

## **New Beverage Alcohol Regulations**

The new legal framework will come into effect on November 29, 2021.

The new regulations will be posted on e-laws in the coming days, and the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) and the Liquor Control Board of Ontario (LCBO) will be reaching out to businesses to support your transition to the new legal framework.

In the meantime, we have summarized some of the key changes that may be of interest to you below:

- Individuals involved in the sale, service or delivery of liquor who are required to hold an AGCO Board approved training certificate (i.e. Smart Serve) are required to recertify their training every five years, effective July 1, 2022.
- A streamlined licence so that businesses typically have a single primary licence, with endorsements for additional activities.
- Liquor Sales Licence holders are permitted to add substances to liquor to create infused drinks or change the flavour, as long as the customer is informed.
- The ABV limits that wine and brew pubs are currently subject to is removed. Previously, wine pubs could not sell wine with greater than 14% ABV, and brew pubs could not sell beer with greater than 6.5% ABV.

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