

# Types of Permits



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<p><b>Special Occasion Permit (SO) &amp; Special Occasion Permit Malt (SOM)</b></p> <p>\$30/day \$85/day – If an investigation is required.</p>	<p>Allows eligible entities to sell alcohol during fundraising events such as bazaars, picnics, etc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An SO/SOM may only be granted for an event used by the applicant as a means of raising funds for itself.</li> <li>• Only the area where alcohol sales will take place needs to be licensed under the permit.</li> <li>• Only one SO/SOM may be issued to an eligible applicant per calendar year. Each permit may be used for up to nine consecutive or nonconsecutive days and an additional 10 consecutive days during a calendar year.</li> <li>• An entity operating in conjunction with an SO/SOM holder may collect and manage funds raised using an SO/SOM only if the named SO/SOM holder is the primary host of the activity or event; and the funds raised are used for the benefit of the SO/SOM holder.</li> <li>• An SO permittee may sell any type of alcohol for on- or off- premises consumption; an SOM permittee may sell any type of malt or brewed beverages for on- or off-premises consumption.</li> <li>• The permittee may sell between 7 a.m. and 2 a.m. the following day.</li> </ul>	<p>See <a href="#">Special Occasion Permits – Eligible Entities List</a>.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If the entity has never been approved for an SO/SOM before, the application must be submitted at least 30 calendar days prior to the event in <a href="#">PLCB+</a>.</li> <li>• If the entity has been granted an SO/SOM in the past, the application must be submitted at least 10 business days prior to the event in <a href="#">PLCB+</a>.</li> <li>• <a href="#">How to Apply for a Special Occasion Permit</a></li> <li>• Must notify the local police or Liquor Control Enforcement 48 hours prior to event.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Exposition Permit</b></p> <p>\$30/day</p>	<p>Allows eligible licensees to sell alcohol produced by the permittee under the authority of their license at off-premises alcoholic cider, mead, wine and food expositions; malt or brewed beverages and food expositions; or alcoholic cider, liquor and food expositions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expositions are defined as affairs held indoors or outdoors with the intent of promoting Pennsylvania products or malt or brewed beverages.</li> <li>• Cannot exceed 30 consecutive days or 100 days per calendar year.</li> <li>• Limited wineries and limited distilleries may sell by the glass, bottle or case lot.</li> <li>• Breweries may sell by the glass, growler, bottle or package not to exceed 192 fluid ounces.</li> </ul>	<p>Limited Winery, Limited Distillery, Brewery and Alternating Brewery licensees.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Apply 30 days prior to the event.</li> </ul>

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<b>Off-Premises Catering Permit<sup>1</sup></b>  \$500/annually  \$100/late filed events	Allows eligible licensees to sell alcohol at an off-premises catered function. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A catered function is defined as furnishing food prepared on the premises or brought onto the premises already prepared in conjunction with alcoholic beverages for accommodation of a person or an identifiable group of people, not the general public, who arrange for the function at least 14 days in advance.</li> <li>• Servers must be RAMP server/seller trained.</li> <li>• Must be held on unlicensed premises.</li> <li>• The permit authorizes on-premises consumption only.</li> <li>• The function may not exceed five hours and must end by midnight.<sup>1</sup></li> <li>• Can hold up to 52 functions per calendar year.<sup>1</sup></li> </ul>	Restaurant, Airport Restaurant, Continuing Care Retirement, Economic Development, Municipal Golf Course, Off Track Wagering, Privately Owned Public Golf Course, Hotel, Eating Place Retail Dispenser, Brew Pubs, Performing Arts and Public Venue Licensees.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Apply by March 1 for permit for year or within 60 days of licensure if after March 1 in <a href="#">PLCB+</a>.<sup>1</sup></li> <li>• Schedule the function at least 14 days prior to the event in <a href="#">PLCB+</a>.</li> <li>• Must notify local police and Liquor Control Enforcement seven days prior to the event.</li> </ul>
<b>Farmers Market Permit</b>  \$250/year	Allows eligible licensees to participate in more than one farmers market at a time and an unlimited number throughout the year to sell alcohol and provide samples produced by the holder of the permit. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Farmers market shall include any building, structure or other place that is owned, leased or otherwise in the possession of a person, municipal corporation or public or private organization; used or intended to be used by two or more farmers or an association of farmers, who are certified by the Department of Agriculture to participate in the Farmers' Market Nutrition Program subject to 7 CFR Pt. 249 (relating to the Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program [SFMNP]), for the purpose of selling agricultural commodities produced in this commonwealth directly to consumers; which is physically located within this commonwealth; and which is not open for business more than twelve hours each day.</li> </ul>	Brewery, Limited Winery and Limited Distillery Licensees.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May apply at any time but must be at least 14 days prior to the event in <a href="#">PLCB+</a>.</li> <li>• Must notify Liquor Control Enforcement two weeks prior to the event.</li> </ul>

<sup>1</sup>Act 81 of 2021 ("Act 81") temporarily amended some aspects of off-premises catering permits through Dec. 31, 2024. Under Act 81, an application fee is not required and the licensee does not have to submit the application prior to March 1 of that calendar year. The five-hour limit for each catered function and the 52 functions per calendar year are removed under Act 81.

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<b>Farmers Market Permit</b> (Continued)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Breweries may sell malt or brewed beverages produced by the licensee by the growler, bottle or package. Minimum growler size of 64 fluid ounces and no more than 192 fluid ounces in a single sale.</li> <li>Limited wineries may sell alcoholic cider, fermented fruit beverages, mead or wine produced by the licensee by the bottle or in case lots.</li> <li>Limited distilleries may sell liquor produced by the licensee by the bottle or in case lots.</li> </ul>		
<b>Wine and Spirits Auction Permit</b>  \$30/day	<p>Allows eligible entities to sell, by auction, wine and spirits by the bottle or case in a city, borough, town or township in which the sale of liquor and/or malt or brewed beverages is permitted in order to raise funds for itself.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Auction shall mean the offer to sell wine and spirits by the permittee to the members of an audience congregated for the purpose of making bids for the purchase of wine and spirits in an effort by the permittee to advance the amount of the bids to obtain the highest offer.</li> <li>Wine and spirits must be purchased from a PA liquor store, PA limited winery, PA limited distillery, PA distillery or donated by a person who has legally acquired the wine or spirits. Wine or spirits may also be donated from outside of PA pursuant to the gift importation exception in the PLCB's Regulations.</li> <li>Permit is good for a period of not more than four consecutive or nonconsecutive days per calendar year.</li> <li>The permittee may sell between 7 a.m. and 2 a.m. the following day.</li> <li>Auctions may take place on either licensed or unlicensed premises.</li> </ul>	Eligible entities pursuant to section 408.12 of the Liquor Code.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May apply any time prior to the auction in <a href="#">PLCB+</a>.</li> </ul>