

Supporting Nevada Revised Statutes
Manufacturer's Licenses

NRS 369.180 Required licenses; scope of licenses for brew pubs, instructional wine-making facilities, craft distilleries and estate distilleries.

1. In addition to the limitations imposed by [NRS 597.210](#) and [597.220](#), a person shall not:
 - (a) Import liquors into this State unless the person first secures an importer's license or permit from this State.
 - (b) Engage in business as a wholesale dealer of wines and liquors in this State unless the person first secures a wholesale wine and liquor dealer's license from this State.
 - (c) Engage in business as a wholesale dealer of beer in this State unless the person first secures a wholesale beer dealer's license from this State.
 - (d) Operate a winery in this State or export wine from this State unless the person first secures a wine-maker's license from this State.
 - (e) Operate an instructional wine-making facility in this State unless the person first secures a license for the instructional wine-making facility from this State.
 - (f) Operate a brewery in this State unless the person first secures a brewer's license from this State.
 - (g) Operate a brew pub in this State unless the person first secures a brew pub's license from this State.
 - (h) Operate a craft distillery in this State unless the person first secures a craft distiller's license from this State.
 - (i) Operate an estate distillery in this State unless the person first secures an estate distiller's license from this State.
2. A person who holds a license for a brew pub:
 - (a) May engage in any activity authorized by [NRS 597.230](#).
 - (b) May not engage in any other activity for which a license is required pursuant to this chapter, unless the person holds the appropriate license for that activity.
3. A person who holds a license for an instructional wine-making facility:
 - (a) May engage in any activity authorized by [NRS 597.245](#).
 - (b) May not engage in any other activity for which a license is required pursuant to this chapter, unless the person holds the appropriate license for that activity.
4. A person who holds a license for a craft distillery:
 - (a) May engage in any activity authorized by [NRS 597.235](#).
 - (b) May not engage in any other activity for which a license is required pursuant to this chapter, unless the person holds the appropriate license for that activity.
5. A person who holds a license for an estate distillery:
 - (a) May engage in any activity authorized by [NRS 597.237](#).
 - (b) May not engage in any other activity for which a license is required pursuant to this chapter unless the person holds the appropriate license for that activity.
6. As used in this section, "estate distillery" has the meaning ascribed to it in [NRS 597.200](#).
[Part 2:160:1935; A [1945, 371](#); [1947, 645](#); 1943 NCL § 3690.02] + [3:160:1935; 1931 NCL § 3690.03] + [4:160:1935; 1931 NCL § 3690.04]—(NRS A [1975, 624](#); [1991, 109, 384](#); [1995, 1566](#); [2005, 1274](#); [2013, 2565](#); [2017, 2583, 2589](#))

NRS 369.181 Definitions. As used in [NRS 369.180](#), unless the context otherwise requires:

1. “Alcoholic beverage” means any spirituous, vinous or malt liquor which contains 1 percent or more ethyl alcohol by volume.
2. “Engage in” includes participation in a business as an owner or partner, or through a subsidiary, affiliate, ownership equity or in any other manner.

(Added to NRS by [1975, 623](#); A [1985, 531](#))

NRS 369.190 Application for license.

1. An application for any of the licenses described in [NRS 369.180](#) must be made to:
 - (a) The board of county commissioners of the county in which the applicant maintains his or her principal place of business if the applicant does not maintain his or her principal place of business within the boundaries of an incorporated city; or
 - (b) The governing body of the city in which the applicant maintains his or her principal place of business if the applicant maintains his or her principal place of business within the boundaries of an incorporated city.
2. Each application must:
 - (a) Be made on such form as the Department prescribes.
 - (b) Include the name and address of the applicant. If the applicant is:
 - (1) A partnership, the application must include the names and addresses of all partners.
 - (2) A corporation, association or other organization, the application must include the names and addresses of the president, vice president, secretary and managing officer or officers.
 - (3) A person carrying on or transacting business in this state under an assumed or fictitious name, the person making the application must attach to the application:
 - (I) A certified copy of the certificate required by [NRS 602.010](#) or any renewal certificate required by [NRS 602.035](#).
 - (II) A certificate signed by an officer of the corporation or by each person interested in, or conducting or carrying on such business, or intending so to do, and acknowledged before a person authorized to take acknowledgments of conveyances of real property, indicating the name of the authorized representative whose signature may be required on the license under the provisions of this chapter.
 - (c) Specify the location, by street and number, of the premises for which the license is sought.
 - (d) Be accompanied by the annual license fee required for the particular license for which application is made.
3. The board of county commissioners or the governing body of a city, as applicable, shall examine all applications filed with it, and shall require satisfactory evidence that the applicant is:
 - (a) A person of good moral character;
 - (b) Not acting in violation of [NRS 369.180](#); and
 - (c) Not applying for a license for a business in which the applicant is prohibited from engaging pursuant to [NRS 369.382](#).

