

BRIEF Distillery Off-Site Permit & NP Liquor Festival Permit



The Distillery Off-Site Permit authorizes Class 1 & 9 distilleries to participate in events and/or festivals—with certain restrictions—away from the distillery.

#1: Class 1 and Class 9 distilleries may apply for a Distillery Off-Site Permit (OSP), authorizing certain activities away from the distillery. **#2:** A new Non-Profit Liquor Festival Permit (NP-LFP) was also created, in an effort to streamline the licensing process and also provide greater marketing and sales opportunities to distilleries.

#1: Distillery Off-Site Permit

The \$250/annual OSP allows holders to engage in marketing and sales away from the distillery, including:

- Montgomery Co. Ag. Fair; MD State Ag Fair, Frederick Co. Ag. Fair;
- North Beach Farmers Market;
- Four other farmers markets (*each for full season*);
- Six other non-alcohol focused events;
- Festivals being held under a NP-LFP.

At these events, a distillery with an OSP may:

- Provide four, ¼-oz samples of its products;
- Sell sealed containers to go (no limit);
- Under NP-LFP only: blend ¼-oz sample with non-alc ingredients.

No sales for consumption at the event (i.e., mixed drinks) are permitted, except under NP-LFP. The distillery must have TIPS/TAM/Best-certified staff at all OSP events.

#2: Non-Profit Liquor Festival Permit

The Non-Profit Liquor Festival Permit (NP-LFP) is a \$100 permit issued by the state to a non-profit organization to host a 1-3 day distillery festival with a primary focus on local spirits. The permit allows:

1. The non-profit to purchase spirits at wholesale (from wholesalers and distilleries that hold wholesale licenses) for consumption on the premises of the event, and for purchase to go;
2. The non-profit must provide space for distilleries that hold an OSP to participate.

Distilleries holding an OSP may participate in the event and may sell their own spirits for off-premise consumption, provide (for free or for a fee) not more than four, 1/4-oz samples and serve those samples in the form of a mixed drink using its spirits and non-alcoholic ingredients. The distillery must report its attendance to the Comptroller in advance of the event (form available on member site). The NP must report which distilleries are attending no later than 30 days prior to the event. The NP must have individuals on-site who hold alcohol awareness certifications. The distilleries must report their participation in the event by the 20th of the month prior to the event.

For more information

Contact Maryland Distillers Guild with questions.

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