



AGLC LIQUOR LICENCE FAQ

Can our company host an event but have United Way apply for the liquor licence?

No. While United Way may be the charitable beneficiary of your fundraiser, the organization hosting the event must obtain and hold the required liquor licence and assume the responsibilities associated with being the licensee.

The licensee is responsible for the event and for complying with AGLC requirements, including the purchase and service of liquor, preventing service to minors or intoxicated individuals, permitted service hours, supervision and control of the licensed area, occupancy requirements, and all conditions of the licence.

United Way does not assume the responsibilities or liabilities associated with being the liquor licensee for events hosted by another organization.

Can we host a private event for our workplace employees and sell alcohol to raise money for United Way?

Yes, however, if employees pay for alcohol, your company's social committee will need to apply for a Private Resale Special Event Licence (SEL). It is the social committee who rents the facility, obtains the licence and manages the liquor service. This is because a company, as applicant, can only obtain a Private Non-Sale Special Event Licence. This is why it has to be the social committee applying.

Under a Private Resale SEL, proceeds cannot financially benefit the company or its associates and must benefit a charitable cause, such as the social committee who can then choose to donate all, none or a portion of the proceeds to the United Way. The social committee can apply for the licence here <https://aglc.ca/event-licence/>

Can we host a private event where our workplace employees don't pay for their drinks, but they pay an entrance or admission fee?

Yes, but your company's social committee will need to apply for a Private Resale SEL. AGLC considers an event to be a resale event when guests pay either for admission or for liquor service. Providing what you consider complimentary alcohol with paid admission does not make the event a non-sale event. Your social committee can apply here <https://aglc.ca/event-licence/>





Can we host a public event, where employees & the public are invited and sell alcohol to raise money for United Way?

Yes, there are public Special Event Licences that a company can apply for, however the cost is higher, documents are required and a number of regulations/certifications apply. The event application would have to be submitted through the AGLC Online Licensing Portal 4 to 6 weeks in advance of the event date for review, processing and issuance. Apply online through AGLC's Special Event Liquor Licence application. - <https://licence.aglc.ca/onlinelicensingportal/>

Can we provide alcohol for free if there is no entrance or admission fee?

Yes. If the event is private and employees are not paying for admission or alcohol, your company will need a Private Non-Sale Special Event Licence. Apply online through AGLC's Special Event Liquor Licence application. - <https://aglc.ca/event-licence/>

