

Section 4 – Common Carrier Permit - Requirements

1. The holder of a common carrier permit may only deliver wine to a Maryland consumer who is at least 21 years of age.
2. The holder of a common carrier permit may only deliver wine to a consumer in the State that is shipped by a direct wine shipper who has a valid Maryland direct wine shipper's permit. Possession of a copy of the current annual direct wine shipper's permit satisfies this requirement.
3. The term of a common carrier permit is one year and begins on July 1st. The permit must be renewed annually.
4. The holder of a common carrier permit shall:
 - a. Complete a delivery of wine to a consumer at the address on the shipping label by obtaining:
 - (i) the signature of the consumer or another individual at the delivery address who is at least 21 years old; and
 - (ii) government-issued photographic identification showing that the signing individual is at least 21 years old.
 - b. Refuse delivery of wine to a Maryland consumer when the recipient of the delivery:
 - (i) appears to be under age 21; or
 - (ii) refuses to present valid identification.
 - c. File a quarterly report with the Comptroller of Maryland, stating the date of each delivery of wine in the State, and the name and address of the direct wine shipper, and the consumer who receives each delivery.
 - d. Maintain for a period of 3 years complete and accurate records of all information needed to verify compliance with the requirements of the Common Carrier Permit.

- e. Allow the Comptroller of Maryland to perform an audit of the common carrier records on request.
5. One common carrier permit authorizes all deliveries under the permit for the permit year. A separate permit for each truck or vehicle is not required.
6. "Wine" means any fermented beverage, including light wines, and wines the alcohol content of which has been fortified by the addition of alcohol, spirits, or other ingredients.
7. See Administrative Release No. AB-42 for additional information.

Section 5 - Application Instructions

1. Submit the \$100.00 annual permit fee with the application. Permit fees are not pro-rated.
2. Incomplete applications will be rejected and returned.
3. Make checks payable to "Comptroller of Maryland."
4. Sign, date and mail your application to:
Comptroller of Maryland
Revenue Administration Division
Licensing and Registration
P.O. Box 2999
Annapolis, MD 21404-2999

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