

New Hampshire Laws & Regulations Summary

Contact Information

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| Contact | New Hampshire Liquor Commission in Concord <i>Last validated and updated on 7/22/2014 2:40:52PM</i> |
| Phone | 603-271-3523 <i>Last validated and updated on 7/22/2014 2:41:41PM</i> |
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| Web URL Address | http://www.nh.gov/liquor/enforcement/contact-us/index.htm <i>Last validated and updated on 7/22/2014 2:42:34PM</i> |

Coupons

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| Cents off coupons | Cents off coupons are not allowed See NH Rev Stat sec 179.30 & 1779.31; NH Code Admin R (Liq Comm) 402.02 & 508.09. <i>Last validated and updated on 7/22/2014 2:40:17PM</i> |
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| Refund coupons | Industry members may offer refund coupons directly to consumers. Coupons/offers are redeemed by vendor or vendor agent as specified in offer. Refund coupons cannot be redeemed by state stores. NH Rev Stat sec 179:30(II) & 179:31 (VIII); NH Code Admin R (Liq Comm) 402.02 & 508.09. <i>Last validated and updated on 7/22/2014 2:40:20PM</i> |
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General Regulations

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| Age to Consume | 21 <i>Last validated on 2/20/2018 12:13:21PM, last updated on 7/22/2014 2:36:42PM</i> |
| Age to Pour | 18 <i>Last validated on 2/20/2018 12:13:21PM, last updated on 7/22/2014 2:36:45PM</i> |
| Age to Sell | 16, provided a person of at least 18 years of age is in attendance and is designated as in charge of the employee and the business. <i>Last validated on 2/20/2018 12:13:21PM, last updated on 4/7/2015 1:47:42PM</i> |
| Age to Serve | 18 <i>Last validated on 2/20/2018 12:13:21PM, last updated on 7/22/2014 2:36:51PM</i> |
| Notes on Selling and/or Serving | Legal age to sell is 16 to run a register in an off premise situation, with supervision by someone at least 18 years of age. <i>Last validated on 2/20/2018 12:13:21PM, last updated on 7/22/2014 2:36:57PM</i> |
| DUI and DWI Limit | .08 <i>Last validated on 2/20/2018 12:13:21PM, last updated on 7/22/2014 2:37:00PM</i> |
| DUI and DWI Limit Under 21 | .02 <i>Last validated on 2/20/2018 12:13:21PM, last updated on 7/22/2014 2:37:04PM</i> |
| Maximum Alcohol per Drink | Not Regulated <i>Last validated on 2/20/2018 12:13:21PM, last updated on 7/22/2014 2:37:12PM</i> |
| Number of Drinks at One Time | Not Regulated <i>Last validated on 2/20/2018 12:13:21PM, last updated on 7/22/2014 2:37:19PM</i> |
| Dram Shop Liability Laws | Yes |

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| Social Host Liability Laws | No |
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| Notes on Liability Laws | Information is not available at this time. |
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| Server Training Regulated | No |
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| Notes on Server/Seller Training Regulations | Training is mandatory for any new licensee or his/her designee to attend a management training seminar, developed and provided by the State Liquor Commission within 45 days of issuance of the license. This requirement applies to both on premise and off premise licensees. |
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| Seller Training Regulated | No. |
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| Corkage/Merlot Laws | New Hampshire law allows customers to remove wine from a restaurant provided the wine was purchased and consumed with a full-course meal, is securely resealed, and is placed in a bag by a restaurant employee. |
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Hours of Sale

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| On Premise | On Premise Establishment Monday through Sunday, 6:00 a.m. until 1:00 a.m. |
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| Off Premise | Retail Stores: Monday through Sunday; 6:00 a.m. until 11:45 p.m. State Liquor Stores: As determined by the New Hampshire State Liquor Commission. Manufacturers and Wholesalers: Monday through Sunday, 6:00 a.m. until 12:00 a.m. |
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ID's/Underage Persons

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| Acceptable Forms of ID | Any valid state driver's license, or valid military ID, or valid passport or US passport card, or valid state-issued ID card. |
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| Recommended age for carding | None. |
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| ID Confiscation Allowed | Yes |
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| Notes on ID Confiscation | An ID recognized as false can be confiscated for a reasonable length of time to make a good faith effort to determine whether the person is of legal age or to notify law enforcement officials of a suspected violation of law. |
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| Policies Regarding Underage Persons | It is unlawful to serve or sell alcohol to anyone under the age of 21. Patrons must be over 18 or accompanied by a parent, legal guardian or adult spouse to be in a cocktail lounge. Minors are not allowed to consume alcohol under any circumstances, whether in the presence of their parents or legal guardian or on or off a licensed premises. A new law allows police to arrest minors who are intoxicated, whether they are driving or not. Evidence of drinking does not need to be present, just the appearance of intoxication. |
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Interior/Exterior Signage

