



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF

**Alcoholic Beverage Control**

# Responsible Beverage Service (RBS) Training Program

Responsible Beverage Service training teaches servers to responsibly serve alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption and mitigate alcohol-related harm in California communities. View the RBS requirements and deadlines in our [multi-language flyer](#).

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## Mandatory RBS Training Deadline: 8/31/22!

Beginning 7/1/22, any on-premise alcohol server and manager must be certified by an accredited RBS training provider and pass an ABC exam within 60 calendar days from the first date of employment. The current exam is in English and Spanish. Exams will soon be offered in Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese, Tagalog, Hindi, and Punjabi.

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# What is the RBS Training Program?

Passage of Assembly Bill 1221 in 2017 created the Responsible Beverage Service Training Program Act. The bill required the Alcoholic Beverage Control to create the Responsible Beverage Service Training Program (RBSTP) to ensure servers and their managers of alcoholic beverages are educated on the dangers of serving alcohol to minors and over-serving alcohol to patrons with the intention of reducing alcohol-related harm to local communities. The new mandate creates a new training requirement for alcohol servers and managers of alcohol servers at an estimated 56,000 ABC licensees with on-premises alcohol sales privileges. The alcohol servers and managers who work at those locations must register with the ABC, be trained, pass an exam, and be certified by August 31, 2022, or 60 days after their first date of employment. The passing of [Assembly Bill 82](#), on June 29, 2020, extended the date in which this requirement is enacted to beginning July 1, 2022. This change was made to alleviate the financial strain on the hospitality industry caused by the COVID-19 state of emergency.

Beginning July 1, 2022, any alcohol server and their manager must have a valid RBS certification from an ABC accredited RBS training provider and pass an online ABC administered RBS exam within 60 calendar days from the first date of employment.

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## Mission of the Responsible Beverage Service Training Program

Our mission is to ensure effective Responsible Beverage Service training for servers and their managers to curb harm related to underage drinking and the overuse of alcohol in California communities.

### ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- [Approved RBS Regulations Documents](#)
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## Frequently Asked Questions

As an on-premises licensee, what are the important dates that I need to know to be in compliance with the new law? 

Where can I find approved RBS training providers? 

Is there a cost for the RBS exam? 

How do I get a copy of my RBS certification? 

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