



CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF
CONSUMER PROTECTION

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Connecticut Craft Permit- Guidance Statement

In an effort to streamline the process for those premises wishing to obtain the craft liquor permit and they already have an on-premises consumption permit identified below, and to cut back on redundancies, we offer this guidance on what is NOT required.

If the applicant already holds a Manufacturer for Spirits (LMS), Manufacturer for Beer (LMB), Manufacturer Farm Winery (LFW), Manufacturer Wine, Cider & Mead (LMW), Restaurant (LIR/LRW), Café (LCA), or Café-Club (LCA-Club) liquor permit, and that permit is active and in good standing, several application requirements are waived.

In order to qualify for the waiver, the backer entity for the proposed Craft Café permit must be identical to the backer entity of the existing permit. There may not be additional individuals or other investors who are not associated with the current backer entity without the prior approval of the department.

In addition, the Craft Café permit application must reflect the same physical premise as the existing permit. Said premise must remain unchanged and already have a tasting room, bar, or other previously approved area for on-premises consumption.

If those conditions are met, then the following documents are not required when filing for this Craft Café permit:

1. Sketch
2. Copy of CT sales and use tax permit

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3. Lease/Deed/ Evidence of Right to Occupy
4. Authorization for Release of Financial Information and Statement of Personal History
5. Authorization of the Backer Legal Entity for Release of Financial Information
6. Backer's Financial Statement
7. Corporation and LLC Documentation
8. Franchise or Management Agreements
9. Photographs (Interior and Exterior)
10. Menu, Staff, and Equipment List
11. Criminal Conviction Worksheet
12. Affidavit of Seller's Unpaid Obligations
13. Abandonment Affidavit

Here is the link to the Craft Café Permit (see below)

https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/DCP/LIQUOR_CONTROL/New-Applications/New-Application---Craft-Cafe.pdf

Here is the link to the Instructions for the Craft Café Permit (see below)

https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/DCP/LIQUOR_CONTROL/New-Applications/CRAFT-CAFE-INSTRUCTIONS--DOCUMENTS-MCSA-RBM3-JJS-doc.pdf

Here is the link to the definition of the Connecticut Craft Café Permit (see below)

https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/DCP/LIQUOR_CONTROL/New-Applications/LCR-PERMIT-DEFINITION.pdf

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