

Entry Criteria for 2023 Liquor License Lottery
Entry to Apply for Series 6, 7 and 9 Liquor Licenses

- I. **Online Entry & Fees:** Online entries, along with a \$250 non-refundable entry fee (\$250 per entry), will be accepted by the Department of Liquor beginning 8:00 a.m. Monday, June 19, 2023, through 5:00 p.m. Friday, July 7, 2023. Entries or entry fees submitted before 8:00 a.m. Monday, June 19, 2023, or after 5:00 p.m. Friday, July 7, 2023, will NOT be accepted. All online entries and fees must be received, accepted and date stamped by the Department prior to 5:00 p.m. on Friday, July 7, 2023, or the entry will be disqualified.
- II. **Online Entries:**
- a. Are completed online, <http://www.azliquor.gov/lottery.cfm>. The entry fee, along with the invoice(s), must be submitted by mail or in person at:
Arizona Department of Liquor (Industrial Commission of Arizona Building)
Licensing Division
800 W. Washington, 5th Floor
Phoenix, Arizona 85007
Hours: M - F 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
 - b. No person shall submit more entries than the number of licenses available for each series in a county, except for attorneys/agents that have no ownership interests that are submitting entries on behalf of individuals/companies, may enter as many times as there are licenses of that particular series for each individual/company that they are representing. For the purposes of this section, a partnership, limited liability company, association, company, or corporation shall be considered the same person if owned, managed, operated, or controlled by the same controlling person, as defined in A.R.S. § 4-101. Please review [A.R.S. §§ 4-206.01\(F\) and 4-101.30](#).
 - c. Any entity(ies) determined to be in violation of A.R.S. § 4-206.01 (F) shall be immediately disqualified and any entry fees paid will be forfeited.
 - d. Non-refundable entry fees are accepted in check, money order, or cashier's check. Please make checks payable to the Arizona Department of Liquor. **Credit cards are not accepted for Lottery entry fees or payments.**

Reasons Entries are Rejected/Returned:

- a. incomplete
- b. not signed
- c. not received prior to 5:00 p.m. Friday, July 7, 2023
- d. \$250 non-refundable entry fee was not included, or was received after 5:00 p.m. Friday, July 7, 2023
- e. \$250 non-refundable entry fee check was returned for insufficient funds

- III. **Lottery Licenses & Fair Market Values:** Licenses offered in this lottery, and their fair market value are listed on the Department of Liquor website (<http://www.azliquor.gov/lottery.cfm>).
- IV. **Random Selection Drawing.** If the number of entrants exceeds the number of licenses available in a county, a Random Selection Drawing will be conducted on Wednesday, August 2, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. in the auditorium of the Industrial Commission Building located at 800 W. Washington, Phoenix, Arizona 85007.

The random selection process will be overseen by an independent accounting firm that will:

- a. During the Drawing, applicants and alternates will be drawn for certain license series in certain counties.
- b. Alternates will be eligible to apply for the license in the event a successful applicant elects to withdraw, forfeit, or is disqualified. A list of alternate applicants will be maintained until new licenses have been issued or when all alternates have been contacted by the Department.

- c. Applicants and alternates named in the random selection drawing will be posted within 24 hours of the Drawing on the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control website (<http://www.azliquor.gov/lottery.cfm>).

V. Applicants Selected in the Drawing: Upon completion of the Random Selection Drawing, selected applicants will be notified via email from Lottery@azliquor.gov to the email address provided on the online entry. Selected applicants will have two (2) weeks to accept or withdraw from the offered license, or they will automatically be withdrawn. Upon receipt of a completed application, questionnaire, fingerprint card, and fees the Dept. of Liquor will begin the application process. In addition to the state forms and fees, the local governing body may have their own application and fees.

Alternate Applicants: Upon disqualification, withdrawal or forfeiture of an applicant selected in the Drawing, the option to apply for the license immediately goes to the alternate. The alternate will be notified via email from Lottery@azliquor.gov to the email address provided on the online entry. Alternates will have two (2) weeks to accept or withdraw from the offered license, or they will automatically be withdrawn. This process will be repeated until an alternate is found who wishes to apply, or when all alternates have been contacted by the Department.

Once an entrant opts out or withdraws or has been withdrawn for failure to meet a deadline from a license, all later entries for that person will be withdrawn.

VI. Disqualification, Withdrawal and Forfeiture:

Disqualification: Applicants will be required to meet the qualifications of licensure before obtaining the license (A.R.S. §4-202 and §4-203). When an applicant doesn't meet the qualifications, they are disqualified. Fees identified as "non-refundable" will not be returned.

Withdrawal: An applicant may withdraw at any time. Without exception, fees identified as "non-refundable" will not be returned.

Forfeiture: There are several ways to forfeit a lottery license. Here are some examples:

1. Without exception, when an entrant or applicant fails to pay fees in the manner and by the due dates described on this form, they forfeit the opportunity to apply, and any previously paid fees identified as "non-refundable" will not be returned.
2. Without exception, when an entrant fails to establish a physical location, and apply with the Department for the licensed business by Wednesday, August 5, 2026, they forfeit the opportunity to apply. Without exception, fees identified as "non-refundable" will not be returned.

VII. Fees:

Non-refundable Ten Percent (10%) Deposit: The first non-refundable deposit of ten percent (10%) of the fair market value of the license shall be paid (certified funds only) to the Department of Liquor within **10 days of accepting the license.**

Non-refundable Forty Percent (40%) Deposit: The second non-refundable deposit of forty percent (40%) of the fair market value of the license shall be paid (certified funds only) to the Department of Liquor before 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, October 31, 2023 **(90 days after the drawing)**, except alternate applicants that are notified after October 31, 2023 shall be given 90 days from the date of notification. Without exception, failure to submit payment will result in automatic forfeiture, and any previously paid fees identified as "non-refundable" will not be returned.

Non-refundable Final Payment: The balance of the fair market value will be paid (certified funds only) by the earlier of 1) 5:00 p.m. Monday, January 29, 2024 **(90 days after the second non-refundable deposit due date)**, except alternate applicants whose initial deposit due date has been adjusted, the final payment due date will be adjusted accordingly. 2) within 5 business days after the Dept. of Liquor notified the applicant that the license is ready for issuance. Without exception, failure to submit payment will result in automatic forfeiture, and any previously paid fees identified as "non-refundable" will not be returned.

VIII. Applications:

Entrants selected to apply for a 2023 lottery license must establish a business location and submit a completed application no later than Wednesday, August 5, 2026. Without exception, failure to do so will result in forfeiture of the lottery license and any previously submitted fees.

IX. Non-transferable:

Online entries and eligibility to apply for a lottery license (determined by the Random Selection Drawing) are not transferable. **Lottery licenses are not transferrable until issued pursuant to A.R.S. §4-201.** Entrants selected to apply for a liquor license are required to use the entrant's name and, when applicable, the corporation/LLC/partnership name submitted on the Lottery entry form when completing the application; however an individual entrant that is selected may apply as a corporation/LLC/partnership as long as he or she is a controlling member of said corporation/LLC/partnership.

Please note that all notifications will be sent via email from Lottery@azliquor.gov. Please whitelist this email address so the notifications will go to your inbox.