

# Business Inspection & Licensing Section



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## Things to Know

- Alcoholic Beverages cannot be sold on the roadside.
- Alcoholic Beverages cannot be sold from a vehicle.
- Alcoholic Beverages cannot be sold from a place of residence.
- No Vendors are allowed to be mobile.
- Food vendors must have running water.
- Take-Aways are not allowed to sell Alcoholic Beverages.
- Vendor cannot operate on an unauthorized property.
- Police Vendor Permits are required to obtain a business license.
- Partners or employee's documents are to be included in the application.
- A permit does not grant applicant(s) consent to store products or construct illegal structures on the site.
- Containers are to be used as storage only, not as shop space.
- All structures must have a building permit number and all necessary approvals.
- Extension of existing legal structures must have Physical Planning's Approval.
- A permanent vendor permit prohibits the sale of appliances, mattresses, jewelries, washing detergents and apparels.
- Legal structure and authorized property must be conducive for food preparation and sale.
- Liquor establishments need approval from the Commissioner of Police to operate on Sundays and Holidays.
- Daiquiri Stands using Alcoholic Beverages, are to only be used for mixing drinks and must not be on display.

**NOTICE: A POLICE OFFICER HAVE THE POWER TO REVOKE ANY PERMIT, THAT IS IN BREACH TO THE BUSINESS LICENSE ACT.**



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## Restaurant & Bar , Tobacco Products & Liquor License Inspection

### New Applicant

- Police Record.
- Letter from Ministry of Works.
- Valid passport or Driver's License.
- Fire Services Inspection Report.
- Environmental Health Sanitation Health.
- Letter from the Department of Physical Planning.
- Certificate of Registration National Insurance Board (NIB).
- Letter to the Commissioner of Police requesting permission indicating time of operation, items to be sold and location.
- Letter of Incorporation (Registrar General Office).
- Permission letter or lease agreement for property owner. (for private property) Applicant(s) and property owner's signature must be on the document.
- Proof of property ownership (property own by applicant).
- Certification from Bahamas Agricultural Health & Food Safety (BAHFSA) located #99 Crawford Street. Contact 603-3260 or bahfsa@bahamas.gov.bs
- Daiquiri Stands \*See Things To Know.
- Approval of Registration from the Department of Inland Revenue.

### Renewal Applicant

- Police Record.
- Current Business License.
- Valid Passport or Driver's License.
- Permission Letter or Lease Agreement ( private property) applicant and property owner's signature must be on the document.
- Certification from Bahamas Agricultural Health & Food Safety (BAHFSA) located #99 Crawford Street. Contact 603-3260 or bahfsa@bahamas.gov.bs (applicants who are not registered).
- Approval of Registration from the Department of Inland Revenue.

### NOTICE

- A Liquor License is valid for one year
- All Liquor Establishment must be **700 feet** away from Churches, Schools, Residence and other Liquor Establishments.
- After receiving your Liquor Inspection Report you are to take it to Department of Inland Revenue.
- An inspection report **is not** a business license.



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## Requirements for Street Vendors

### New Vendor

- Police Record.
- Health Certificate.
- Passport Photo.
- Letter from Ministry of Works.
- Valid passport or driver's license.
- Letter from the Department of Physical Planning.
- Certification of Registration National Insurance Board (NIB).
- Proof of property ownership (applicant on their own property).
- A Police Vendor Permit is needed to obtain a Business License.
- Environmental Health Sanitation Letter.
- Permission letter from Physical Planning.
- Letter to the Commissioner of Police requesting permission indicating time of operation, items to be sold and location.
- Letter of Incorporation (Registrar General Office).
- Letter from Bahamas Public Parks & Public Beaches Authority (Government property).
- Daiquiris Stands \*See Things To Know.
- Permission letter or lease agreement from property owner (private property)
- Certification from Bahamas Agricultural Health & Food Safety (BAHFSA) located #99 Crawford Street. Contact 603-3260 or bahfsa@bahamas.gov.bs

permit duration:  
3 months



### Renewal Vendor

- Police Record.
- Health Certificate.
- Valid Passport or Driver's License.
- Permission letter from Physical Planning.
- Letter from Bahamas Public Parks & Public Beaches Authority (Government Property) if expired.
- Permission letter and lease agreement from property owner (private property) if lease documents are outdated.
- Certification from Bahamas Agricultural Health & Food Safety (BAHFSA) located #99 Crawford Street. Contact 603-3260 or bahfsa@bahamas.gov.bs (applicants who are not registered).

permit duration:  
6 months



### Temporary Events

**ALL TEMPORARY EVENTS MUST BE REGULATED**, this includes: Medical Cook-Outs, Beach Parties, Raffles, Parades, Fun/Run/Walk, Processions, Concerts, Mother's Day vendors, Father's Day Vendors, Holiday Vendors, all Fundraiser Events. Contact the office for more information.



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