[5:160:1935; A [1945, 371](#); [1947, 645](#); 1943 NCL § 3690.05]—(NRS A [1959, 410](#); [1971, 585](#); [1975, 1705](#); [1981, 1010](#); [2001, 812](#); [2015, 65](#); [2021, 1693](#))

NRS 369.200 Approval or disapproval of application by board of county commissioners or governing body of city; issuance of license; new hearing.

1. The board of county commissioners or the governing body of a city, as applicable, shall approve or disapprove applications. If an application is disapproved by the board of county commissioners or the governing body of a city, the board or the governing body, as applicable, forthwith shall return the license fee accompanying the application to the applicant. If the board of county commissioners or the governing body of a city approves an application, the board or the governing body, as applicable, shall forward it to the Department, together with the board's or the governing body's written approval thereof and the license fee accompanying the application.

2. Upon receipt thereof the Department shall review the application and approval, and, if no further objections are presented or known, shall issue the appropriate license to the applicant.

3. In its discretion, the Department may grant an applicant whose application has been disapproved a new hearing before the Department if it shall be made to appear to the Department that the decision of the board of county commissioners or the governing body of a city, as applicable, was arbitrary, unreasonable or unjust.

[6:160:1935; A [1947, 645](#); 1943 NCL § 3690.06] + [Part 12:160:1935; A [1945, 371](#); 1943 NCL § 3690.12]—(NRS A [1975, 1706](#); [2015, 66](#))

NRS 597.200 Definitions. As used in [NRS 597.190](#) to [597.255](#), inclusive, unless the context otherwise requires:

1. "Alcoholic beverage" means any malt beverage or spirituous, vinous or malt liquor which contains 1 percent or more ethyl alcohol by volume.

2. "Brew pub" means an establishment which manufactures malt beverages and sells those malt beverages at retail pursuant to the provisions of [NRS 597.230](#).

3. "Case of spirits" means 12 bottles, each containing 750 milliliters of distilled spirits.

4. "Craft distillery" means an establishment which:

(a) Manufactures distilled spirits from agricultural raw materials through distillation; and

(b) Is authorized to sell those distilled spirits pursuant to the provisions of this chapter.

5. "Distillation" means the process of producing or purifying spirituous liquor by successive evaporation and condensation.

6. "Engage in" includes participation in a business as an owner or partner, or through a subsidiary, affiliate, ownership equity or in any other manner.

7. "Estate distillery" means an establishment which:

(a) Manufactures distilled spirits from agricultural raw materials through distillation, provided that 85 percent of such agricultural raw materials, in the aggregate, were grown on land within this State which is owned or controlled by the owner of the distillery; and

(b) Is authorized to sell those distilled spirits pursuant to the provisions of this chapter.

8. "Instructional wine-making facility" means an instructional wine-making facility operated pursuant to [NRS 597.245](#).

9. "Legal age" means the age at which a person is legally permitted to purchase an alcoholic beverage pursuant to [NRS 202.020](#).

10. "Malt beverage" means beer, ale, porter, stout and other similar fermented beverages of any name or description, brewed or produced from malt, wholly or in part.

