



Michigan Department of Licensing & Regulatory Affairs
MICHIGAN LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION (MLCC)
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Home Brewer General Information

A Home Brewer is defined as “an individual who manufactures beer, wine, mead, honey-based beer, or cider at his or her dwelling”.

- MCL 436.2027 (10)(b)

Effective November 10, 2011, Michigan statute provides for the sampling and consumption of beer, wine, mead, honey-based beer, or cider produced by one or more home brewers at a meeting of home brewers, or a club composed primarily of home brewers, on the licensed premises of any micro brewer, brew pub or on-premises licensee provided they meet the following conditions:

- The sampling or consumption is for the purpose of exhibitions or competitions involving home brewers.
- The beer, honey-based beer, or cider is served in portions no larger than 3 ounces.
- Wine or mead is served in portions no larger than 2 ounces.
- There can be no charge for the sampling of the beer, wine, mead, honey-based beer or cider.
- The beer, wine, mead, honey-based beer, or cider produced by the home brewer is only consumed by the home brewer, the home brewer’s family, a club member, a judge, or a guest speaker.
- No beer, wine, mead, honey-based beer, or cider produced by the home brewer may be sold to the general public.
- Participants in the samplings must comply with applicable state and federal law and regulatory provisions and rules adopted by the Michigan Liquor Control Commission.
- The micro brewer, brewpub or on-premises licensee must enter into a written agreement with the home brewer or home brewers club which states the following:
 - a) the date and time the event will be held.
 - b) the location of the event.

And either of the following:

 - c) a statement that the micro brewer, brewpub, or on-premises licensee acknowledges that it is not in control of an unregulated alcoholic beverage at its establishment and agrees to assume liability –or-
 - d) Verification that the home brewers or home brewers club has obtained a bond or liability insurance from a bonding/insurance company for not less than \$50,000.00.

How To Contact The Michigan Liquor Control Commission:

Questions relating to home brewers and other non-retail licenses may be directed to:

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