

## 1. How do I qualify for an operator's license?

To qualify for an operator's license, you must

- be at least 18 years old,
- meet criminal record requirements, and
- have completed a responsible beverage server training course. Contact your local Wisconsin technical college, or see "[Training](#)" on the Department of Revenue website

The last requirement can be waived if it is a renewal application or if you held a non-expired Wisconsin alcohol beverage license, including an operator's license, within the past two years. The municipality may issue you a provisional operator's license if you are enrolled in a responsible beverage server training course when you apply. An operator's license is only good in the municipality that issues it. For instance, if you are issued an operator's license in the City of Milwaukee, you may not use it in a suburban municipality, like Franklin. (Sec. 125.04(5), Wis. Stats.)

## 2. What are responsible beverage server training courses?

These courses are required to hold alcohol beverage licenses, with some exceptions. They cover alcohol beverage laws, signs of intoxication, safe serving of alcohol beverages, etc. These courses are most often offered by local technical colleges. For further information, contact your local Wisconsin technical college (WTC). To find the technical college nearest you, visit the WTCS website at [wistechcolleges.org](http://wistechcolleges.org).

Not all responsible beverage server training courses are taught by technical colleges. Other courses (see "[Training](#)" on the Department of Revenue website <https://www.revenue.wi.gov/Pages/Training/alcSellerServer.aspx> ) may be substituted for those taught at technical colleges, as long as they have been approved by the Department of Revenue or the Department of Safety and Professional Services (DSPS). Make sure of this approval before enrolling in a responsible server course not offered at a technical college. (Sec. 125.17(6), Wis. Stats.)

## 3. What exceptions are there to the server training course requirement?

The exceptions to this requirement are

- if you are renewing a Wisconsin retail or an operator's license,
- if you were the agent of a corporation that held a Wisconsin retail license within the past two years,
- if you held a Wisconsin retail or operator's license within the past two years, or
- if you completed a Wisconsin approved server training course within the past two years

(Sec. 125.17(6), Wis. Stats.)

## 4. What if I move?

Each municipality is different. Ask the municipal clerk how to obtain an operator's license for that community. To make it easier keep a copy of your server training course.