

Special Event vs. Festival Permit

This document is to help determine whether an applicant should apply for a Special Event or Festival Permit.

| | Special Event Permit | Festival Permit |
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| What's the purpose of the event? | Showcasing and selling alcoholic beverages | Serving alcoholic beverages |
| Who can apply? | Licensed Manufacturers only | Any person or establishment. |
| How many permits can be issued per year? | No more than 10 permits for the same physical location per calendar year | Only 4 permits can be issued per year |
| How long can the event last? | For the duration of the public event or 4 days, whichever is shorter | For not more than 4 consecutive days |
| Is an admission fee required? | No, there is no fee required. However, charging a fee is allowed. | Yes, attendees are required to pay an attendance fee of at least \$5. |
| Where is consumption allowed? | Within the permit holder's specific defined area only | Throughout the entire permitted area |
| What drink limits must be followed? | <p>On-premise tastings/samplings are allowed with or without charge.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No more than 2 oz samples per product Not more than 8 oz for malt & vinous total product Not more than 1 oz spirits or fortified wines total product <p>On-premise full pours are allowed.</p> | <p>Amounts by type:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Malt: not more than 12 oz. samples; not more than 60 oz per event Vinous: not more than 5 oz. samples; not more than 25 oz. per event Fortified Wines: not more than 3 oz. samples; not more than 15 oz. per event Spirits: not more than 1 oz. samples; not more than 5 oz. per event Event serving a mix of alcoholic beverages: not more than 6 standard drinks with 3.6 oz or 84 grams of ethyl alcohol per event |
| Are off premise sales allowed? | Yes | No |
| Where does the alcohol come from? | Alcohol is manufactured or rectified by the permit holder. | Alcohol is purchased from a Vermont manufacturer or a manufacturer packager holding a Federal Basic Permit or Brewer's Notice. |
| What education is required? | 1 st Class Server Training | 1 st Class Server Training |
| What does the permit cost? | Each permit costs \$35. | Each permit costs \$125. |
| Can more than one permit happen at the same time? | Yes, but each manufacturer must have their own permit. | No, not at the same location at the same time. |