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# Retail Alcohol Licensees

## KEY FACTS ABOUT CENTRALIZED ALCOHOL LICENSING

### *What is Centralized Alcohol Licensing?*

O.C.G.A. § 3-2-7.1 (HB 879 - 2020) requires the Department of Revenue (“Department”) to develop and implement a state-wide, centralized application process for retail alcohol licensing. This new process ensures the initial application and renewal application is sent simultaneously to the State and the Local Licensing Authority. This comprehensive approach to licensing will be managed through the Department’s safe and streamlined portal: the [Georgia Tax Center \(GTC\)](#).

### *Important Facts You Should Know:*

#### **When will centralized applications and renewals be available?**

Centralized alcohol licensing will be implemented in two phases. Please see the projected timeline below:

*Phase 1 Initial Licensing:* Jan. 12, 2022

*Phase 2 Renewal Licensing:* Sept. 2022

**NOTE: Initial retail alcohol registration and licensing will be unavailable Jan. 3, 2022 thru Jan. 11, 2022. During this time GTC and the new process will be updated and finalized.**

#### **We Need Your Help!**

For a smooth transition, please share this information with other retailers.

#### **Questions**

Please contact Department of Revenue via email at [ATDIV@DOR.GA.GOV](mailto:ATDIV@DOR.GA.GOV) or by phone at 1-877-423-6711.

#### **Additional Information About Centralized Licensing**

The centralized application process is designated for **retail** alcohol initial registration and renewal licensing. All local and state retail alcohol applications shall be submitted through GTC.

The State issues the following retail alcohol licenses:

- Retail Beer/Wine
- Retail Package (package stores)
- Consumption on Premises (includes distilled spirits)
- Special Events

Your local licensing authority may issue retail alcohol licenses that differ from the license types listed above. Please contact your local licensing jurisdiction to learn the additional local requirements and applicable license types prior to filing an application in GTC.

#### ***Important Details***

- A valid local license or permit is still required before the Department approves and issues a state license or permit.
- License fees will be paid separately to the state and your local licensing jurisdiction. Payment instructions will be provided in GTC.