

OREGON LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION
CHAPTER 845
PROPOSED AMENDMENT

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Age Verification; Minors on Licensed Premises

(1) Age Verification:

(a) ORS 471.130 requires a licensee or permittee to verify the age of a person who wants to buy or be served alcoholic beverages when there is "any reasonable doubt" that the person is at least 21 years old. The Commission requires a licensee or permittee to verify the age of anyone who wants to drink alcoholic beverages, or is in an area prohibited to minors, if there is reasonable doubt that the person is at least 21 years old. "Reasonable doubt" exists if the person appears to be under the age of 26;

(b) Whenever a licensee or permittee verifies age, he/she must verify it as ORS 471.130 requires (statement of age card or the specified items of identification) and must reject any obviously altered document or one which obviously does not identify the person offering it;

(c) Licensees must require all their employees who sell, serve, oversee or control the sale or service of alcoholic beverages to verify age as subsection (a) of this section requires.

(2) Sanctions for Failure to Verify Age:

(a) The Commission will sanction a licensee or permittee who does not verify the age of a person who appears to be under the age of 26 only if the person:

(A) Actually is a minor who buys, is served or drinks an alcoholic beverage at the licensed premises (Category III violation); or

(B) Actually is a minor who is in an area of the licensed premises prohibited to minors (Category IV violation).

(b) If the Commission sanctions a licensee or permittee for **one or more of the following violations under this rule:** ~~s~~**Selling to or serving a minor;** ~~a~~**Allowing a minor to drink;** or ~~a~~**Allowing a minor in an area prohibited to minors,** the Commission will not ~~also~~ sanction the licensee or permittee **separately under ORS 471.130 or ORS 471.410 (2) for the same conduct** ~~failure to verify age;~~ **The Commission may charge a licensee or permittee for one or more**

violations under this rule and also charge violation of one or more of the statutes in the alternative.

(c) Failure to verify age as ORS 471.130 requires or to reject obviously altered or false identification is a Category III violation.

(3) Minors on Premises: General Prohibitions. No licensee, permittee, or licensee's employee will permit a minor:

(a) To buy, be served or drink any alcoholic beverage on licensed premises;

(b) To be on licensed premises or an area of the licensed premises prohibited to minors, except as provided in ORS 471.430, 471.480, 471.482, and this rule. (The assigned minor posting(s) describes where on the premises minors are allowed or prohibited. See OAR 845-006-0340, Minor Postings.)

(4) Minor Employee and Service Permittee:

(a) A minor employee may be in a Number II, III-A after 9 p.m., IV or V posted area only to restock supplies and do food service related activities such as setting and clearing tables and delivering food. In addition, a minor employee may be in a Number IV posted area to take orders for and serve food during the specified meal periods;

(b) A minor service permittee may do the duties described in subsection (a) of this section as well as the alcohol-related duties ORS 471.482 allow.

(5) Minor Vendor or Contractor. A minor, other than a licensee's employee, who has a legitimate business purpose, may be in the area of the licensed premises normally prohibited to minors. (For example, a minor who is a plumber may repair the plumbing in a prohibited area).

(6) Minor Entertainer:

(a) A minor entertainer may perform on licensed premises. If the minor entertainer stays on the premises when not performing, he/she must stay in an area where minors are permitted. If there is no break room, dressing room or patron area where minors are permitted, the licensee may, with prior Commission approval, designate space for minor entertainers in an area normally prohibited to them. At a minimum, the place must be within the bartender's sight but not at the bar, and there must be no alcoholic beverages in this place;

(b) If the minor is under 18 years old, and the licensee proposes to employ that minor to conduct or assist in conducting any public dance, including but not limited to dancing by the child as a public performance, or to assist in or furnish

music for public dancing, the licensee and minor must make sure the minor has the written permission of the appropriate juvenile court judge as required by ORS 167.840(2).

(c) If the minor is under 18 years old, and the licensee proposes to employ that minor to perform or entertain on the licensed premises in a capacity other than described in (6)(b) of this rule, before allowing the minor to perform on the licensed premises the licensee must apply for and receive prior written permission from the Administrator of the Oregon Liquor Control Commission, or the Administrator's designee. Application must be made upon a form supplied by the Commission. The Administrator or designee shall grant such permission only if:

(A) The parents or legal guardians of the minor have consented to the child's participation in such activity; and

(B) The Administrator or designee has found that participation in such activity will not be inconsistent with the health, safety and morals of the minor.

(d) Minors under 14 years old must also get a work permit if one is required by the Oregon Bureau of Labor and Industries.

(7) Minor Patron: A minor patron may be in areas of licensed premises normally prohibited to minors in the following circumstances:

(a) If the licensee permits it, a minor may be in the immediate company of his/her spouse or Domestic Partner who is at least 21 years old. "Domestic Partner" means an individual who, along with another individual of the same sex, has received a Certificate of Registered Domestic Partnership pursuant to the Oregon Family Fairness Act. The minor must not buy, possess or drink alcoholic beverages;

(b) A minor may order and eat a meal in a Number IV posted area during the specified meal periods. This meal must at least meet the minimum food service requirements of OAR 845-006-0460.

(8) Sanctions: A violation of subsection (3)(a) of this rule is a Category III violation. A violation of subsection (3)(b) through section (7) of this rule is a Category IV violation.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 471, including 471.030, **471.040, 471.482** & 471.730

Stats. Implemented: ~~ORS 471.430~~ **ORS 471.130, 471.410, 471.430, 471.480 & 471.482.**