

Out-of-State Wine Self Distributor

Frequently Asked Questions

To whom can I ship wine or cider?

An Oregon retail licensee that carries a wine self distribution endorsement is allowed to receive wine.

What are the definitions in Oregon for cider and wine?

Cider is made from the fermentation of the juice of apples or pears that contains not more than 8.5% alcohol by volume, including, but not limited to, flavored, sparkling or carbonated cider.

Wine is made via the fermentation process, is not a cider or malt beverage, and contains not more than 21% alcohol by volume. Note: Cider containing more than 8.5% alcohol is considered wine.

How do I know if the retailer has the wine self distribution endorsement?

You can request a copy of the endorsement approval letter from the licensee.

Do I need to have a special license?

Yes, you need to have the wine self distribution permit. Contact the Application Coordinator: mahala.fouts@oregon.gov at 503-872-5123.

Do I need a bond?

Applicants need to either obtain a minimum bond of \$1000 or a bond waiver. The commission shall waive the bond required under ORS 471.155 (1) if:

(a) the licensee or permit holder was not liable for a privilege tax under this chapter in the immediately preceding calendar year and does not expect to be liable for a privilege tax under this chapter in the current calendar year; or

(b) the licensee or permit holder of a business established during the current calendar year does not expect to be liable for a privilege tax under this chapter in the current calendar year.

Additionally, ORS 473.050 (5) states that no privilege tax shall be levied, collected or imposed upon the first 40,000 gallons, or 151,000 liters, of wine sold annually in Oregon from a US manufacturer of wines producing less than 100,000 gallons, or 379,000 liters, annually.

If you have questions about the bond or waiver contact: debbie.amsberry@oregon.gov.

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A bond waiver is available at on the OLCC website: www.oregon.gov/OLCC/docs/liquor_license_and_license_process/new_wine_shipping/direct_shipper_outside_oregon.pdf

If a bond is needed, once OLCC receives and approves your application, OLCC will fax or mail a bond form to you. Please provide a fax number on your application, otherwise it will be mailed.

Do I need to have a direct shipper license also?

No, the direct shipper is only required if you are shipping directly to Oregon residents.

Do I need to have a Certificate of Approval (CERA)?

Yes, you must have a CERA.

What forms do I need to fill out, and how often?

You must complete the wine self distribution statement, and schedule 13, 13A and 14 if applicable. Statements must be completed and submitted to the OLCC each month.

Do I have to file a statement each month even if I do not owe any taxes?

Yes, you have to file a statement each month, even if you do not owe any taxes.

When are the statements due to the OLCC?

Statements are due on the 20th of each month for the preceding month's activity.

Who is responsible to pay the tax?

The wine self distributor is responsible for all taxes.

How many cases of wine or cider can I ship to a retailer in a month?

There is no limit on the amount of wine that can be shipped to a retailer. Retailers must submit a report to OLCC if more than two cases.

How long do I need to keep my records?

You must keep all records for at least two years.