

Information for Licensees

Amendments to the *Liquor Licensing Regulations* to allow the sale of beer, wine and cider with food orders for takeout or home delivery by licensed establishments take effect on Monday, March 30, 2020. Information for licensees is outlined below.

If you have questions, you may inquire of licensing staff in HRM at 902-424-6160, or toll-free in Nova Scotia at 1-877-565-0556. Also, feel free to talk to your local compliance officer.

Email inquiries may be made to licensing staff at AGDPermLicense@novascotia.ca or to agft@novascotia.ca

Home Delivery – Licensees impacted

Home delivery of alcohol with food purchases for takeout or delivery is permitted by those licensed establishments that have a valid Food Safety Permit.

Who may deliver?

Only employees of the licensee may deliver alcohol with food. Employees should be experienced in the service of alcohol, trained to check for ID and be familiar with the signs of intoxication.

Employees doing takeout and delivery of food and alcohol must be 19+

Third party delivery businesses are NOT permitted to deliver alcohol with food from licensed establishments.

Are there limits on what liquor may be sold and how it is delivered?

Yes, the sale of alcohol from licensed establishments is limited as follows:

- Only beer, wine and cider may be sold for takeout or delivery and each must be in a factory sealed container
- Alcohol is required to be sold with a food purchase
- Customers taking out food and alcohol must be asked to leave the premises immediately after the purchase is concluded. Establishments remain closed for onsite consumption until further notice by health officials under the *Health Protection Act*.
- The value of the alcohol sold must be no more than 3 times the value of the food purchase. By way of example, a customer may make a \$25 food purchase and purchase up to \$75 in alcohol (beer, wine or cider total). Delivery fees would be in addition.
- Minimum drink prices that are currently set out in the regulations (for in-person service) apply to takeout and delivery.
- The sale of alcohol with food for takeout or home delivery is limited to between the hours of 10 am to 10 pm.

Safe Sale and Consumption of Alcohol

Alcohol cannot be sold or delivered to those under 19 years, or to those who are intoxicated.

Licensees must verify age by requesting and checking identification as appropriate.

Is this authority permanent or temporary?

The regulations take effect Monday, March 30, 2020 until further notice. Authority is intended to be temporary. With direction from government, Alcohol Gaming Fuel & Tobacco will advise licensees further with appropriate notice of any change in the status of the authority to deliver or takeout alcohol with food.

Are there requirements for record keeping?

The regulations do contain authority for the Executive Director to establish record keeping requirements. However, currently there are none.