

South Carolina Alcohol General Regulations



Legal Age to Consume Alcohol	21
Legal Age to Pour Alcohol	21
Legal Age to Sell Alcohol	None if sealed containers
Legal Age to Serve Alcohol	18
Limit for Driving While Intoxicated	Effective 8/19/03 - .08 Driving While Impaired - .04
Maximum Alcohol per Drink	Not regulated
Number of Drinks One Can Serve at One Time	Not Regulated
State/Province Dram Shop Liability Laws	No
Social Host Liability Laws	No

Acceptable Forms of Identification

Driver's License from any state
 South Carolina issue ID card with photo and date of birth
 U.S. Military ID
 U.S. Passport

** Recommended age for carding: none**

Hours of Alcohol Sales

Hours of Legal Sale of Liquor Restaurants and Hotel Lounges With local options permits	Monday through Saturday, 10:00am until 2:00am. Sunday, 10:00am until 2:00am
Private clubs	Monday through Saturday, 10:00am until 2:00am.
Retail Liquor Stores	Monday through Saturday, 9:00am until 7:00pm. Closed Sunday
Other	Beer sales are 24 hours a day Monday through Saturday. No Sunday sales permitted unless allowed by county.

Policies Regarding ID Confiscation

None

Policies Regarding Minors

The legal age to possess, purchase or consume alcohol is 21.

Laws Regulating Server Training

South Carolina currently does not regulate server training.

Regulation of Non-Alcohol Beer and Wine

None

Summary of Liquor Liability Laws

Violations of the liquor code are administrative and criminal. The minimum administrative penalty for a first offense is a \$200 fine. The maximum penalty for further violations is a fine (no set limit) and revocation of liquor license. Penalties vary depending on circumstances or age of the minor. Criminal penalties are levied on the server. The server is arrested and, if convicted, faces a \$200 fine plus court costs and/or 30 days in jail and 90-day driver's license suspension for a first offense. Second offense penalties are the same as the first but with a six-month driver's license suspension.

Summary of Happy Hour Laws

Licensees may not offer two-or-more-for-the-price-of-one drink specials and may not give free mixed drinks, beer or wine. Regular drink prices may be reduced between 4:00pm and 8:00pm only.

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SOUTH CAROLINA DRIVER'S LICENSE INFORMATION

In order for your training to qualify for South Carolina's new policy regarding alcohol server training, you must cover the following information on ID's when conducting a training session.

The following applies to commercial driver's licenses in the State of South Carolina:

- ▣ The license is a stiff, laminated card with a magnetic strip on the back and a dark aqua/turquoise bar on the top front.
- ▣ Older versions of the license may show a signature other than the governor's but all new licenses have the governor's signature on the bottom front of the license.
- ▣ The photo background is usually blue but may appear white or light blue.
- ▣ The license has a hologram of the state seal at the top and the state outline at the bottom.
- ▣ There is a dark green state seal with the administrator's signature in the middle front of the license.
- ▣ The license number is 9 digits, no spaces and not coded.
- ▣ The license term is for five years and expires on the holder's birthday.

Regarding minors:

- A minor's license says "Under 21 UNTIL mm/dd/year"
- A minor's license has a red border outlining the picture

Remember:

- 1) Always ask for ID.
- 2) When checking ID's, be sure to look carefully at each identification that you are presenting, and check for all the above-listed information.
- 3) It's also a good idea to keep a current version of a state driver's license booklet, which contains color pictures of recent South Carolina ID's.