11. "Special event" means an event that:

(a) Lasts not longer than 1 calendar day; and

- (b) Occurs at:
- (1) A farmers' market, as defined in [NRS 244.336](#); or
 - (2) An event designated as a county fair by a county fair and recreation board appointed pursuant to [NRS 244A.599](#), [244A.601](#) or [244A.603](#).
12. "Supplier" has the meaning ascribed to it in [NRS 597.140](#).
13. "Wine" has the meaning ascribed to it in [NRS 369.140](#).
- (Added to NRS by [1975, 623](#); A [1985, 531](#); [1991, 108](#); [1995, 1570](#); [2005, 1272](#), [1326](#); [2013, 2562](#); [2015, 883](#); [2017, 2579](#), [2587](#))

NRS 597.210 Limitations on engaging in business of importing, wholesaling or retailing alcoholic beverages.

1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, a person engaged in business as a supplier or engaged in the business of manufacturing, blending or bottling alcoholic beverages within or without this State shall not:

- (a) Engage in the business of importing, wholesaling or retailing alcoholic beverages; or
- (b) Operate or otherwise locate his or her business on the premises or property of another person engaged in the business of importing, wholesaling or retailing alcoholic beverages.

2. This section does not:

(a) Preclude any person engaged in the business of importing, wholesaling or retailing alcoholic beverages from owning less than 2 percent of the outstanding ownership equity in any organization which manufactures, blends or bottles alcoholic beverages.

(b) Prohibit a person engaged in the business of rectifying or bottling alcoholic beverages from importing neutral or distilled spirits in bulk only for the express purpose of rectification pursuant to [NRS 369.415](#).

(c) Prohibit a person from operating a brew pub pursuant to [NRS 597.230](#).

(d) Prohibit a person from operating an instructional wine-making facility pursuant to [NRS 597.245](#).

(e) Prohibit a person from operating a craft distillery pursuant to [NRS 597.235](#).

(f) Prohibit a person from operating an estate distillery pursuant to [NRS 597.237](#).

(g) Prohibit a person from operating a winery pursuant to [NRS 597.240](#).

(Added to NRS by [1975, 623](#), [1463](#); A [1991, 109](#), [384](#); [1995, 1570](#); [2005, 1273](#), [1326](#); [2013, 2563](#); [2015, 551](#); [2017, 2587](#))

NRS 597.235 Operation of craft distillery.

1. A person may operate a craft distillery if the person:

- (a) Obtains a license for the facility pursuant to [chapter 369](#) of NRS;
- (b) Complies with the requirements of this chapter; and
- (c) Complies with any other applicable governmental requirements.

2. A person who operates a craft distillery pursuant to this section may:

(a) In addition to manufacturing spirits from agricultural raw materials through distillation, blend, age, store and bottle the spirits so manufactured. The person operating the craft distillery shall ensure that none of the spirits manufactured at the craft distillery are derived from neutral or distilled spirits manufactured by another manufacturer.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in paragraphs (f) and (g), in any calendar year, sell and transport in Nevada not more than a combined total of 10,000 cases of spirits at all the craft

distilleries that the person operates to a person who holds a license to engage in business as a wholesale dealer of liquor pursuant to [chapter 369](#) of NRS.

(c) In any calendar year, manufacture for exportation to another state, not more than a combined total of 40,000 cases of spirits at all the craft distilleries the person operates.

(d) On the premises of the craft distillery, serve samples of the spirits manufactured at the craft distillery. Any such samples must not exceed, per person, per day, 4 fluid ounces in volume.

(e) On the premises of the craft distillery, sell the spirits manufactured at the craft distillery at retail for consumption on or off the premises. Any such spirits sold at retail for off-premises consumption must not exceed, per person, per month, 1 case of spirits and not exceed, per person, per year, 6 cases of spirits. Spirits purchased on the premises of a craft distillery must not be resold by the purchaser or any retail liquor store.

(f) Donate for charitable or nonprofit purposes and transport neutral or distilled spirits manufactured at the craft distillery in accordance with the terms and conditions of a special permit for the transportation of the neutral or distilled spirits obtained from the Department of Taxation pursuant to subsection 4 of [NRS 369.450](#).

