

WELCOME TO OUR

Quarterly Newsletter

we're so glad you're here!

Welcome to our Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control (DLLC) Newsletter. It has been a while since DLLC put out a newsletter, and we thought this would be another great opportunity to connect with those in the alcohol industry and in public safety. We hope to provide our readers with periodic updates and trends that we are seeing across this great state.

First, we would like to thank all of those in the industry who worked on and supported HB2208, which allowed DLLC's continuation for eight more years. In addition, we'd like to thank those same folks for the passage of HB2223. Later this fall, we are hoping to issue our first Microbrewery Festival License (on a temporary basis).

Secondly, we will continue to seek opportunities to meet those of you in the industry and in the communities we serve. We've held multiple alcohol education/awareness/training events, in schools, businesses, private sector, non-profits, police agencies and academies. We've met with dozens of producers, wholesalers, and retailers, and listened to what DLLC can do to help your businesses flourish, while remaining in compliance with Title IV.

Finally, as you read through this newsletter, please note that DLLC is made up of dedicated public servants. We are here to protect public safety and support economic growth through the responsible sale and consumption of liquor.

Director Ben Henry

State Liquor Board Meeting

COMING UP NOVEMBER 2, 2023 9AM-12:30PM

The Arizona State Liquor Board's final meeting in this calendar year is December 7, 2023 at 9:00am-12:30pm. The agendas and public notice will be posted on our website 24 hours prior per open meeting laws.



Legislative Update

GENERAL EFFECTIVE DATE:
OCTOBER 30, 2023

Microbrewery festival/fair licenses will become available on the effective date above.

Also, Arizona law will allow two additional forms of ID for the sale or purchase of liquor. This includes a valid unexpired consular ID card and a valid unexpired border crossing card issued by the U.S government.



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The system affords customers a new interactive experience with the department with unparalleled control of personal calendars. Customers choosing to use the online tool will find the new "virtual" department is open for business around the clock, and includes weekends and holidays. All that is needed is an internet connection, suitable computing device, and a major credit card (Visa, Mastercard, American Express and Discover). From there, a majority of the department's essential licensing functions up to and including license issuance, can be done without ever stepping foot in the office.

NOW HIRING

The Department of Liquor Licenses and Control is now hiring for various full-time positions including administrative support, licensing coordinators as well as sworn officers.

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Commercial Record Requests

NEW FEE STRUCTURE COMING SOON

ARS § 39-121

The general policy of the State of Arizona with respect to public inspection of governmental records is set forth in A.R.S. § 39-121: "Public records and other matters in the custody of any officer shall be open to inspection by any person at all times during office hours." This public records statute seeks to increase public access to government information and to make government agencies accountable to the public. The DLLC is committed to the diligent and timely fulfillment of legitimate public records requests.

However, a person who obtains a public record for a commercial purpose without indicating the commercial purpose or who obtains a public record for a noncommercial purpose and uses or knowingly allows the use of such public record for a commercial purpose or who obtains a public record for a commercial purpose and uses or knowingly allows the use of such public record for different commercial purpose or who obtains a public record from anyone other than the custodian of such records and uses it for a commercial purpose shall in addition to other penalties be liable to the state or the political subdivision from which the public record was obtained for damages in the amount of three times the amount which would have been charged for the public record had the

commercial purpose been stated plus costs and reasonable attorney fees or shall be liable to the state or the political subdivision for the amount of three times the actual damages if it can be shown that the public record would not have been provided had the commercial purpose or actual use been stated at the time of obtaining the records. Therefore it is imperative that those seeking records make their requests clear and as succinct as possible, and disclose the true purpose of the request.

The DLLC is permitted by law to charge reasonable fees for the production of public records for both commercial and non-commercial purposes. To date the department has opted not to impose such fees, but may soon have to adopt an appropriate fee schedule due to the increasing volume of requests.

To more efficiently address records requests, the DLLC offers a search tool that is available on the website. The search produces license number, location name, and owner/agent information.

This online search tool is available around the clock, is efficient, and it is free! The department strongly encourages the use of this tool prior to submitting a public records request pertaining searchable information.

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Title 19 Rulemaking Changes

REQUESTED TO OPEN-AWAITING APPROVAL

The DLLC has submitted the request for permission to open the rules for revision. As we await the approval we are interested in suggestions from the industry and stakeholders. Once we receive approval we will be in contact to hold stakeholder meetings. Please reach out to Christina Saget with any suggestions prior to that at christina.saget@azliquor.gov.



