

Legal Age To... Arizona Liquor Laws

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Topic	Legal Age	Statute/Rule
Legal drinking age	21	A.R.S. §4-101(18) A.R.S. §4-244(16)
Age to drink (exception) religious services	no restrictions for religious service or ceremony	A.R.S. §4-249 A.R.S. §4-226(4)
Age to be in a bar	21	A.R.S. §4-244(42)(a)
Age to be in bar (exceptions)	w/ spouse, guardian, parent of legal drinking age	A.R.S. §4-244(22)
Age to be on licensed premises which is not a bar	no restrictions during hours food is served	A.R.S. §4-244(22)(c) R19-1-233(B) and (C)
Age to purchase liquor	21	A.R.S. §4-244(9)
Age to place an order for liquor and accept delivery of an order	21	A.R.S. §4-203.04(E) A.R.S. §4-203.04(I)(d)
Age to deliver liquor	21	A.R.S. §4-203(J) A.R.S. §4-203.04(I)(a) A.R.S. §4-205.04(9)(f)
Age to check out (cash register), package, or assist customers with carry-out service	16 w/supervision of person 18+	A.R.S. §4-244(9)
Age to manufacture, sell, dispose of liquor	18	A.R.S. §4-244(10)
Age to handle on-sale liquor, stock liquor	18	A.R.S. §4-244(11) A.R.S. §4-205.06(A)(2)
Age for exotic entertainer employed by licensee	19	R19-1-216
Age to transport liquor (producer/wholesaler)	no restrictions in Title 4	no reference in Title 4
Age to bus/clear tables at a restaurant	No restrictions In Title 4	A.R.S. §4-244(11)
Age to qualify as a Covert Underage Buyer (CUB)	16 – 19	A.R.S. §4-241(U)(1)

When verifying age presented on a valid ID, three practices you may find helpful to improve compliance are to:

- 1) maintain strictly enforced **house policy** for checking IDs,
- 2) use some form of **daily age calculation** and,
- 3) keep staff current on **fake ID training**.

What is your **house policy** for checking IDs? If you don't have one, you may want to work with staff to establish one. Once established, house policy must be followed by staff, incorporated into staff training, and updated.

What will you use as a **daily age calculation**. When doorman and liquor-service staff are provided with the exact date of birth for persons turning 21 that day, guessing, estimating, and mistaking age may be reduced. See the "Birth Date Checker" on the left-hand column on the home page of www.azliquor.gov.