

# Mobile Bar Information

“Mobile bars” are still subject to the same qualifications as any other retail license (i.e., bars/restaurants/liquor stores). They operate more as a catering company offering only alcohol services.

You must own or lease a non-residential brick and mortar building that is zoned for alcohol sales which will be the premise on your license. While this does not have to be an operational bar or liquor store, it does have to be able to pass all standards and inspections set by the State Fire Marshal, Nebraska State Patrol and Department of Ag. You can think of this as the office for your business and a place to store your alcohol. We cannot license a trailer or anything of the sorts. If you are wanting to use a trailer for events that is allowed, but you must have a licensed building to operate your business out of.

The type of license you would need to apply for would be either a class C which allows for on and off sale of beer, wine and spirits, or a class D which is only off sale of beer, wine and spirits. You would also need to apply for a secondary license called a catering endorsement (K). The catering endorsement allows you to have as many SDL's per year as you'd like. However, each location is limited to 12 SDL dates per year and that counts for anyone who gets an SDL for that location not just you. The catering endorsement also allows you to avoid paying the states fees for SDLs, however if there are any local fees those would still apply.

For each event you are catering you will need to apply for an SDL (Special Designated License). These allow you to operate outside of your licensed premise for specific events. You would first need to get approval from the local governing body and have them sign the local recommendation form. If the event is inside city limits you would need to contact the city clerk's office, if it is outside city limits you would need to contact the county clerk's office. Once you have local recommendation form signed you will complete the application on the POSSE customer portal and upload the signed local recommendation form. SDL applications must be received 7 business days before the event, this does not include weekends, holidays or the day of the event. We have a 7-day calendar on our website that will give you the final day an application can be submitted. Some cities/counties have you go before the city council board, and they may only meet once per month. We do not accept late applications.