

**WAC 314-02-112 Caterer's license.** (1) A caterer's license allows the licensee to sell spirits, beer, and wine by the individual serving for consumption on the premises at a catered event location.

(2) The catered event location must be owned, leased, or operated by:

(a) The holder of the caterer's license; or

(b) The sponsor of the event for which the catering services are being provided.

(3) The caterer licensee is responsible for all areas of a location where alcohol is sold, served, consumed, or stored.

(4) If the catered event is open and advertised to the public, the event must be sponsored by a nonprofit society or organization as defined in RCW 66.24.375, except as permitted in RCW 66.24.800 (3)(b), (effective until December 31, 2027).

(a) A registered nonprofit holding a public or civic event may invite a caterer to provide alcohol service at a location within the parameters of the event.

(b) If attendance at the catered event is limited to members or invited guests of the sponsoring individual, society, or organization, the requirement in subsection (2) of this section does not apply.

(5) A spirits, beer, and wine caterer licensee must have the ability to serve at least four complete meals. A commissary kitchen, licensed by the city and/or county health department, shall be maintained in a substantial manner as a place for preparing and cooking complete meals. The caterer licensee must maintain the kitchen equipment necessary to prepare the complete meals required under this section. The complete meals must be prepared at the licensed commissary kitchen premises. "Complete meal" is defined in WAC 314-02-010.

(6) A beer and wine caterer licensee must have the ability to provide minimum food service. A commissary kitchen shall be maintained in a substantial manner as a place for preparing and cooking minimum food service. The caterer licensee must maintain the kitchen equipment necessary to prepare minimum food service required under this section. The minimum food service must be prepared at the licensed commissary kitchen premises. "Minimum food service" is defined in WAC 314-02-010.

(7) Licensees holding a caterer's license may share a commissary kitchen under the following conditions:

(a) Each licensee has their own secure area for their own liquor stock. Liquor stock cannot be shared.

(b) If using a shared commissary kitchen, each applicant/licensee must provide a sketch of the commissary kitchen to licensing indicating the separate secured area for each licensee.

(8) The applicant must provide the liquor and cannabis board with a copy of their commissary kitchen license issued by the city or county health department.

(9)(a) The licensee is required to send a list of scheduled catered events to their regional enforcement office on the first of each month. The licensee must provide the following information:

(i) Date of the catered events;

(ii) Time of the catered events; and

(iii) Place and location of catered events.

(b) Any changes to the information provided to the board must be reported to the regional enforcement office 72 hours prior to the catered event.

(10) For events at a civic campus authorized under WAC 314-03-211 or events at fan zone authorized under WAC 314-03-212, participating

caterers must attest to joint responsibility as submitted by the campus operator or the local authority.

(11) A caterer's license holder is not allowed to cater events at a liquor licensed premises, except as permitted in RCW 66.24.800 (3)(b), (effective until December 31, 2027).

(12) The holder of the caterer's license may store liquor on other premises operated by the licensee if the licensee owns or has a leasehold interest at the other premises. Documentation must be provided to the board showing the licensee owns or has a leasehold interest in the property.

(13) All employees that sell or serve alcohol must hold MAST permits.

(14) The annual fee for the caterer's license is as follows:

(a) The annual fee for beer is \$300;

(b) The annual fee for wine is \$300;

(c) The annual fee for beer and wine is \$600; and

(d) The annual fee for a combined spirits, beer, and wine is \$1,500.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 66.08.030, 66.24.380, 66.24.690, 66.24.710, 66.24.800, 66.24.810, 66.24.820, 66.44.100, 66.98.070, 2025 c 361, and 2025 c 343. WSR 26-02-076, s 314-02-112, filed 1/7/26, effective 2/7/26. Statutory Authority: 2021 c 48 § 2, RCW 66.08.071, 66.08.030 and 2021 c 48. WSR 22-01-052, § 314-02-112, filed 12/8/21, effective 1/8/22. Statutory Authority: RCW 66.08.030. WSR 17-12-030, § 314-02-112, filed 5/31/17, effective 7/1/17. Statutory Authority: RCW 66.24.690. WSR 14-24-128, § 314-02-112, filed 12/3/14, effective 1/3/15.]