

# Special Event vs. Sampling Event Permit



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

	Special Event Permit	Sampling Event Permit
<b>What's the purpose of the event?</b>	Showcasing and selling alcoholic beverages	Showcasing and selling alcoholic beverages
<b>Who can apply?</b>	Licensed Manufacturers only	Any person or establishment
<b>How many permits can be issued per year?</b>	No more than 10 permits for the same physical location per calendar year	Only 4 permits can be issued per year
<b>How long can the event last?</b>	For the duration of the public event or 4 days, whichever is shorter	For not more than 4 consecutive days
<b>Is an admission fee required?</b>	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
<b>Where is consumption allowed?</b>	Within the boundaries of the event. The event's permit can be held at an already licensed establishment	Within the boundaries of the event. The event's permit can be held at an already licensed establishment
<b>What drink limits must be followed?</b>	<p>Tastings/samplings are allowed with or without charge</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No more than 2 oz samples per product</li> <li>Not more than 8 oz for malt, vinous or Ready-To-Drink Spirits Beverages total product</li> <li>Not more than 1 oz spirits or fortified wines total product</li> </ul> <p>Full pours are allowed</p>	<p>Amounts by type:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Malt and Ciders: not more than 12 oz. samples; not more than 60 oz per event</li> <li>Vinous and Ready-To-Drink Spirits Beverages: not more than 5 oz. samples; not more than 25 oz. per event</li> <li>Fortified Wines: not more than 3 oz. samples; not more than 15 oz. per event</li> <li>Spirits: not more than 1 oz. samples; not more than 5 oz. per event</li> <li>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</li> </ul>
<b>Can unopened containers be sold?</b>	Yes, for off site consumption only	No
<b>Where does the alcohol come from?</b>	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
<b>What education is required?</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Class Server Training or Manufacturing Training	1 <sup>st</sup> Class Server Training
<b>What does the permit cost?</b>	Each permit costs \$35	Each permit costs \$125
<b>Can more than one permit happen at the same time?</b>	Yes, but each manufacturer must have their own permit for the event	No, not at the same location at the same time