Lateral Hiring for Sworn

PHOENIX & FLAGSTAFF LOCATIONS

The Department of Liquor Licenses & Control is looking for AZPOST certified peace officers for the Investigation Unit. The job description and pre-employment requirements can be found in the link. If interested please apply.

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Quota Licenses Available

Each county is given a quota of liquor licenses it's able to fulfill outlined in statute. To check the currently available licenses or apply for one click the link. All application fees are non-refundable.

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State Liquor Board Vacancies

There are two seats vacant on the Board that need to be filled. Follow the link to read the statutory requirements for each vacancy and where to email your resume today.

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Title IV Training

ALL TRAINING MATERIAL NEEDS TO INCLUDE UPDATES BY OCT. 30

Title IV training courses must be approved by the DLLC. The Department may require this training for applicants, licensees, managers, agents, and other employees as provided by ARS 4-112(G)(2).

Liquor License Owners, Agents, and Managers actively involved in the day-to-day operations of the business are required to complete a state approved Management Title IV Training Course as well as a Basic Title IV Training prior to the issuance of a Liquor License or approval of a Management Agreement. A Basic Certificate of Completion is a prerequisite for enrolling in and completing a Management Course.

Both Title IV Training certificates are valid for 3 years from the completion date recorded on the certificate.

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Education & Prevention Unit

FREE ALCOHOL AWARENESS CLASS FOR TEENS

The Arizona Department of Liquor's Education & Prevention Unit (EPU) is a community-based resource focused on educating community members regarding the dangers associated with underage drinking. Some of the dangers include the legal, physiological and long-term impacts associated with underage drinking. To accomplish this effort, EPU staff provides instruction to youths about alcohol awareness during a one-hour presentation, regularly attend community events to disseminate information, educates licensed establishments regarding underage drinking laws as well as educating law enforcement officers on current investigative methods to further its reach.

Our Education and Prevention Unit partners with the Governor's Office of Highway Safety, AHCCCS, and the Governor's Office of Youth, Faith, and Family.

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County Renewal Dates

Renewal Date	County	License Type
January 31	Maricopa (07)	05, 06, 08, 14
February 28/29	Maricopa (07)	07, 13, 19
February 28/29	All Counties	17W
February 28/29	All Counties	20, 21
March 31	Maricopa (07)	01, 04, 11, 12, 18, 19
May 31	Apache (01)	All license types
May 31	Coconino (03)	All license types
May 31	Navajo (09)	All license types
June 30	Cochise (02)	All license types
June 30	Gila (04)	All license types
June 30	Graham (05)	All license types
June 30	Greenlee (06)	All license types
June 30	Santa Cruz (12)	All license types
July 31	La Paz (15)	All license types
July 31	Mohave (08)	All license types
July 31	Yuma (14)	All license types
August 31	Pinal (11)	All license types
August 31	Yavapai (13)	All license types
September 30	Pima (10)	06, 07, 11, 12, 12G
October 31	Pima (10)	01, 04, 05, 08, 09, 9S, 10, 10S, 13, 14, 18, 19
November 30	Out-of-State	02, 2D, 2L, 2M, 2W, 19
November 30	All Counties	03
December 31	Maricopa (07)	09, 9S, 10, 10S

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New Trade Squad

LOOKING FORWARD

As the DLLC has been in existence since the end of Prohibition, the protection of the three-tier system has been paramount to the alcohol industry's processes and success. From the manufacturer/producer to distributor/wholesaler to the retailer, the consumer would be able to purchase alcohol in a safe manner.

A new phenomenon has occurred over the past several years, in which the three-tier system has been put into jeopardy, known as illegal Direct to Consumer sales. There are many reasons why illegal DTC is dangerous for the consumer and detrimental to any State's treasury. From a public safety perspective, there have been examples of illegal DTC shipments being counterfeit/unsafe to drink or delivered to and left with minors who received the packages at their residences. From a fiscal perspective, every year states such as Arizona are potentially missing out on millions of dollars a year in tax revenue from illegal DTC shipments.

In Arizona, the last time DTC compliance was conducted by the DLLC was in 2019. In 2019, eleven cases were investigated in which all eleven were found to be out of compliance as well and were handled through the Compliance Division of the DLLC. Developing a trade squad specifically focused on illegal DTC shipments will be a large focus of the Department in the coming years.



Work with us today

HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT WORKING WITH US?

The Department of Liquor Licenses and Control welcomes the opportunity to serve you. To continuously improve the services we provide please follow the link and fill out the form.

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