Ever since 1985 the **Beverage Alcohol Sellers and Servers Education and Training (BASSET) program** was designed to protect citizens on Illinois roadways, minors and communities in Illinois. The goals and objectives of the BASSET program is to reduce alcohol-related incidents and drunk driving fatalities. It is a training program to prevent underage sales of alcohol and keep the alcoholic beverage industry in compliance with the laws regarding alcohol service. In a litigious society BASSET training can prevent unnecessary lawsuits that will put a place out of business and keep servers out of legal trouble.

What is BASSET?

It is the Illinois Liquor Control Commission's (ILCC) governing body which approves, licenses and administers seller/server training programs in Illinois.

What is taught in BASSET training?

It equips sellers, servers and security detail to serve alcoholic beverages responsibly by acquiring intervention and prevention techniques, verbal judo, how to spot signs of intoxication, the physical properties of alcohol and its effect on the body. Participants are taught the security features on state driver's licenses and Identification cards, which will enable them to spot a fake ID. The laws regarding alcohol service, state laws and Dram Shop liability is also covered.

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Visit us on the web @

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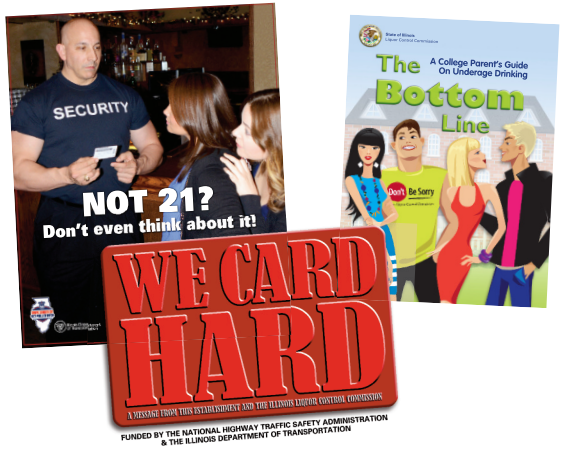
for BASSET training schedules in your area, licensing information and applications, and other educational and training materials.



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What are the goals and objectives of the BASSET Program?
To adequately train owners, managers, sellers and servers with skills necessary to keep drunk drivers off the roads, prevent underage sales of alcohol, keep establishments and communities safer. Overall, it will keep liquor serving establishments in compliance with state and local enforcement officials.

How do I get BASSET certified?
Check the ILCC website, go under the BASSET program and go to "Training Class Directory". There is a listing of courses and our licensed BASSET providers throughout the state. Contact the person in charge of coordinating classes to get course dates, times and prices.

What if I want to become licensed to teach server training in Illinois, how do I get a BASSET license?
You first have to take an Instructor Training course. Those can be found on the ILCC website under "Instructor Training Courses". Upon completion of the Instructor Training course you apply for the BASSET license. BASSET applications are on our website.

How long does it take to receive the BASSET card?
BASSET trainers are required to issue temporary cards upon completion of the course. They submit the students' information to the ILCC, and in two to four weeks students will receive their state issued BASSET cards.

What if I did not receive my BASSET card?
Contact the **BASSET Hotline at 312-814-0773.**

Can I reprint my BASSET card if lost?
Absolutely, when your BASSET card comes in a letter form you will be assigned a student number from your BASSET trainer. Hang on to that student number, then you can go to the "BASSET LOOK UP" on the ILCC website, type in your last name, date of birth and student number.

In which communities is responsible server training mandatory?

By, July 1, 2015, all on-premise alcohol servers and persons responsible for checking IDs in Cook County are required to obtain and complete training in basic responsible alcohol service taught by a BASSET certified trainer within the previous 3 years.

By July 1, 2016, all on-premise alcohol servers and persons responsible for checking IDs in counties with a population of 200,000 or more (as of the 2010 census) are required to obtain and complete training in basic responsible alcohol service taught by a BASSET certified trainer within the previous 3 years.

By July 1, 2017, all on-premise alcohol servers and persons responsible for checking IDs in counties with a population of more than 30,000 (as of the 2010 census are required to obtain and complete training in basic responsible alcohol service taught by a BASSET certified trainer within the previous 3 years.

By July 1, 2018, all on-premise alcohol servers and persons responsible for checking IDs in counties with a population of 30,000 or less (as of the 2010 census are required to obtain and complete training in basic responsible alcohol service taught by a BASSET certified trainer within the previous 3 years.

Is it required that a newly hired alcohol beverage server in a county where server training is mandatory be trained when hired?
No. As long as the new employee is trained within 120 days of the hire date

Which of my employees needs to have responsible alcohol server (BASSET) training?
Any person who is responsible for serving alcoholic liquor or checking identification to verify a person's age needs to have alcohol server training.

In mandatory training counties, is it required that packaged liquor or "to go" only alcoholic liquor businesses employ server trained staff?
No. Mandatory server training is required only for servers and persons responsible for checking ID's for on-premises alcoholic liquor serving businesses.

Is it required that servers at Not-for-Profit Special Events be server trained?
No. Servers at Not-for-Profit licensed events are excluded from mandatory server training requirements.

Is it required that servers at a Special Use licensed special events be server trained?
Yes. Servers at Special Use events held in mandatory server training counties are required to be server trained.

Does a server training card expire?
Yes. A server training card **expires 3 years** after issuance.

Is it required that a server possess a server training card while working?
While it is highly recommended that a server possess a server training card while working, server training can also be confirmed on the following website: **www.illinois.gov/ilcc/Education/SitePages/BASSETCard.aspx.** It is also recommended that your employer maintain copies of server training certificates/cards for all employees in mandatory server training counties.

Visit us on the web: **www.illinois.gov/ilcc** to register for BASSET training schedules available in your area.