



## Techniques for Effective Alcohol Management

### State Information: Delaware

#### **General Regulations**

Legal age to Consume Alcohol: 21

Legal age to Pour Alcohol: 21

Legal age to Sell Alcohol: 21

Legal age to Serve Alcohol: 19 and 20 year olds may work in a restaurant serving alcohol, they may take orders for alcohol drinks and deliver them to the guest, but they may not mix, open or pour an alcohol beverage

Bartenders or any other roles that handle, sell or transport alcohol must be 21

Limit for Driving While Intoxicated: .08; Under 21: > .00

Dram Shop Liability Laws: No

Maximum Alcohol per Drink: No established limit but amount of alcohol in each drink

Number of Drinks Served at One Time: There is no limit as long as full price is paid

#### **Server Training**

Delaware law requires that anyone who serves, sells or handles alcohol must be trained in the State of Delaware. The mandatory Responsible Server Training Program was established by the Division of Alcohol and Tobacco Enforcement to educate servers on how to serve and sell alcoholic beverages in a responsible manner that is consistent with the rules of the OABC Commissioner and the laws of the State of Delaware.

Responsible Server Training is available in two convenient formats - online and in person.

#### **Acceptable Forms of ID**

Valid State Driver's License

Valid Military ID

Valid Passport, including U.S. Passport Card

Valid State ID card with photo and birth date

#### **Recommended Age for Carding**

Anyone who appears to be underage

#### **ID Confiscation**

Delaware law does not authorize licensees to confiscate false IDs.

#### **Policies Regarding Minors**

It is unlawful to serve or sell alcohol to anyone under the age of 21. No minors are permitted to stand or sit at the bar or counter where alcoholic beverages are sold, served or consumed. Minors are never under any circumstances allowed to legally consume or possess alcohol in the state of Delaware.

#### **Non-Alcoholic Beer and Wine**

Not regulated



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#### **Liquor Liability**

Penalty for selling alcohol to a minor: payment of costs + a fine of not less than \$250, not more than \$500; failure to pay could lead to imprisonment for 30 days.

Licensees found guilty by the Commissioner of a violation of the rules of the Commissioner or the provisions of the Liquor Control Act may be required to pay all costs for the hearing. Failure to pay may result in suspension or revocation of license.

#### **State Contact Information**

Office of Alcoholic Beverage Control Commissioner

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