

The Beverage backpack

What does a beverage license cost and how can I apply for it?

According to the Opens external link in , every person who sells drinks and food in a standing business or at an event runs a beverage backpack catering business. In order to run this business, you must first apply for a trade licence. You can file the application at the town hall or trade office of the town in which the trade is to be operated.

The Restaurant Act deals in more detail with the beverage license. Here is in which case you need a license. A license is required if you want to open a bar-like business. This can be a bistro, a café, a restaurant, a bar or a discotheque. The decisive factor for you to apply for a license is that you sell alcoholic beverages in your business. If this is not the case, you do not have to have a licence to become self-employed in the catering trade.



The Restaurant Act explains in more detail when you do not need a license. Not only are you exempt from this obligation if you only sell non-alcoholic beverages, but also if you distribute samples of alcoholic beverages free of charge to your customers or sell alcoholic beverages in a hostel. In addition, certain training courses may automatically grant the licence. With the application for the license, you will also become Opens internal link in at the Chamber of Commerce and Industry, which you will have to pay annual membership fees. Operators of pubs also need special advice from the Chamber of Industry and Commerce.

If you finally want to know how to found your beverage gastronomy with the corresponding license, then you should use my module "Apply for a license and found a restaurant"! The following contents are available for you:



This is how you proceed when you apply for a license:

First obtain all the documents on the commercial beverage premises. This includes the floor plan of the commercial premises and a site plan. In addition, you must submit a plan description. This should show how large the floor space is, how high and wide the windows are, how many seats and standing room are available in the shop, how the Beverage backpack and the other rooms are constructed. To these documents you must enclose the original and copy of the tenancy agreement. If you want to run the business on a property you own, an extract from the land register must be added.