**Beer & Wine**

- If you hold an on premise beer or wine permit(s), you can also sell beer or wine to be taken off the licensed premises if it's in the manufacturer's original container.

- Partial bottles of wine may be re-corked or re-capped and taken off the premises by the customer if during legal hours for sale.

- All Mixed Beverage Permits must be renewed by April 30th every year.

- All spirituous liquor must be purchased from a designated ABC Store in your area.

- All Mixed Beverage Permit Holders must submit financial and liquor inventory reports to the ABC Commission on a schedule set by the Commission’s Audit Division.

- Every spirituous liquor bottle on the premises must have a mixed beverage tax stamp on it.

**Alcohol Sales & Consumption**

- If a parent provides a minor alcohol, it is illegal and not allowed in your establishment. (Exception: NCGS §18B-103.11)

- Alcohol may not be sold or served to any person who is intoxicated.

- Intoxicated persons are not allowed to consume alcoholic beverages on the licensed premises.

- Alcohol may not be purchased with food stamps.

- Happy Hours are not allowed. Free or reduced drink prices cannot be offered during limited hours. Special drink prices must be offered to all customers for the entire day and in all areas of the business.

- Certain drink specials or promotions are not allowed: 2 for 1; buy 1, get 1; buy 1, get 1 for a nickel; buy a meal (or anything), get a free drink; etc. are illegal.
**Welcome to the Durham County ABC System**

This guide provides a general overview of North Carolina’s ABC laws, rules and best practices for serving alcohol legally and responsibly. This is a summary only; every ABC permit holder is responsible for following North Carolina’s General Statutes and regulations.

**COOPERATION**

We are asking for your cooperation while we work to improve our Mixed Beverage processes. Please follow our ordering guidelines to ensure an efficient and effective operation. We strive to process everyone’s orders in a timely manner. We encourage your feedback to identify ways to serve you better.

*To better serve you, the Durham County ABC Directory is listed below:*

**Durham County ABC Directory**

- ABC Administrative Offices: (919) 419-6217
- Mixed Beverage Outlet: (919) 490-6760
- ABC Law Enforcement: (919) 294-8906

**Alcoholic Beverage Orders**

- Online ordering ([Durhamabc.com](http://Durhamabc.com))
  **ONLINE ORDERING PREFERRED**
  Fax (919–402-0159) or
  Email (mxb09@durhamabc.com)
- Sunday—Thursday, all orders should be submitted before 4 PM prior to your desired pick-up date. Orders should be picked up within 24 hours of being notified.
- **Friday - No Ordering, Pick-ups Only**
- **Saturday - Emergency orders only, Maximum 36 bottles**—Emergency orders must be submitted no later than 10:00 AM and picked up by 12:30 PM.
- You will receive an email letting you know your order is in progress and an email confirming when your order is ready for pick-up. If you have not received an email your order is not ready for pick-up. **Orders not picked up by 4:00 PM on Friday will not be available until the following Monday.**
- The person picking up liquor orders must have a valid ID, be 21 years of age or older and cannot be intoxicated.
- Please consider picking up your order early once you have been notified that it is ready.

**Where is Alcohol Purchased?**

- ABC Permit holders must buy alcoholic beverages (beer and wine), only from North Carolina licensed wholesalers.
- Mixed Beverage Permittees must buy all *spirituous liquor* from an ABC Mixed Beverage Store so that a mixed beverage tax can be affixed to the bottle.
- Retail permittees may not buy alcoholic beverages on credit. They must pay when they pickup the order.

**Permittees Requirements**

- Retail Permittees may not accept any discounts, gifts, loans, rebates or entertainment from any alcoholic beverage manufacturer or wholesaler.
- Retail permittees must keep alcoholic beverage invoices for at least three years. These records must be kept separate from other invoices; invoices should be kept on the licensed premises.
- Retail permittees may not have any financial or wholesale business association with any spirituous liquor, beer, wine wholesaler or importer or manufacturer or vice versa.
- Retail permittees may not enter into any agreement to sell any particular brand(s) of alcoholic beverages to the exclusion of another brand.

**MXB Hours of Operations**

- Monday—Friday 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM
- Saturday—9:00 AM to 1:00 PM