

Brew Pub Requirements

If you are interested in setting up a brew pub in Nova Scotia, please use the following checklist as a guideline of the requirements needed. Please note that all products brewed at a brew pub can only be sold on-premise; they cannot be sold to licensees nor exported.

To view a copy of the Liquor Control Act and NSLC Liquor Regulations, please click on the following links:

<http://www.gov.ns.ca/legislature/legc/statutes/liquorc.htm>

http://www.gov.ns.ca/legislature/legc/bills/59th_1st/3rd_read/b152.htm

<http://www.gov.ns.ca/just/regulations/regs/lccorp.htm>

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| <p>Written Proposal to the NSLC</p> <p>A written proposal must be submitted for approval by the NSLC. The Proposal should include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Floor plans and site of proposed Brew Pub • Structure of Company: Board of Directors, President, etc. • Products to be produced • Method of distribution • Size and type of containers • Production volumes • Quality control • Alcoholic strength • Number of people to be employed • Capital costs, etc. • Written approval from city/town relative to their zoning, etc. | |
| <p>Is your location "wet" or "dry"?</p> <p>You will need to ensure the location of the proposed facility is in wet area of Nova Scotia. If the municipality in which the brew pub is proposed is dry, a plebiscite will need to be conducted. To find out if you are in a wet or dry area please contact Greg Beaulieu, Corporate Secretary at 450-5803.</p> | |
| <p>Canada Revenue Agency Requirements</p> <p>The requirements of the Canada Revenue Agency need to be met, which includes tax requirements and packaging, labeling and quality control of all products. To find out more about these requirements please contact Mr. Robert Bell, Regional Manager of Excise Duty at the Canada Revenue Agency at 426-5748 or go to http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/tx/tchncl/ct2001-eng.html.</p> | |
| <p>Canadian Food Inspection Agency Requirements</p> | |

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| <p>You will need to contact the Canadian Food Inspection Agency at 426-5773 to discuss its requirements under the Food & Drug Act and for a possible inspection of your facility.</p> | |
| <p>Manufacturers Permits</p> <p>A Manufacturers Application Form will need to be completed and forwarded to the NSLC. The form can be found at http://nslcportal.ad.nsliquor.ca:7777/pls/portal/docs/PAGE/NSLC/FORMS/PERMIT_FORMS/MANUFACTURERS%20FORM.DOC</p> | |
| <p>Insurance</p> <p>Send proof of product liability insurance along with your application.</p> | |
| <p>Liquor License Requirements</p> <p>A brew pub must have an adjacent licensed establishment where the product will be consumed. Please contact Jennifer Price-Hudson at the Nova Scotia Alcohol & Gaming Authority to discuss obtaining a liquor license. She can be contacted at 424-6122 or http://www.gov.ns.ca/lwd/agd/.</p> | |
| <p>NSLC Selling Price & Reporting Requirements</p> <p>You will need to contact Robert Watt, Logistics Coordinator at the NSLC to establish a selling price that includes NSLC's markup and to receive reporting documentation. His number is 450-5852 or Robert.Watt@myNSLC.com.</p> | |
| <p>Audit</p> <p>Manufacturer is subject to audit by the NSLC as required.</p> | |
| <p>Yearly Permit Fees</p> <p>Brew Pub Permit - \$500</p> <p>Permits expire annually on March 31 and must be renewed prior to this date.</p> | |