunday (seven days a week).

Samples of alcoholic beverages can be provided to an individual in the following quantities in one day:

- 3 ounces of spirits (class A or C license or private collector);
- 6 ounces of wines (class A or B license or private collector); and
- 12 ounces of beer (class A or B license or private collector).

## POSTING NOTICES

An alcoholic beverage license must be framed under glass and made visible to the public. A licensee must post on the front window or front door of the licensed premises:

- Correct name(s) of the licensee(s); and
- Class and number of the license in plain and legible lettering not less than 1 inch or more than 1.25 inches in height.

The following sign must be posted on the licensed premises and made visible to the public. The sign may not be covered or obscured.



## **ADVERTISEMENTS**

Alcoholic beverage advertisements can only be displayed in the window of a licensed establishment if the total area covered by the advertisements does not exceed 25 percent of the window space. Advertisements may only be posted on the interior of a window. Advertisements cannot be posted on the following:

- Exterior of any window;
- Exterior of any door; or
- Interior of any door.

Illuminated signs advertising alcoholic beverages during approved hours of sale are permitted; however, signs cannot contain intermittent flashes of light.

Advertisements relating to the prices of alcoholic beverages may be displayed in an establishment's window as long as the total area does not exceed 25 percent of window space.

## **BOARD APPROVAL**

Board approval is required for the following:

- Transfer of licenses;
- Change of corporate officer(s) or corporate structure;
- Trade name;
- Hours of operation or service for premises;
- Increase use of space;
- Storage facility; and
- Substantial change to an establishment.

## **COMPLIANCE CHECKS**

The law prohibits the sale of alcoholic beverages to individuals under the age of 21. In order to enforce this law, ABRA conducts compliance checks using underage individuals as decoys.

ABRA and the Metropolitan Police Department also have the right to check the IDs of customers both before and after purchases are made at an establishment.

Therefore, licensees and their staff must take reasonable steps to prevent the sale of alcoholic beverages to underage individuals.

## **REGULATORY INSPECTIONS**

A regulatory inspection is generally conducted a minimum of three times per year at each licensed establishment to ensure that a licensee is compliant with alcoholic beverage laws. A regulatory inspection may be conducted at any time during an establishment's hours of operation. If a licensed establishment is open, ABRA investigators must be allowed entry and provided with all requested information. Failure to comply may result in the revocation or suspension of a license.

## **COMMON VIOLATIONS**

- Sale to minors;
- Failure to post warning sign and other required notices;
- Failure to post and carry license(s) on premises;
- Failure to maintain or store invoices and required records on the licensed premises;
- No ABC manager on duty;
- Operating after Board-approved hours;
- Transfer of ownership without Board approval;
- Violation of a Board order; and
- Trade name change without Board approval; and

## **CONTACT ABRA**

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