

## ServSafe Alcohol Program Roll-Out Guidelines:



### MARYLAND

In Maryland, a licensee or designated employee must complete an approved alcohol awareness training program. Training certification is valid for 4 years. The ServSafe Alcohol™ Program is approved for use in Maryland.

State approved instructors must have an alcohol awareness instructor permit prior to teaching any classes. The cost of the permit is \$5.00 and the form can be found at [PERMIT APPLICATION](#). The NRA must also sign off on the application before any teaching can begin. Instructors must ensure the training lasts at least 4 hours in order to be in compliance.

In Howard, Montgomery, Kent and Washington Counties, the licensee or designated supervisory employee must be certified in an approved alcohol awareness training program and must be present on the premises during all hours that alcohol is served or sold. With the exception of Montgomery County, the counties allow the certified employee to be away from the premises for no more than 2 hours, only for valid personal or business reasons or emergencies. The licensee must keep a record of such absences in the form required by the Board of License Commissioners.

Licensees in Harford County are required to be certified, or designate a supervisory employee to be certified, by an approved alcohol awareness training program. The certified employee must be on premises at all hours that alcohol is served or sold.

#### **STATE LIQUOR AUTHORITY:**

Comptroller of Maryland  
Regulatory and Enforcement Division  
Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Bureau  
60 West Street Suite 102  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
Phone: 410-260-7314  
Fax (410) 974-3201  
Email: [att@comp.state.md.us](mailto:att@comp.state.md.us)  
Website: <https://www.marylandtaxes.gov/>

#### **STATE LAWS:**

The Maryland laws pertaining to alcoholic beverages are located at <http://www.mdalcohollaws.org/>