

To: Off-Premises Licensees

From: Oregon Liquor Control Commission (OLCC)

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House Bill 3343, passed by the Oregon Legislature, created a new provision for those who sell or serve alcohol. Those who sell alcohol to minors can be charged with a Class A misdemeanor. Effective January 1, 2010, employees who sell alcohol to minors may receive a reduced criminal penalty in court if they have completed an OLCC-approved training program or hold a valid service permit.

There are two options for your employees to become eligible for a reduced penalty:

1) An employer may choose to have their in-house training program approved for seller training by contacting the OLCC at 503-872-5133 or 800-452-6522, ext. 5133.

or

2) An employee can complete any other OLCC-approved seller training program by contacting the OLCC at 503-872-5133 or 800-452-6522, ext. 5133.

Approved seller training programs include all OLCC Alcohol Server Education (ASE) classes as well as other available courses. To find seller training providers or ASE class schedules and providers, please visit the OLCC's website: [www.oregon.gov/OLCC](http://www.oregon.gov/OLCC).

If an employee is interested in obtaining an alcohol service permit, they must complete an ASE class and submit a completed service permit application along with the \$23 service permit fee to the OLCC. Service permits are valid for five years.

It is the employee's responsibility to keep a record regarding their completion of an approved training program. It will be up to the employee to provide such records to the court in order to be considered for a possible reduced criminal penalty.

The OLCC encourages anyone who sells or serves alcoholic beverages to participate in an approved alcohol education program. In addition to the possible benefit of a reduced sanction, knowing the liquor laws can help you be a positive force in reducing alcohol-related problems such as keeping alcohol out of the hands of minors.

**The reverse side of this flyer is intended for you to post for your employees.** If you have any questions, please contact the OLCC's Alcohol Education Program at 503-872-5133 in Portland, or elsewhere in Oregon at 800-452-6522, ext. 5133.

# Did you know?

**If you sell alcohol to a minor, you could be charged with a Class A misdemeanor.**

**As of January 1, 2010, a new law provides possible reduced criminal penalties for those who sell alcohol to minors.**

*To be eligible for the reduced penalty, you must:*

*complete an OLCC-approved seller training program*

*or*

*have a valid service permit.*

OLCC-approved seller training programs include Alcohol Server Education classes and other available courses. Check with your employer or contact the OLCC for further information at [www.oregon.gov/OLCC/seller\\_clerk\\_training.shtml](http://www.oregon.gov/OLCC/seller_clerk_training.shtml).

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