

# ALCOHOL AWARENESS TRAINING

## THE REQUIREMENT

- Generally, licensees of on-premises & off-premises retail alcohol beverage establishments are required to maintain at least one licensee or designated employee who has been currently certified in an approved alcohol awareness training program. The certified person is not required to be present at all times, except in Harford, Howard, Kent, Montgomery, Washington & Wicomico Counties.
  
  - **In Caroline, Charles, Frederic, Harford, Howard, Kent, Montgomery, Washington, Wicomico & Worcester Counties:**  
A certified licensee, or a certified person employed in a supervisory capacity designated by the licensee, is required to be present during the hours in which alcohol may be sold.
  
  - Certification must be renewed every four years to remain current.
  
  - **Failure to have a certified representative may result in license renewal delays, as well as fines, suspensions or even revocation of the retail alcohol beverage license.**
- Additional requirements apply to certain types of establishments and in certain jurisdictions.**  
To obtain specific information regarding alcohol awareness training requirements that apply to your establishment, see the following references:
- *Alcoholic Beverages Article (MD Ann. Code art. AB) §3-504* entitled *Alcohol awareness programs*
  - *Alcoholic Beverages Article (MD Ann. Code art. AB)* subsections that apply to your type of establishment and/or your establishment's class of alcohol license.
  - *Local Rules and Regulations* or *Code* published by the alcohol licensing board/commissioners for the city or county where your establishment is located

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