

STATE OF NEW YORK  
LIQUOR AUTHORITY

TO: Agency licensing staff and industry members

SUBJECT: Permits to allow tastings at alcoholic beverage education classes or seminars

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Under the power granted by paragraph subdivision k, subdivision 1, section 99-b of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law ("ABCL") to issue miscellaneous permits "in cases not expressly provided for" by the ABCL, when the Authority determines that the issuance of the permit is "appropriate and consistent with the purpose of" the ABCL, the Members of the Authority, through this advisory, hereby direct that the Authority's Licensing Board may issue a permit to a person conducting a class or seminar designed to increase class or seminar participants' knowledge and appreciation of wine and/or other alcoholic beverages. Such permit shall allow the participants of the class or seminar to imbibe or taste such alcoholic beverages, provided that:

- 1) all participants in such class or seminar are at least twenty-one years of age;
- 2) the participants' imbibing or tasting of such alcoholic beverages are a part of the class or seminar;
- 3) the permittee does not hold any license issued under the ABCL;
- 4) no tasting of alcoholic beverages shall take place during the hours prohibited by the provisions of ABCL §106(5); and
- 5) the curriculum and location for such class or seminar has been approved by the Licensing Board.

A permit issued pursuant to this advisory shall be valid for either one day or twelve months. The cost for a one day permit shall be \$20 plus a \$5 filing fee. The cost for a twelve month permit shall be \$250 plus a \$20 filing fee.