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## **Transfer of Classification of On-Premises Retailer License Requirements**

Existing on-premises retailer licenses may be transferred by classification from one type of license to another type of on-premises license. For example, a Tavern license, which allows for the sale and service of only beer and wine for consumption on the premises, may be reclassified to a Class C license, which allows for the sale and service of beer, wine, and spirits for consumption on the premises.

If the license being reclassified is a Tavern, A-Hotel, or G-2 license, all of which allow the sale and service of only beer and wine, and it is being “upgraded” to a Class C, B-Hotel, or G-1 license, all of which allow the sale and service of beer, wine, and spirits, the local governmental unit where the license is located must approve the transfer of classification.

A transfer of classification involving two similar license types, such as a transfer of classification from a B-Hotel license to a Class C license, does not require local approval. Furthermore, “downgrading” a license through reclassification from being able to sell and serve beer, wine, and spirits to being able to sell and serve only beer and wine does not require local approval, such as transferring classification of a Class C license to a Tavern license.

If a licensee requests to transfer classification of an on-premises license that allows the sale and service of only beer and wine to a license that allows the sale and service of beer, wine, and spirits, the local governmental unit where the license is located must have approved the sale of spirits for on-premises consumption. You may verify whether the local governmental unit (LGU) is “legal” for the sale of spirits on the premises or “dry” on the [Commission’s website](#) and searching for the LGU where your license is located.

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### **How to Apply**

All applicants requesting to transfer classification of an existing on-premises retailer license must submit the following:

- **Application Form** – [On-Premises Retail License & Permit Application \(LCC-100a\)](#) - On Schedule A of the application, check the box for the type of license to which the existing license is being reclassified. For example, if the existing license is a Tavern license and its classification is being transferred to a Class C license, the Class C license box should be checked.

- **Inspection Fee** - A \$70.00 nonrefundable inspection fee is required.
- **License Fee** – The license fee for the type of license to which the on-premises license is being reclassified is required. For example, if you are transferring classification from a Tavern license to a Class C license, the \$600.00 Class C license fee would be required.
- **Local Governmental Unit Approval** - [Local Government Approval Form \(LCC-106\)](#)  
– This is required for any transfer of classification that is an “upgrade” of a license from being able to sell and serve only beer and wine to being able to sell and serve beer, wine, and spirits (e.g. Tavern license reclassified to Class C license).