(g) Transfer in bulk neutral or distilled spirits manufactured at the craft distillery to a supplier. Any such transfer:

(1) Is taxable only when the neutral or distilled spirits are rectified and bottled in original packages for sale within this State; and

(2) Is not a sale for the purposes of paragraph (b) or manufacturing for exportation for the purposes of paragraph (c).

(Added to NRS by [2013, 2561](#); A [2015, 884](#); [2017, 2588](#))

Supporting Washoe County Code Craft Distillery Licenses

Washoe County Chapter 30 Intoxicating Liquor and Gaming Licenses and Regulations

30.160 Issuance of license by license division; denial for unsuitability; not renewing license; suspension; revocation.

1. The license division may grant or deny the application for an intoxicating liquor license or place conditions on a license to ensure compliance with this chapter and other applicable laws and regulations. A denial of a license must be based upon a finding by the license division that any applicant on any license or any licensee, whether an individual, partnership, or corporation, is unsuitable for the issuance of an intoxicating liquor license.

(a) Board issued liquor licenses. To better define the policy of the intoxicating liquor provisions of this chapter, the following persons are declared not to be suitable for the issuance of a liquor license:

- (1) A person who has been convicted within the past ten (10) years of:
 - (i) A felony or other crime which under the laws of this state would amount to a felony.
 - (ii) Any crime of which fraud or intent to defraud was any element whether committed in this state or elsewhere.
 - (iii) Buying or receiving stolen property.
 - (iv) Unlawful entry of a building.
 - (v) A gross misdemeanor, or equivalent conviction in another state, or unlawful possession, use or distribution of controlled substances or dangerous drugs.
 - (vi) Illegal use, carrying, possession, or display of a pistol or other dangerous weapon.
- (2) A person who has indicated intemperate habits by his past conduct, including a conviction during the five years preceding the date of application which involved the operation of a motor vehicle while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or controlled substances or dangerous drugs.
- (3) A person under the age of 21 years.
- (4) A person who has failed to disclose, misstated or otherwise attempted to mislead the license division or the sheriff with respect to any material fact contained in any application for a license.
- (5) A person who has concealed or refused to disclose any material fact in any investigation or inquiry by the license division or the sheriff.
- (6) A person who has been identified as being a member or associate of organized crime, or as being of notorious and unsavory reputation.
- (7) A person who has been placed and remains in the constructive custody of any federal, state, county or city law enforcement authority.
- (8) A person who has had a liquor license or work permit revoked or committed any act which is a ground for the revocation of a liquor license or work permit or would have been a ground for revoking his liquor license or work permit within the last ten years.
- (9) A person who has willfully violated the provisions of NRS 369.630, as amended, pertaining to alcoholic beverage awareness programs more than 3 times in any 24-month period.
- (10) A person whom the license division determines is not a suitable person, having due consideration for the proper protection of the public health, safety, morals, good order and general welfare of the inhabitants of the county.

(b) Department liquor licenses. In reviewing a department application for a wholesaler or wholesale dealer, importer, brewpub, brewery, or instructional winemaking facility license, the commissioners shall approve or disapprove applications.

(1) The commissioners shall examine all applications filed with it, and shall require satisfactory evidence that the applicant is a person of good moral character. If the applicant does not have a current and valid county intoxicating liquor license, or is not concurrently applying for a new county intoxicating liquor license, the applicant shall submit a statement listing any prior criminal convictions within the past 10 years.

(2) If an application is disapproved by the commissioners, the license division shall promptly return the license fee accompanying the application to the applicant.

(3) If the commissioners approve an application, the license division shall forward it through the applicant to the department, together with the commissioner's written approval thereof and the license fee accompanying the application.

(c) Pursuant to NRS 244.350, the license division will not issue an intoxicating liquor license to a place where, in the judgment of the license division, the sale or disposition may tend to create or constitute a public nuisance, or where by the sale or disposition of liquor a disorderly house or place is maintained.

