



## STATE OF MARYLAND FREDERICK COUNTY LIQUOR BOARD

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## EDUCATIONAL BULLETIN

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### Compliance Citations

Compliance checks are conducted randomly throughout the year. Liquor Board Inspectors are **now authorized** to issue **civil citations directly to servers and clerks** who sell or provide alcohol to anyone under 21. Citations may also be written for overservice, allowing outside alcohol, and tampering with an original container. These citations come with fines, and do not require a Board hearing.

#### Protect yourself and your business:

- Use due caution, when in doubt, ask for ID and carefully read the date of birth
- Refuse service to anyone under 21.
- Remind employees: one mistake can be costly.

### Renewals

Renewal season is around the corner! This year, renewals will include manager information for your review. Don't forget, **all managers must be ABLE** trained **before** renewal. The class is free, takes only an hour, and is offered both in-person and online.

#### Registration is required:

- Email: [liquorboard@frederickcountymd.gov](mailto:liquorboard@frederickcountymd.gov)
- Phone: 301-600-2984
- Online registration: [ABLE \(Alcoholic Beverage License Education\) - Sign up](#)
- Visit [www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/Liquor](http://www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/Liquor) for all training opportunities

### Tastings (Class A)

Hosting a tasting? Remember you must have a Tasting endorsement on your license. When tastings are being done by a distributor, it's ultimately **your responsibility** as the licensee to make sure IDs are being checked, **tasting aren't being offered to minors**, and tasting amounts are being adhered to. New tasting amounts passed into law this year:

- 6 total ounces of beer, or
- 6 total ounces of wine, or
- 1.5 total ounces of Liquor, or
- Any combination of Beer and Wine not to exceed 6 total ounces, or
- Any combination of Beer and Wine not to exceed 6 total ounces, and 0.5 ounces of Liquor

### Free Alcohol (Class B)

Alcohol **cannot be given away for free** to consume on licensed premises. All alcohol served must be purchased from the license holder.

#### What's Allowed:

- Promotions like "buy one, get one free" or "buy one, get one half-off" (a purchase is still involved).
- Replacing a spilled or unsatisfactory drink as a customer service accommodation.

#### What's Not Allowed:

- Serving free drinks with no purchase.

### ALCOHOL AWARENESS CLASS SCHEDULE

Fee is \$50/person for all classes.  
Cash/Check/Credit Card accepted.

#### Saturday, September 20, 2025, at 9:00AM

##### *In-Person at Oscar's Alehouse*

906 N. East St, Frederick

To register for this class, contact us at  
[LiquorBoard@FrederickCountyMD.gov](mailto:LiquorBoard@FrederickCountyMD.gov) or  
301-600-2984

#### Wednesday, October 8, 2025, at 8:30AM

##### *Limited-Virtual or*

##### *In-Person at Liquor Board Office*

1501 Tilco Drive, Ste C, Frederick

To register for this class, submit a [registration form](#)

#### Wednesday, October 8, 2025, at 5:30PM

##### *In-Person at Warehouse Cinemas*

1301 W Patrick St, Frederick

To register for this class, contact us at  
[LiquorBoard@FrederickCountyMD.gov](mailto:LiquorBoard@FrederickCountyMD.gov) or

301-600-2984

### ABLE Training

#### **FREE CLASS**

Thursday, September 11, 2025, at 9:00AM

Tuesday, September 23, 2025, at 3:00PM

Thursday, October 9, 2025, at 9:00AM

Thursday, October 30, 2025, at 9:00AM

Thursday, November 20, 2025, at 9:00AM

To register for this class, submit a  
[registration form](#)

#### **ALL MANAGERS: are required to complete the class before renewal**

This is a 45–60-minute training to review and understand the laws and regulations that surround having an alcoholic beverage license in Frederick County.

### VIOLATION PREVENTION CLASS

**FREE CLASS** FOR ALL LICENSEES and EMPLOYEES who have not had a violation

Thursday, December 4, 2025  
10:00AM-12:00PM

Tuesday, February 3, 2026  
9:00AM-11:00AM

To register for this class, submit a  
[registration form](#)

This class is designed to teach licensees and employees, how and when to request ID, how to determine if the ID is legitimate, if it's legal to sell to that person, and how to prevent a Sale to Minors Violation.