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Information on Required Permits for Winery Pouring Locations

We received many inquiries after our recent email in which we shared the Liquor Control Board's enforcement memo about what permits are required for wineries in each location where they can pour. Here's a more comprehensive description of permits and license requirements:

Agent's License \$25 Yearly*

Any licensee or employee who solicits sales outside of the winery premise, for example makes calls to, visits, takes orders, pours for, or emails businesses with liquor licenses, needs an agent's license

***WWI brought legislation to the Legislature that eliminates this requirement for domestic wineries and their employees. The bill passed both the House and Senate and was signed by the Governor this afternoon. The new law goes into effect 90 days after Regular Session adjourns.**

Class 8 Permit \$25 / Event

Allows a manufacturer, importer, or wholesaler of liquor to donate and/or serve liquor without charge to delegates and guests at a convention of a trade association composed of licenses of the Board.

Class 9 Permit \$25 / Event

Allows a manufacturer, importer or wholesaler of liquor to donate liquor for a reception, breakfast, luncheon or dinner for delegates and guests at a convention of a trade association composed of licenses of the Board.

Class 10 Permit \$30 / Event

Allows a manufacturer, importer, or wholesaler of liquor to donate and/or serve liquor without charge to an international trade fair, show or exposition.

Mandatory Alcohol Server Training (MAST) Class 12 Permit

MAST is NOT legally required FOR WINERY PREMISE or pouring by you at licensee events, but it is required for winery additional location servers and wineries providing grocery store tastings. WWI recommends that wineries obtain the training, which is available from LCB, private trainers, or on-line.

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