



There are ten different types of liquor licences that are issued in Trinidad and Tobago:

1. A **spirit retailer's licence** is required for persons or businesses that wish to sell intoxicating liquor in any quantity, for consumption, either on or off the licensed premises, at any time of day or night.
2. A **wine retailer's licence** is required for persons or businesses that wish to sell only wine or beer in any quantity, for consumption either on or off the licensed premises, at any time of day or night.
3. A **spirit grocer's licence** is required for persons or businesses that wish to sell intoxicating liquor in bottles only in any amount, for consumption off the licensed premises, at any time of day or night.
4. A **wine merchant's licence** is required for persons or businesses that wish to sell beer and/or wine only, for consumption off the licensed premises only, and in quantities of not less than 3.4 litres (0.75 gallons) of wine or 6.8 litres (1.5 gallons) of beer at one time, at any time of day or night.
5. A **spirit dealer's licence** is required for persons or businesses that wish to sell intoxicating liquor for consumption off the licensed premises only, at any time of day or night. This licence states that minimum quantities must be sold as follows:
 - For rum made in Trinidad and Tobago - not less than 109 litres (24 gallons) contained in one case, or 6.8 litres (1.5 gallons) contained in bottles in one case.
 - For wine - not less than 3.4 litres (0.75 gallons).
 - For other intoxicating liquor - not less than 6.8 litres (1.5 gallons) with the original packages in which the liquor was imported, unbroken.
6. A **night bar licence** is required for places that sell spirits to be consumed on the licensed premises at any time of day or night.
7. The **hotel spirit/special hotel/restaurant/special restaurant licences** are required to sell intoxicating liquor in any quantity to be consumed on the licensed premises only, at any time of day or night.
 - The **restaurant licence** is required for places that sell alcohol to persons having a meal at the premises.
 - The **hotel spirit licence** is required for places that sell alcohol to persons lodging at the hotel or having a meal there.
 - The **special hotel /special restaurant licence** is required by places that sell alcohol to persons whether or not they are lodging at the premises or having a meal there.

Source: <http://www.finance.gov.tt/services/customs-and-excise/applying-for-a-licence-to-sell-intoxicating-liquor/>

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