

**Maine Revised Statutes**  
**Title 28-A: LIQUORS**  
**Chapter 25: GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**§601. ELIGIBILITY**

**1. Eligibility qualifications.** The bureau may not issue a license to an applicant unless that applicant meets the following qualifications.

A. If the applicant is an individual, the applicant must be:

- (1) At least 21 years of age; and
- (2) A citizen of the United States. [1993, c. 730, §26 (AMD).]

B. If the applicant is a partnership or association, each person having an interest in the partnership or association must be:

- (1) At least 21 years of age; and
- (2) A citizen of the United States. [1993, c. 730, §26 (AMD).]

C. If the applicant is a corporation, it must be incorporated under the laws of the State or authorized to transact business in the State. [1987, c. 45, Pt. A, §4 (NEW).]

[ 1993, c. 730, §26 (AMD) .]

**2. Disqualifications.** The bureau may not issue a license to an applicant if:

A. Any of the principal officers of the corporation is not personally eligible because that officer has had a license for sale of liquor revoked under chapter 33, if the applicant is a corporation; [1997, c. 373, §51 (AMD).]

B. The applicant held a license that was revoked for a specific period under chapter 33 and the applicant is applying for a license within that period since revocation; [1997, c. 373, §51 (AMD).]

C. The applicant, who was not at the time of the offense the holder of a liquor license, was convicted of violating any laws of the State or the United States with respect to manufacture, transportation, importation, possession or sale of liquor within 5 years of applying for the license. For the purposes of this paragraph, any person who sells liquor of a greater alcohol content than authorized by that person's license is not considered the holder of a license; [1997, c. 373, §51 (AMD).]

D. The applicant was convicted of selling liquor illegally on Sunday while an employee or agent of a licensee within 5 years of applying for the license; [1987, c. 45, Pt. A, §4 (NEW).]

E. The applicant's license expired pending an appeal from conviction of illegally selling liquor on Sunday within 5 years of applying for the license; [1987, c. 45, Pt. A, §4 (NEW).]

F. The applicant is a law enforcement officer or if a law enforcement officer benefits directly from the issuance of the license; [2013, c. 168, §1 (RPR).]

G. The applicant was denied a license within the 6 months before the application was filed, unless the bureau's denial of the license is overruled by the court under an appeal provided by section 805; [1997, c. 373, §51 (AMD).]

H. The applicant is the husband, wife, father, mother, child or other close relation of a person whose license or application for a license for the same premises was revoked by the District Court Judge or denied by the bureau within the 6 months before the application was filed; [1997, c. 373, §51 (AMD); 1999, c. 547, Pt. B, §78 (AMD); 1999, c. 547, Pt. B, §80 (AFF).]

I. The bureau determines that the purpose of the application is to circumvent the provisions of this section; or [1997, c. 373, §51 (AMD).]

J. The applicant is a golf club or a restaurant located on the property of a golf club and the Maine Human Rights Commission has found reasonable grounds to believe that the golf club has denied membership to a person in violation of Title 5, chapter 337, subchapter V, and has determined that conciliation efforts under Title 5, chapter 337, section 4612, subsection 3 have not succeeded. The Maine Human Rights Commission shall notify the bureau when the golf club has corrected its discriminatory membership practices, after which the applicant ceases to be disqualified under this paragraph. [1997, c. 373, §51 (AMD).]

[ 2013, c. 168, §1 (AMD) .]

#### SECTION HISTORY

1987, c. 45, §A4 (NEW). 1989, c. 592, §§1,2 (AMD). 1991, c. 158, §§1-3 (AMD). 1993, c. 730, §26 (AMD). 1995, c. 192, §1 (AMD). 1997, c. 373, §51 (AMD). 1999, c. 547, §B78 (AMD). 1999, c. 547, §B80 (AFF). 2013, c. 168, §1 (AMD).

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