

MASSACHUSETTS PACKAGE STORES ASSOCIATION



How to File an Appeal to the ABCC made by an LLA

License holders and applicants have the right to appeal a decision from their Local Licensing Authority to the ABCC. Below is what you need to know regarding appealing a decision made by your Local Licensing Authority:

The LLA must mail a notice to an applicant or licensee, in addition to the ABCC, with regard to the following actions:

LICENSE APPLICATION DENIAL	REFUSAL OF LICENSE ISSUE
LICENSE SUSPENSION	LICENSE REVOCATION
LICENSE AMENDMENTS	LICENSE CANCELLATION
DENIAL OF APPLICATION FOR LICENSE TRANSFER	

The notice must state the reason for such action. The applicant or licensee must appeal the action of the LLA to the ABCC within 5 business days of receipt of the LLA's written decision. For new license applications, the applicant can also appeal if the LLA does not act within 30 days of the application's receipt.

How to Appeal

By mail

This is the preferred method for filing an appeal of an action from your Local Licensing Authority. The mailing address is:

Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission
239 Causeway Street - First Floor
Boston MA, 02114

In person

ABCC accept appeals in person via hand delivery, including commercial delivery services. Their preferred method for receiving appeals is by mail.

By fax

The ABCC also accept appeals by fax. Please do not mail and fax the same submission. Their preferred method for receiving appeals is by mail.

Here are the ABCC fax lines:

ADMINISTRATION FAX: (617) 727-1510
LICENSING FAX: (617) 727-1258

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