

# The Tasting Times

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!**

*We hope your holidays were happy and your new year is prosperous!*

**Can it actually be time to whisper the word “RENEWALS?!”**

**RENEWALS ARE DONE ONLINE ONLY!**

The emails for renewals will go directly to the Licensee, therefore if you have a management company, attorney or the like, that provides administrative services on your behalf, it is the Licensees responsibility to provide them with the most updated information from the Liquor Board. *If your email address has changed within the past year, please advise as soon as possible, so we can update our records.*

The Link to renew will be sent to all Licensees and will also be available on our Liquor Board Website

**Available beginning March 2, 2026—April 30, 2026**

**BE PREPARED TO UPLOAD:**

- ◆ Maryland Sales & Use Tax License (be sure the name reflects the establishment Corporate name).
- ◆ Current Certificate of Good Standing (2026) - you can obtain one by going to the Maryland Dept of Assessments and Taxation (a fee applies).
- ◆ Certificate of Insurance for Worker’s Comp—Please ensure name of establishment is reflected in the certificate with current dates.
- ◆ Alcohol Awareness Certificates—check the dates to ensure they are current, if expired, register TODAY and take a class to renew.

**PLEASE TAKE NOTE:** Any changes to your license, change of officer, additions of delivery, outside alcohol service, death of a licensee, etc. **MUST** be submitted prior to the last day of February. There is no guarantee that the change can be done prior to renewals; several factors may apply. “From the last day in February through May 1<sup>st</sup> in any calendar year, the Board shall not process new licenses, transfers or modifications to currently existing licenses to allow for the timely processing of all renewals.”

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**Licensee Toolkit  
New Online Resources**

We are constantly improving our resources, with you in mind! We now offer Liquor License verification, Death of a Licensee documents and recusal forms. Stand by for more.

- ◆ Liquor License Verification
- ◆ Death of Licensee Document
- ◆ Recusal Forms
- ◆ Quarterly Orientations for New Licensees

**10 MINUTE TUESDAYS  
EVERY 3rd TUESDAY OF THE MONTH**

...mark your calendars



We recently held our first New Licensee Orientation. They are quarterly invites that provide information to set our New Licensees up for Success. Since it was so well received (and I think we enjoyed connecting with our Licensees too), we decided to start holding monthly Ten Minute Tuesdays! All Licensees are welcome to jump on to the zoom as we explore a topic and answer any questions you may have. Keep an eye out for email notifications and links to the zoom invites. *(If you wish to join the New Licensee Orientation, just as a refresher, no worries... simply email [lqinfo@aacounty.org](mailto:lqinfo@aacounty.org) and we will include you in the next New Licensee Orientation)*

Information is Knowledge!!!

**UPCOMING 2026 HEARING DATES  
CALENDAR**

January 13th	July 14th
February 10th	August 11th
March 10th	September 22nd
April 14th	October 13th
May—No Hearing	November 10th
June 23rd	December 8th

**THE THREE TIER SYSTEM**

It is worth reminding all our Licensee’s in Anne Arundel County that the 3 Tier System is **Federal Law**. A Licensee may not purchase alcohol from another retailer (Class A) to resell to the public. Subsequently, the Licensee of a Class A liquor store may not knowingly sell their alcohol to another licensed establishment in Anne Arundel County.



**Producers**

- Wineries
- Breweries



**Distributors**

- Retail Wholesalers



**Retailers**

- Liquor Stores
- Restaurants

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