2. Upon submittal of a verbal or written complaint of any person, the license division shall investigate the action of any licensee under the intoxicating liquor provisions of this chapter, and shall submit a report to the board detailing its findings. The board may then, upon its own motion, recommend the temporary suspension or permanent revocation of a license in accordance this chapter. Further, any license issued pursuant to the provisions of this chapter or any amendment thereof may be suspended, revoked, or not renewed for good cause. Good cause for such suspension, revocation, or not renewing includes, but is not limited to:

(a) The existence of unsanitary conditions, noise, disturbances and other conditions at, near or on the premises which cause or tend to cause or create a public nuisance or which injuriously affect the public health, safety or welfare;

(b) The commission of, or permitting or causing the commission of, any act in the operation of the business which act is made unlawful or is prohibited by any applicable law, ordinance, rule or regulation of any city, the county, the state, or the Federal Government;

(c) Fraudulent practices or misrepresentations in the operation of the business, or concealment or misrepresentation of a material fact in procuring the license;

(d) Knowingly permitting the licensed premises to be frequented by or to become the meeting place, hangout or rendezvous for known prostitutes, vagrants, persons described as undesirables in liquor operations or those who are known to engage in the illegal use or distribution of controlled substances or dangerous drugs or in any other illegal occupation or business. Any licensee permitting such conditions on the licensed premises may be subject to provisional suspension of his intoxicating liquor license pending elimination of the indicated violation. Proceedings for revocation of an intoxicating liquor license shall be initiated if the licensee fails to eliminate a violation of this subsection by taking affirmative corrective action within 10 days after the date of written notice of the existence of any such condition or violation;

(e) Willful violation of the provisions of NRS 369.630, as amended, pertaining to alcoholic beverage awareness programs more than 3 times in any 24-month period;

(f) If the licensee receives three or more notices of violation or civil penalties pursuant to chapter 125 in any 24-month period;

(g) Violation of any of the terms or conditions of the license;

(h) If the licensee sells liquor to a wholesaler or retailer who is not a holder of a proper license or permit in conformance with this chapter at the time of sale;

- (i) If the licensee violates or causes or permits to be violated any of the provisions of this chapter;
 - (j) If the licensee commits any act which would be sufficient ground for the denial of an application for a license under this chapter.
3. Upon failure to tender any required fees for a period of 30 days after the due date, the license shall be automatically suspended without further notice or proceedings.
[§33, Liquor Board Ord. No. 5; A. Ord. Nos. 1139, 1509]

Importers, Wholesalers of Intoxicating Liquors;
Wine-making, Brew Pubs and Breweries

30.333 Definitions. The words and terms contained in this chapter shall have the meanings ascribed to them in NRS 369.010 to 369.180, inclusive.
[§29, Liquor and Gaming Board Ord. No. 1509]

30.3331 Application approval and license required for importers, wholesalers of intoxicating liquors, wine-making, brew pubs, craft distilleries, and breweries. In addition to the limitations imposed by NRS 597, as amended, a person shall not:

1. Import liquors into, engage in business as a wholesale dealer of wines and liquors in, and/or engage in business as a wholesale dealer of beer in Washoe County unless:
 - (a) He first secures board approval for the department application;
 - (b) Obtains an importer/wholesaler intoxicating liquor license if selling and/or delivering wines, liquors and/or beers to locations within the unincorporated portions of Washoe County; and/or,
 - (c) Obtains a county business license, if the business is located in the unincorporated portions of Washoe County.
 2. Operate a winery in Washoe County, operate an instructional winemaking facility in Washoe County or export wine from Washoe County unless:
 - (a) He first secures board approval for the department application; and,
 - (b) Obtains a wine-maker's license and a county business license, if the business is located in the unincorporated portions of Washoe County.
 3. Operate a brewpub and/or a brewery in Washoe County unless:
 - (a) He first secures board approval for the department application; and,
 - (b) Obtains a brew pub and/or brewery license and a county business license, if the business is located in the unincorporated portions of Washoe County.
 4. Operate a craft distillery in Washoe County unless:
 - (a) He first secures board approval for the department application; and,
 - (b) Obtains a craft distillery license and a county business license, if the business is located in the unincorporated portions of Washoe County.
- [§30, Liquor and Gaming Board Ord. No. 1509; A. Ord. No. 1522]

30.3333 Application for license; fees; inquiry.

1. A department application for any of the licenses described in section 30.3331 must be made to the license division if the applicant maintains a place of business in Washoe County.
2. Each application must:
 - (a) Be made on the form required by the department.
 - (b) Include the name and address of the applicant. If the applicant is:
 - (1) A partnership, the application must include the names and addresses of all partners.

