

Common Types of ABC Special Event Liquor Licenses

These licenses authorize the temporary sales of liquor for consumption on the premises at a special event.

LICENSE TYPE	WHAT IT ALLOWS	WHO MAY APPLY	IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW	FEES
Special Daily Beer (ABC Form 221)	Selling/serving beer for consumption on the premise	501(c)3, 501(c)6, and 501(c)9 non-profit organizations	Applicant must obtain pre-approval from Local Police District Station. No limit on number of days the license may be issued. For application and instructions, click here .	\$25 per day per dispensing point
Special Daily Wine (ABC Form 221)	Selling/serving wine for consumption on the premise	501(c)3, 501(c)6, and 501(c)9 non-profit organizations	Applicant must obtain pre-approval from Local Police District Station. No limit on number of days the license may be issued. For application and instructions, click here .	\$25 per day per dispensing point
Special Daily Beer & Wine (ABC Form 221)	Selling/serving beer and wine for consumption on the premise	501(c)3, 501(c)6, and 501(c)9 non-profit organizations	Applicant must obtain pre-approval from Local Police District Station. No limit on number of days the license may be issued. For application and instructions, click here .	\$50 per day per dispensing point
Daily General (ABC Form 221)	Selling/serving distilled spirits, beer and wine for consumption on the premise	501(c)3 non-profit organizations & political parties, fraternal organizations, religious organizations (some exceptions).	License can be issued for no more than two (2) consecutive days. Applicant must obtain pre-approval from Local Police District Station. For application and instructions, click here .	\$25 per day per dispensing point
Catering Authorization (ABC Form 218)	Allows an existing liquor licensee that holds an ABC Caterer's Liquor Permit (Type 58) to sell/serve beer, wine and distilled spirits for consumption on the premises. The type of liquor depends on what their existing liquor license allows them to serve.	An existing liquor licensee (e.g., bar, restaurant) that also holds an ABC Caterer's Liquor Permit (Type 58). In some cases, a bar or restaurant might also hold an ABC Caterer's Liquor Permit (Type 58).	Alcohol must be purchased by the Type 58 permit holder from an ABC-licensed wholesaler. Certain events require local law enforcement approval & signature (if large number of attendees, open to the public, etc.) For application and instructions, click here .	\$25 per day per dispensing point
Event Authorization (ABC Form 215)	Allows an existing on-sale licensee (e.g., bar, restaurant) to sell alcoholic beverages for consumption on adjacent property.	Allows an existing on-sale licensee (e.g., bar, restaurant) holding an ABC Type 41, 42, 47, 48, 49, 57, 71, 72, 78 or 87 license to sell alcoholic beverages for consumption on adjacent property. The type of liquor depends on what their existing liquor license allows them to serve.	Limited to four (4) total days per calendar year. The property must be secured and controlled by the licensee and not visible to the general public. For application and instructions, click here .	\$142 annual

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