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Class C Licensing Requirements & General Information

A Class C license, as defined by MCL 436.1107(2), is a place licensed to sell, at retail, beer, wine, mixed spirit drink, and spirits for consumption on the premises.

Bars or restaurants selling beer, wine, spirits, and mixed drinks require a Class C license in order to sell alcoholic liquor to patrons at their establishment.

How to Apply

All applicants requesting new Class C license, seeking to transfer ownership of a Class C license, or transferring interest (stock or membership interest) in a Class C license must submit the following:

- **Application Form**

For a new Class C license or to transfer a Class C license - Retail License & Permit Application (Form LCC-100)

To transfer interest in a Class C license – License Interest Transfer Application (LCC-101)

- **Inspection Fee** - A \$70.00 nonrefundable inspection fee is required for each license requested in an application. For example, if an applicant has requested to transfer a Class C license that has a Specially Designated Merchant (SDM) license in conjunction, the inspection fee would be \$140.00.
- **License & Permit Fees** – The initial and annual renewal fee for a Class C license is \$600.00. Additional fees will vary based upon whether additional licenses and permits are requested in conjunction with a Class C license.
- **Livescan Fingerprints** – Applicants that have never been licensed through the Michigan Liquor Control Commission must submit fingerprints through the Livescan fingerprinting process - Livescan Fingerprint Background Request Form.
- **Purchase Agreement** – Applicants requesting to transfer a license from another licensee must submit an executed purchase agreement or other documentation signed by both the applicant and the current licensee, which details the sale of the liquor license(s) and other business assets.
 - Purchase agreements must specifically indicate that the liquor license is being sold and provide the purchase price and terms of the sale.



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Specially Designated Merchant Licensing Requirements & General Information (SDM)

A Specially Designated Merchant license, as defined by MCL 436.1111(13), is a business licensed to sell, at retail, beer and wine in the original package for consumption off the premises.

Grocery stores, convenience stores, food specialty stores, pharmacies, gas stations, and other establishments selling beer and wine for consumption off the premises require a Specially Designated Merchant license.

How to Apply

All applicants requesting a new Specially Designated Merchant license, seeking to transfer ownership of a Specially Designated Merchant license, or transferring interest (stock or membership interest) in a Specially Designated Merchant license must submit the following:

- **Application Form**

For a new Specially Designated Merchant license or to transfer a Specially Designated Merchant license - Retail License & Permit Application (Form LCC-100)

To transfer interest in a Specially Designated Merchant license – License Interest Transfer Application (LCC-101)

- **Inspection Fee** - A \$70.00 nonrefundable inspection fee is required.
- **License & Permit Fees** – The initial and annual renewal fee for a Specially Designated Merchant license is \$100.00. Additional fees will vary based upon whether permits are requested in conjunction with a Specially Designated Merchant license.
- **Livescan Fingerprints** – Applicants that have never been licensed through the Michigan Liquor Control Commission must submit fingerprints through the Livescan fingerprinting process - Livescan Fingerprint Background Request Form.
- **Purchase Agreement** – Applicants requesting to transfer a license from another licensee must submit an executed purchase agreement or other documentation signed by both the applicant and the current licensee, which details the sale of the liquor license(s) and other business assets.