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Press Release

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The 2023 Arizona Liquor License Lottery

PHOENIX – Owning a bar (Series 6), beer and wine bar (Series 7), or liquor store (series 9), in Arizona requires patience, good timing, cash reserves and the right license. The Arizona Department of Liquor will accept lottery entries for liquor licenses starting today, Monday, June 19, 2023, through Friday, July 7, 2023. There is a \$250 per entry fee to enter the Lottery.

Of the [21 types of liquor licenses available in Arizona](#), these three licenses are transferrable and only made publicly available for sale under three circumstances:

- When the state creates new licenses based on a county population increase of 10,000 within the past fiscal year,
- When the Director makes revoked or reverted licenses available in the liquor license lottery, and
- When a licensee decides to sell a transferrable liquor license on the open market.

There are 89 liquor licenses being made available this year. Thirty-three (33) licenses are tied to population growth, and the remaining 56 are previously revoked or reverted licenses that are being placed back in circulation.

Prices for these licenses range from \$13,100 for a Beer and Wine Bar license in Pinal County to \$930,600 for a Liquor Store license in Maricopa County. Independent appraisers establish license values. Much like real estate, previous sales prices in a specific geographic area determine the fair market values.

Other pre-lottery and post selection fees, limits, and requirements apply. Interested applicants are to visit the Department's website at <http://www.azliquor.gov/lottery.cfm> to obtain full lottery rules and requirements. Violation of lottery rules and requirements may result in loss of deposits and any ownership interest in licenses awarded through the lottery.

If the number of applications exceeds the available licenses in a series, a [random selection drawing](#) will determine which entrants may participate in the application process. That drawing tentatively is scheduled for 10 a.m. Wednesday, August 2, 2023.

Prospective entrants with questions are encouraged to write the Department's lottery administrator, Nate Snyder, at nathaniel.snyder@azliquor.gov.