



BASSET Requirements

BASSET cards are valid for 3 years in Illinois. If you are a server, seller, bartender or security personnel, you are required by law to be BASSET certified in order to work in any establishment that sells or servers alcohol.

DON'T FORGET TO CHECK YOUR BASSET CARD EXPIRATION DATE.

IF YOU RECIEVED YOUR BASSET CERTIFICATION IN 2022, YOUR CERTIFICATION WILL EXPIRE IN 2025.

Certifications issued

~~January 2022~~	~~EXPIRED~~
~~February 2022~~	~~EXPIRED~~
~~March 2022~~	~~EXPIRED~~
~~April 2022~~	~~EXPIRED~~
May 2022	
June 2022	
July 2022	
August 2022	
September 2022	
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FAQ's

Q: Do I have to renew my BASSET card?

A: Yes. Your BASSET card is valid for 3 years from the date you took the class. You must take the BASSET class every three years to stay compliant.

Q: Can someone with a felony obtain a BASSET card?

A: Yes.

Did You Know?

The BASSET program became mandatory in the State of Illinois in 2018.

Upcoming Classes

You can find classes by visiting our website www.ilcc.illinois.gov.



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Is Your BASSET Trainer Licensed?

The BASSET program has over 100 active BASSET training programs that conduct in-person, online, and private training. If you want to verify that your BASSET trainer is licensed, you can check on our website ilcc.illinois.gov or reach out to us directly at ILCC.BASSET@illinois.gov

You can find all active and expired BASSET trainers on our website www.ilcc.illinois.gov. You must type in '5A' to generate the BASSET trainers.

Filing a Trainer Complaint

If you have an issue with a BASSET trainer, you can file a complaint with the Illinois Liquor Control Commission.



Expired BASSET Providers

If a BASSET provider is caught training with an expired license, the students trained will have to retake the 4 hour training and the BASSET provider will be fined. If the BASSET provider charges a fee for the BASSET training, students must work with the BASSET providers to resolve the class fee. The ILCC is not responsible for refunds.



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Marrying Liquor Is Illegal



(235 ILCS 5/6-22) (from Ch. 43, par. 137)

Sec. 6-22. No person except a manufacturer or distributor, or importing distributor, shall fill or refill, in whole or in part, any original package of alcoholic liquor with the same or any other kind or quality of alcoholic liquor, and it shall be unlawful for any person to have in his possession for sale at retail any bottles, casks or other containers containing alcoholic liquor, except in original packages. (Source: P.A. 82-783.)

Section 100.290 Refilling

No retail licensee shall offer for sale, or possess on the licensed premises:

- Any original package of alcoholic liquor which contains any kind or quality of alcoholic liquor other than that which has been sealed and labeled by the manufacturer or nonresident dealer.
- Any original package of alcoholic liquor to which there has been added any water or other substance.

(Source: Amended at 23 Ill. Reg. 3787, effective March 15, 1999)

Happy Hour Laws in Illinois

HAPPY HOUR LAW

Information	Private Events
- The price of a drink can be reduced no more than 15 hours a week and four hours a day. - Happy hour is not permitted from 10PM to a business's closing time. - Businesses are permitted to have nonconsecutive happy hours if the total discount period does not exceed four hours per day - Price of a single drink is not dependent on conditions (i.e. ladies' night, wearing green on St. Patrick's Day, etc.) and all patrons buying the same drink during happy hour must pay the same price. - Any promotion requires at least 7 days of public notice - No unlimited drink specials or 2-for-1 (3-for-1, 4-for-1, etc.) specials - No drinking games or contests where drinking is encouraged and/or alcohol is a prize - No free alcohol - No increasing amount of alcohol provided without proportional increase of price - Free food and entertainment may be provided by the business at any time - Businesses may bundle food and alcohol in one purchase (a meal package)	- No public advertising of the event - No private functions which serve as supplier promotional events - Individuals that are not part of the private function must be excluded - Food and drink offered in specified party space, that is not open to the general public

Party Packages

- The duration of the package is limited to three hours
- Food and drink offered in a specified space, delineated from the public area
- Identifier required to enter the event (wristband, shirt, lanyard, etc.)
- Individuals that are not part of the party package must be excluded

Q&A

Q: Can I run a contest where the prize is free alcohol?

A: No!



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The Risk of Over Serving

Over serving is serving alcohol to someone who is already intoxicated or continuing to serve them beyond a safe limit. Bartenders and servers put themselves at risk every time someone is over served. Servers may be held liable for alcohol poisoning, accidents, or injuries resulting from over service. During BASSET training, industry professionals learn about the risk of over serving and tips to avoid it.

Tips to Avoid Over Serving:

- Observe behavior: Slurred speech, unsteady walking, or loud/aggressive behavior are red flags.
- Be aware: For hosts, servers and bartenders, keep track of how much you have served and inform other bartenders so everyone can be aware.
- Encourage alternatives: Offering water, food or non-alcoholic beverages, can help slow down the absorption of alcohol while being a tactful way of cutting a person off.

WHAT IS A STANDARD DRINK?



Submit A Tip

If you witness over serving or an establishment marrying liquor, you can submit a tip an anonymous to ILCC Enforcement.

<https://mytax.illinois.gov/> /



Q&A

Q: Can a 15 yr old with a workers permit work as a busser or dishwasher in a restaurant that sells alcohol?

A: Yes, unless the local municipality has an ordinance restricting a 15 year old from working in a restaurant that sells alcohol.



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