

Event Bartender Fact Sheet

1. Who needs an Event Bartender license?
 - Anyone who serves alcoholic beverages for a private event held at an event venue who does not hold a Caterer or Mixed Beverage license must have an event bartender license. See 37A O.S. 2-113(l).
2. Who is eligible for an Event Bartender license?
 - Anyone who is 21 years of age or older and has not been convicted of a violent felony.
3. If I already have an employee license, do I have to get an event bartender license?
 - You only need an event bartender license if you are going to work as a bartender at an event venue. It is not a substitute or an extension of the employee license.
4. How much does an event bartender license cost?
 - \$50 plus a \$3.50 convenience fee
5. How long is an event bartender license valid for?
 - 1 year from issuance
6. If I have taken an online training to get my employee license, do I still need to complete the in-person training?
 - Yes, the event bartender license requires separate, *in-person* training. The online training does not qualify.
7. Can I use the event bartender license to operate a mobile bar?
 - No, mobile bars are not allowed in Oklahoma. The event bartender license only allows you to work as a bartender at an event venue.
8. Do I need an event bartender license to work at a regular bar or in a restaurant?
 - No, the event bartender license is only for those who work at an event venue. An employee license is required if you work at a bar or restaurant.
9. Can I work for a bartending service?
 - Yes.
10. How is responsibility divided between a bartender, bartending company, and the event venue under the new law?
 - We recommend each party contact a private attorney.
11. Can an employee/individual working as a licensed Event Bartender drink while they are serving?
 - No.