

Frequently Asked Questions

What are the hours of operation per License Class?

Article III – Licenses; Section 6. Regulations Applicable to All Licensees, (i)

- Persons holding a Class A, AB, D or E License may not sell, permit to be sold, give away or allow to be consumed, any alcoholic beverages between the hours of 1:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m. on weekdays, and between 2:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m. on Saturdays and Sundays, and New Year’s Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day and Labor Day. It is unlawful to have licensed premises open for business or to admit the public to such premises during restricted hours.
- Persons holding a Class C License shall not sell, permit to be sold, or give away any alcoholic beverages between the hours of 12:00 a.m. (midnight) and 6:00 a.m. on any day.
- Persons holding a Class G License Shall not sell, permit to be sold, or give away and alcoholic beverages between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. on any day.

Which employees need to be BASSET certified?

Article III – Licenses; Section 6. Regulations Applicable to All Licensees, (k) BASSET Training Program

- All persons who sell or serve alcoholic beverages, all management personnel working on the premises, and anyone whose job description entails the checking of identification for the purchase of alcoholic beverages.

***Please note this is also a State requirement.**

What basset programs are allowed?

Article III – Licenses; Section 6. Regulations Applicable to All Licensees (k) BASSET Training Program:(b)

- State certified BASSET training program shall be defined as a BASSET program licensed by the State of Illinois Department of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse (DASA)
- The links below contains a list of licensed BASSET providers in the State of Illinois.
<https://www.illinois.gov/ilcc/Education/Pages/BASSET/Training-Class-Directory.aspx>

Establishment Manager expectations

Article III – Licenses; Section 4. Ineligible applicants; no license shall be issued to:
(b)

- Any applicant who is not a resident of the County of Lake, except that in cases of a corporate non-resident licensee, the premises must be managed by a resident of Lake

County. Said manager must be present on the premises at least forty (40) hours per week.

Article III – Licenses; Section 4. Ineligible Applicant; no license shall be issued to:
(k)

- A person whose place of business is conducted by a manager or agent unless the manager or agent possess the same qualifications required of the licensee, and, such manager shall reside within Lake County, Illinois.

Article III – Licenses; Section 14. Change of Personnel

- All changes in managers of establishments shall be reported to in writing to the liquor control commissioner within 10 days of the change.

What are the Happy Hour regulations?

The State legislation permits licensees to offer discounted drinks for up to 4 hours per day, and not more than 15 hours per week. The specified drink promotional period does not have to be for 4 consecutive hours.

Licensees must adhere to the following stipulations on price reductions on drinks:

- Licensee must give notice of the discount of alcohol drinks on the licensee's premises or on their website 7 days prior to the specified drink promotion period.
- Licensee shall not offer a specified drink promotion period between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and the licensed premise's closing hour.
- Licensee shall not change the price of an alcoholic drink during a single drink promotion period.

What are the age requirement for a server vs. a bartender?

Article III – Licenses, Section 2. Prohibited Transactions, Section A

- It shall be unlawful for any person under the age of 21 years to control, sell, give, deliver, mix, dispense, serve, furnish alcoholic liquor.

Article III – Licenses, Section 2. Prohibited Transactions, Section B Exceptions (3)

- The possession and serving of alcoholic liquor by a minor as an employee of any licensee under this section in such licensee's licensed premises is not prohibited by this Ordinance; provided, however, that this exception shall not extend to those persons under the age of eighteen (18) years nor shall this exception extend to the mixing or dispensing of alcoholic liquor, or to bartending, by any minor.