

Class B

Following is information about obtaining a Class B licence.

Class B licences are for the sale and consumption of liquor in premises that are open to people who have paid an entrance fee, have purchased a ticket or are otherwise entitled to use the facility. Examples are: convention centre, racetrack, recreational facility, sports stadium, theatre, and public conveyance.

DEFINITIONS

Convention Centre

These facilities are designed and used for the holding of conventions, meetings, receptions, trade shows, conferences or other approved functions.

Racetrack

These facilities are used primarily for horse racing regulated under the *Racing Commission Act*.

Recreational Facility

A Class B licence may be used for a facility where members of the public may engage in recreational activities. Examples include bowling, racquetball, golf, curling and pool halls, etc.

Sports Stadium

A stadium, arena or other facility built for the primary purpose of staging sporting events may qualify for this licence. Examples of sporting events include baseball, hockey, football, auto racing, etc. Other events may be approved by the Board.

Theatre

A Class B licence may be issued to a theatre in which the public may watch a live theatrical or musical performance, or other approved entertainment. The sale of liquor is permitted to adult ticket holders only.

Public Conveyance

These facilities include commercial aircraft, trains and buses, other than a local transit train or bus, and water excursion craft licensed to operate in Alberta.

CRITERIA FOR CLASS B LICENCES

Several factors are considered before a Class B licence is issued, including:

- ◆ qualifications of the applicant
- ◆ legal control of the property (except for public conveyance)
- ◆ location of the facility, taking into consideration any community interest
- ◆ general layout and design of the premises
- ◆ food and liquor service equipment and in some cases, furnishings
- ◆ compliance with other regulatory agencies

STEPS

There are normally five steps involved in the licensing process. The time required to process an application varies among applications.

1. Preliminary Assessment

You should contact the Regulatory Division as early as possible to start your application. For both new and existing premises, information will be required about the interior design, furniture and equipment, food service, entertainment, and location of the premises. You will be required to submit a floor plan of the licensed premises, a food menu and particulars on the facility (recreation, entertainment).

A \$200 non-refundable application fee is required if you choose to proceed.

2. Eligibility

Details about the applicant will be required to determine eligibility for licensing. We may require particulars of all individuals involved and, if a company, all shareholders and directors, as well as on-site managers, in order that criminal record checks may be conducted. Applicants must have the right to occupy and control the premises.

3. Board Approval

We will next prepare a submission outlining your proposal and present it to the Board. You will be advised in writing of the Board's decision, including any requirement to publicly advertise your intent to apply for the licence. An approval does not commit the Board to issuing you a licence at a later date.

If your application for a licence is refused by the Board, you may apply to the Board within 30 days for a hearing. After considering your presentation, the Board may confirm, vary or reverse an earlier decision.

4. Submission of Application and Documentation

If approved, you will be sent an application form and statutory declaration form with the letter of approval. Various other documents may also be required with the application including:

- ◆ in the case of a company, a copy of the Certificate of Incorporation and completion of a Particulars of Incorporation form
- ◆ Partnership Agreements, Franchise Agreements, etc., where applicable
- ◆ a Certificate of Occupant Load
- ◆ approvals of any other regulatory and municipal agencies
- ◆ annual licence fee of \$200 per licence.

5. Final Inspection and Issue of Licence

With the possible exception of public conveyance, once the premises have been completed according to the approval and the required documentation has been submitted, you should contact us for a final inspection. One of our inspectors ensures the premises are completed as approved, and discusses the terms and conditions of the licence with you.

On final approval, the inspector issues an interim licence authority. The licence certificate will be sent to you soon after.

Liquor licences are not transferable. They become void if the premises are sold, leased, assigned or otherwise transferred to another individual or party. To begin the application process, prospective purchasers of premises which are already licensed should contact us once they have an accepted Offer to Purchase or Lease. Allow us three weeks to finish the review.

STANDARDS

1. Occupant Load

The maximum occupant load of licensed premises shall be the number endorsed on a Certificate of Occupant Load. The Board may restrict the occupant load.

2. Physical Requirements

- ◆ Liquor service areas are to be suitably equipped for dispensing liquor, with related storage facilities.
- ◆ Separate washrooms for men and women are to be in close proximity to the licensed area and, excepting public conveyance, must satisfy the requirements of the *Alberta Uniform Building Standards Act*.
- ◆ Recreational facilities and convention centres must have clearly defined, enclosed areas, and good quality furnishings.
- ◆ Theatre licences may be issued for the lobby and concourse areas.
- ◆ Sports stadium and racetrack licensees may sell liquor in the enclosed area of the stands, on the concourse level or other approved areas. A stadium licence may be restricted by a municipal by-law.
- ◆ Adequate equipment is to be maintained to provide food service satisfactory to the Board.
- ◆ Single-use glassware, dishware and cutlery are acceptable.

3. Food Service

Except for theatres and public conveyance, Class B licensees will offer for patron consumption a selection of hot food items which could include hot dogs, pizza, hamburgers, chicken wings, sandwiches, etc.

4. Games and Entertainment

While games and entertainment are normally approved, restrictions do apply for each specific licence. Applicants are urged to contact the Regulatory Division for more information.

5. Extensions

Holders of Class B licences may apply to the Board for extensions of the licence to other areas of the facility (e.g., patio, tournament tent, etc.).

GENERAL INFORMATION

Prices

Liquor prices are set by licensees; however, multiple drink specials (e.g., 2 for 1, 3 for 1) are not permitted.

Renovations

No structural or major alterations to licensed premises may take place without our prior approval. If you plan changes to your licensed premises, you should contact us before you begin construction.

Minors

Minors are permitted to enter all Class B licensed premises unless the premises caters primarily to adults (e.g., pool halls), or a restriction prohibiting minors has been placed on the licence by the AGLC. Minors may not sell or serve liquor, and are not permitted to receive liquor service in licensed premises under any circumstances.

Hours of Operation

The maximum hours of sale are:

Convention Centre	As set by the Board
Racetrack	Two hours before post time until end of the last race
Recreational facility	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 a.m.
Sports stadium	Two hours before start of event until end of the event, unless otherwise subject to stadium by-laws
Theatre	Two hours before opening curtain until final curtain
Public conveyance	As set by the Board

Liquor Purchases

Licensees may purchase liquor from a private retail liquor store or from the AGLC. Orders to the AGLC must meet minimum quantity requirements. Orders for domestic beer produced in Alberta must be placed with Brewers Distributor Ltd. (i.e., for Labatt or Molson products) or the individual brewery (e.g., Big Rock Brewery for its products, etc.).

Advertising

Licensees are permitted to advertise their premises, the type of food service available and entertainment. Happy hours may be advertised.

Supervision and Control

As a licensee, you will be responsible for the proper supervision and control of your licensed facilities. To assist you in these areas, we conduct staff seminars. Contact a Regulatory Division office listed below to arrange for a seminar.

MORE INFORMATION

For more information, to arrange for inspection services, or staff seminars, contact your nearest Regulatory Division office.

REGULATORY DIVISION OFFICES

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