



**STATE OF MAINE**  
**DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES**  
**BUREAU OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND LOTTERY OPERATIONS**  
**DIVISION OF LIQUOR LICENSING AND ENFORCEMENT**

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## Application for a Catering Permit - Important Information

1. If you hold one of the following licenses, your license privileges include providing catering services for food and/or alcoholic beverages at public and private events:

Class A Restaurant	Class A Restaurant/Lounge	Class A Lounge
Hotel	Club	Bed & Breakfast
Auditoriums	Civic Auditoriums	Performing Arts Centers

2. Conditions for this privilege:

A. General

- i. The municipality in which the event will take place must have voted to approve on-premises consumption under [Title 28-A, Chapter 5](#).
- ii. You may not solicit sponsorships of nonprofit organizations in order to hold a fundraiser for your business; the law for these types of events is designed only as a fund raising event for the nonprofit organization who solicited you to help provide food and beverages.
- iii. The law requires the application to be submitted at least 24 hours in advance of the event, however, a longer notice is appreciated to allow additional time for processing.
- iv. Qualified Caterers may only cater events open to the public regardless of who is requesting the services.

B. Events open to the public

- i. The event must be sponsored by a nonprofit organization.
- ii. This nonprofit organization must be an incorporated civic organization or a similarly purposed national organization designated under the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986, Section 501(c)(3) and verifiable with the office of the Maine Secretary of State, Division of Corporations.
- iii. The sponsoring nonprofit organization must have representatives at the event at all times – open to close; no exceptions.
- iv. Regardless whether the event is a ticketed (paid admission) or not, the event is still considered as open to the public and requires a sponsor as described above.

C. Private events where the public is not invited include but is not limited to:

- i. Weddings
- ii. birthday parties
- iii. office parties

- D. For all other types of events and whether you have the privileges under your license to provide catering services should be discussed with your assigned liquor inspector.



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**Section A: Licensee Information:**

1. Legal Name and DBA of the Licensee Catering the Event:
  - a. Legal Name: \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. DBA: \_\_\_\_\_
2. License No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Complete Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. Telephone/Mobile Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Section B: Event Information:**

1. Title Event: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Purpose of Event: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Type of Event: (check one)      Public     Indoor     Outdoor   
   Private     Indoor     Outdoor
4. Municipality where Event will take place: \_\_\_\_\_
5. Complete Physical Address of Event: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. Date of Event: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: From \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_  

Under Maine liquor laws, alcoholic beverages can **only** be served from 5:00 am to 1:00 am of the next day, Sunday through Saturday; event times cannot deviate from this statutory requirement.
7. Requesting party for your catering services:  
 Nonprofit Organization     Individual     Business
8. Mailing Address of Requesting Party: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Please note:** In question 9, for a nonprofit or business requesting party, please provide the name of the nonprofit or business as well as the name of an individual to contact at the nonprofit or business.

9. Contact Name of Requesting Party: \_\_\_\_\_  
a. Contact Telephone/Mobile Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
b. Contact Email address: \_\_\_\_\_
10. Number of Persons Attending: \_\_\_\_\_
11. Describe specific indoor and/or outdoor area to be licensed: (for an outdoor event, please include a diagram of the outside space in Section F below.)
12. Will dancing be part of the event? Yes  No   
a. Does the venue have a dance license? Yes  No   
b. If yes, please provide a copy of the license from the State's Fire Marshall's Office

**Section C: Signature of Licensee**

By signing this application, the licensee understands that false statements made on this application are punishable by law. Knowingly supplying false information on this application is a Class D Offense under Maine's Criminal Code, punishable by confinement of up to one year, or by monetary fine of up to \$2,000 or by both.

Please sign and date in blue ink.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Licensee or Duly Authorized Person

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name of Licensee or Duly Authorized Person

Submit completed forms to: Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations  
Division of Liquor Licensing and Enforcement

Mailing address: 8 SHS, Augusta, ME 04333-0008

Courier delivery: 19 Union Street, 3rd floor, Suite 301-B, Augusta, ME 04330

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**Section D: For use by Municipal Officers and County Commissioners only**  
**Approval of an application for a catering event**

The undersigned hereby certifies that we have complied with the process outlined in 28-A M.R.S. §653 and approve this catering event application on this date: \_\_\_\_\_.

Check only one:      City                    Town                    Unorganized Territory

Name of City/Town/Unorganized Territory: \_\_\_\_\_

Who is approving this application?    Municipal Officers  
     County Commissioners of \_\_\_\_\_ County

**Please Note:** The Municipal Officers or County Commissioners must confirm that the records of Local Option Votes have been verified that allows this type of permit to be issued by the Bureau for the type of alcohol to be sold for the appropriate days of the week. Please check this box to indicate this verification was completed.

Signature of Officials	Printed Name and Title

**Section E: Application Fee; Other Information**

1. The application fee is \$10.00 per day; make checks payable to Treasurer State of Maine
2. The law requires the application to be submitted at least 24 Hours prior to the function, however, a longer notice is appreciated to allow additional time for processing.
3. Once issued, this permit is not assignable and is valid only for use by the licensee named in this application and for the date, time, and location listed in this application. This permit is issued subject to Maine liquor laws under Title 28-A and the Bureau’s Administrative Rules. Penalties for failure to comply with the laws and rules are provided in Chapter 33 of Title 28-A.
4. The Division is hereby authorized to obtain and examine all books, records and tax returns pertaining to the business, for which this liquor license is requested, and also such books, records and returns during the year in which any liquor license is in effect.
5. Payments to the Division by check subject to penalty provided by 28-A MRS Section 3-B.

**Section F: Catering Permit Diagram for Outdoor Events**

**The following restrictions apply to outdoor events:**

- There must be a stanchion or a fence completely enclosing the area.
- Signs must be posted stating “No alcohol beyond this point”.
- There must be sufficient employees at the event to control and monitor the area.

In an effort to clearly define the area that consumption and storage of liquor will occur during this outdoor event, diagrams must be submitted on this form and should be as accurate as possible. Be sure to label the areas of consumption and storage on your diagram.

**For Division Use Only**

Date Filed: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved       Not Approved

Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_

License No: \_\_\_\_\_

Deposit Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Amt. Deposited: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Type: \_\_\_\_\_