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| Displays | Advertising drink specials is permitted within the licensed premises, as well as in windows and entryways and in public media (newspapers, magazines, radio, etc). Happy hour drink advertisements may be seen from the outside of the establishment. |
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Point of Sale (POS) Advertising

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Liability and Legal Info

Non-alcoholic beer and wine

None

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Liquor Liability

Any person suffering injury as the result of another person's intoxication may bring suit against the licensee. A person who becomes intoxicated may bring an action against a licensee for serving alcohol beverages to such person. A defendant who negligently or recklessly serves alcohol beverages to a minor or an intoxicated person is liable for resulting damages, subject to the provisions of the law. Administratively, 1st offenses are subject to \$100 - \$5,000 fines. Fines ascend on subsequent violations.

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Statute of Limitations

The statute of limitations for liquor liability incidents is three years.

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Happy Hour Laws

Licensed bars and restaurants may promote happy hour drink specials, except for on billboards and other large platforms. Happy hour promotions are permitted in the establishment's windows and entryways, as well as in public media (newspapers, magazines, radio, etc.).

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Promo Items

Promo Items to Retailer

Retailer advertising specialties (e.g. coasters, mats, menu cards, wine lists, meal checks, paper napkins, foam scrapers, back bar mats, thermometers, clocks, calendars) may be furnished if they are within BATF per brand cost limitation (which no longer exist) and primarily valuable as advertising. The retailer's name and address may be added. Glassware may be sold if price not less than cost and collected within 30 days. NH Rev Stat sec 179.29 & 179.30; ND Code Admin R (Liq Comm) 402-02 & 508.09. Samples may be furnished to licensees pursuant to NH Rev Stat sec 179.31(II); NH Code Admin R (Liq Comm) 402.02 & 508.09.

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Promo items to Consumers

Consumer advertising specialties (ash trays, bottle or can openers, cork screws, shopping bags, matches, printed recipes, pamphlets, cards, leaflets, blotters, postcards, and pencils) bearing advertising may be furnished for unconditional retailer distribution to public so long as there is no payment/credit to retailer. NH Rev Stat sec 179.29 & 179.30; ND Code Admin R (Liq Comm) 402-02 & 508.09. Samples may be furnished to licensees pursuant to NH Rev Stat sec 179.31(II); NH Code Admin R (Liq Comm) 402.02 & 508.09.

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Solicitor Permit

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Tastings

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Consumer Tastings - On Premise NH Law authorizes on-sale and off-sale licensees to provide a free sample of beer, wine, and liquor to individuals over the age of 21. All tastings are required to be free and open to the public.

Tastings must take place on licensed on-sale or off-sale premises during legal drinking hours of sale for the licensed premise.

Who can conduct a tasting?

1. On-sale and off-sale licensees may conduct or host tastings.
2. Beer manufacturers, beer wholesalers, brewpubs, nano breweries, beverage vendors, domestic wine manufacturers, liquor manufacturer, liquor & wine vendors, liquor and wine representatives can conduct public sampling in conjunction with on-sale or off-sale licensee.

How much can an individual consume?

1. Serving sizes are restricted by the type of product being sampled.
 1. Beer and beverages shall not exceed 4 ounces.
 2. Wine shall not exceed 2 ounces.
 3. Liquor and Fortified Wine shall not exceed 1/2 ounce.
2. There is no restriction as to how many samples an individual can receive but it is the responsibility of the licensee to make sure that no one is over served and are of legal drinking age.

An on-sale or off-sale licensee may advertise a tasting event as long as no NH beer wholesalers, beverage manufacturers, brewpubs or nano breweries, NH Liquor and Wine Vendor, Liquor and Wine Representative, wine manufacturer, liquor manufacturer provide the on-sale or off-sale licensee any money towards the placement of the ad. The licensee on whose premise a public sampling occurs and the licensee conducting the sampling shall both be equally responsible for ensuring that all requirements are met under the law. The NH Liquor Commission must be notified in writing prior to any beer, wine, and liquor tastings by the licensee providing the samples.

You may mail your request to: PO Box 1795, Concord NH 03302-1795 or it may be emailed to the audit department at audit@liquor.state.nh.us.

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Consumer Tastings - Off Premise See On-Premise rules - same apply to Off-Premise

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Staff Training Tastings

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