



State of Wisconsin
Department of Revenue

Division of Alcohol Beverages

Bringing Alcohol Beverages into Wisconsin

Alcohol Beverage Laws

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This fact sheet provides information about individuals bringing alcohol beverages into Wisconsin from another state or foreign country for personal consumption, or for purposes of a competition or exhibition. It is illegal for individuals to bring alcohol beverages into Wisconsin from another state, unless an exception applies. The following information explains exceptions that exist allowing individuals to bring intoxicating liquor (including wine) and fermented malt beverages into Wisconsin.

Moving to Wisconsin

Anyone 21 years of age or older who moves from another state or foreign country to Wisconsin may bring with them intoxicating liquor without payment of excise tax, if it is part of their household goods. Under this exception, there is no limit on the amount of intoxicating liquor that can be brought into Wisconsin.

Traveling From a Foreign Country Back to Wisconsin

Anyone 21 years of age or older who leaves a foreign country after spending at least 48 hours in that country may bring with them up to 4 liters of intoxicating liquor in original, sealed containers without payment of excise tax.

Military Members Traveling to Wisconsin

A Wisconsin resident, 21 years of age or older, who is also a member of the national guard, US armed forces, or a reserve component of the US armed forces; and leaves a foreign country after spending at least 48 hours in that country on duty or for training may bring with them up to 16 liters of intoxicating liquor in original, sealed containers without payment of excise tax.

For Purposes of Competition or Exhibition

Anyone 21 years of age or older who made homemade wine or beer outside of Wisconsin may transport up to 10 gallons of homemade wine or beer into the state, without the need to obtain a license or permit, for purposes of participating in a competition or exhibition that complies with state law, is held by a national organization, and has participants from more than 25 states.

Questions?

If you are unable to find an answer to your question on the division's website, you may email, write, or call the division.

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