(2) A corporation, association or other organization, the application must include the names and addresses of the president, vice president, secretary and managing officer or officers.

(3) A person carrying on or transacting business in this state under an assumed or fictitious name, the person making the application shall attach thereto:

(i) A certified copy of the certificate required by NRS 602.010 concerning assumed or fictitious names for businesses.

(ii) A certificate signed by an officer of the corporation or by each person interested in, or conducting or carrying on such business, or intending so to do, and acknowledged before a person authorized to take acknowledgments of conveyances of real property, indicating the name of the authorized representative whose signature may be required on the license.

(c) Specify the location, by street and number, of the premises for which the license is sought.

(d) Specify the location, by street and number, of the premises where the intoxicating liquor is to be stored, if different from the business office location.

(e) Be accompanied by the appropriate fee(s) as follows:

(1) A department license fee for the particular license for which application is made as set forth in NRS 369.300.

(2) For those businesses located within the unincorporated portions of Washoe County, a County business license application and accompanying fee as set forth in the master business license fee schedule adopted by the county and in chapter 25 of this Code.

(3) For those businesses selling or distributing intoxicating liquor in the unincorporated portions of Washoe County, a County intoxicating liquor license fee for the particular license for which application is made as set forth in the master liquor license fee schedule adopted by the county and in this chapter.

(4) For those businesses not located within the unincorporated portions of Washoe County nor selling or distributing intoxicating liquor in the unincorporated portions of Washoe County and, therefore, not required to obtain either a County business license or a County intoxicating liquor license, the license division shall collect an administrative processing fee as stipulated in the master liquor license fee schedule adopted by the county to process the application before the commissioners.

(f) The applicant shall disclose information pertaining to criminal convictions and moral character as required by NRS 369.190.

3. Within a reasonable time after receiving a fully completed application and all applicable fees, the license division shall place the application on an agenda of the commissioners. The application shall not be placed on the commission's agenda until the results of the inquiry required by subsection 4 are received by the license division.

4. Upon receipt of a complete application and prior to its consideration by the Commission, the license division shall request the sheriff to conduct a FBI/State criminal history inquiry in accordance with this chapter. Businesses not located within the unincorporated portions of Washoe County, nor selling or distributing intoxicating liquor in the unincorporated portions of Washoe County, are exempt from the requirements of this subsection for an inquiry.

[§31, Liquor and Gaming Board Ord. No. 1509]

30.3335 Approval or disapproval of department application by county commissioners; issuance of license; grounds for disapproval.

1. The commissioners shall approve or disapprove department applications. If an application is disapproved by the commissioners, the license division forthwith shall return the county and department license fees accompanying the application to the applicant. The license division shall retain the administrative processing fee, if collected. If the commissioners approve an

application, the license division shall forward it through the applicant to the department, together with the commissioners' written approval thereof and the department license fee accompanying the application. If such an approval is made, the license division shall retain the county administrative processing fee and/or county business license fee, if applicable, and/or the county intoxicating liquor license fee, if applicable, for deposit into the general fund. The appropriate county licenses shall not be issued unless the department first issues the department license.

2. The commissioners shall disapprove an application for any of the reasons listed in the intoxicating liquor provisions of this chapter or if it determines the applicant is not a suitable person for approval of such a license in accordance with the criteria in this chapter.

[§32, Liquor and Gaming Board Ord. No. 1509]

30.3337 Contents of license. Every license issued under the intoxicating liquor provisions of this chapter shall set forth:

1. The name of the person to whom it is issued.
2. The location, by street and number, of the premises for which the license is issued.
3. The particular class of liquor or liquors that the licensee is authorized to sell.

[§33, Liquor and Gaming Board Ord. No. 1509]