



Washoe County Business License Liquor License Types



Washoe County offers eight liquor licenses. Your business may require more than one type of license.

License	Type
L-1	Tavern
L-2	Package Liquor
L-3	Cabaret
L-4	Retail Beer and Wine
L-5	Package Beer
L-6	Importer/Wholesaler
L-7	Service Bar
L-8	Wine-maker/Brewery/Brew Pub

The following describes the different types of liquor licenses:

- **Brew Pub.** A brew pub is an establishment which manufactures malt beverages and sells those malt beverages at retail to the public for consumption on the premise. Malt beverages are defined as “beer, ale, porter, stout and other similar fermented beverages of any name or description, brewed or produced from malt, wholly or in part”.
- **Brewery.** A brewery is an establishment which manufactures malt beverages but does not sell those malt beverages at retail to the public.
- **Cabaret.** A cabaret is a tavern having an orchestra or any type of live entertainment, or where dancing is permitted. A typical example is a club or disco.
- **Importer/Wholesaler Intoxicating Liquor.** An importer is a person who brings intoxicating liquor into Washoe County. A wholesale distributor is any person who sells or distributes intoxicating liquors to package or retail outlets.
- **Package Beer.** A package beer establishment is any place where beer is sold or distributed for consumption off premise. Typical examples include liquor stores, mini-markets, and grocery stores.
- **Package Liquor.** A package liquor establishment is any place where intoxicating liquor is sold or distributed for consumption off premise. Typical examples include liquor stores, mini-markets, and grocery stores.
- **Retail Beer and Wine.** A retail beer and wine establishment is any place where beer or wine is sold at retail by the drink to the general public. A typical example is a restaurant.
- **Service Bar.** A service bar is any bar where drinks are prepared for service only at tables in hotels, restaurants or casinos. The hotel, restaurant or casino must also possess a valid liquor license. This type of license does not permit sales of intoxicating liquor directly to a customer from the bar.
- **Tavern.** A tavern is any place where intoxicating liquors are sold at retail by the drink to the general public. Typical examples include bars, cocktail lounges, or saloons, all without live entertainment.
- **Wine-maker.** Wine-maker includes both wineries and instructional wine-making facilities. A winery is an establishment that makes wine as an alcoholic beverage obtained by the fermentation of the natural content of fruits or other agricultural products containing sugar. An instructional wine-making facility is an establishment that provides instruction and the opportunity to make wine on the business premise for a fee.