Gårdsbutik

Farm-Gate Sales

A farm-gate sales licence is required to sell your own alcoholic beverages directly to consumers at the place of production (Gårdsförsäljning).

The following requirements must be met to qualify for a farm-gate sales licence:

- You must be an independent producer who manufactures alcoholic beverages professionally and independently.
- You must be an authorised warehouse keeper.
- The entire production process must take place at your own premises. Simply mixing purchased ingredients, diluting, filtering and sweetening the beverage is not sufficient.

Farm-gate sales may only be made to customers who have participated in a paid educational visit related to the alcoholic beverage covered by the licence. The visit must last at least 30 minutes and be organised by the licence holder. During the visit, customers must also be informed about the harmful effects of alcohol.

The amount that may be sold to each customer is limited to 0.7 litres of spirits, three litres of wine, three litres of strong beer (above 3.5% ABV), and three litres of other fermented alcoholic beverages.

More information is available on the municipality's website.

Contact Information

Permits and Licensing Unit, west Blekinge (Tillståndsenheten västra Blekinge)
servering@karlshamn.se
0454-810 13
0454-810 85
www.karlshamn.se
www.solvesborg.se
www.olofstrom.se

Environmental Association (Miljöförbundet Blekinge väst)
miljokontoret@miljovast.se
0456-81 60 00
www.miljovast.se

The Police Authority (Polismyndigheten)
www.polisen.se
114 14

Building Permits (Bygglov)
planochbygg@karlshamn.se
0454-810 00

stadsarkitektavdelningen@solvesborg.se
0456-81 60 00

bygglov@olofstrom.se
0454-931 32

Fire and Rescue Services (Räddningstjänsten västra Blekinge)
vastra.blekinge@raddning.com
0454-30 51 00
www.raddning.com

Applying for a Permit to Serve and Sell Alcohol

A brochure with information from relevant authorities.

Alkohollagen

The Swedish Alcohol Act (Alkohollagen) sets out several requirements, which means that, as an applicant, you will be in contact with several different authorities.

The Municipality

To apply for an alcohol licence (serveringstillstånd) or a farm-gate sales licence (gårdsförsäljningstillstånd), contact your municipality. The municipal Permits and Licensing Unit is responsible for processing applications. The application is submitted through an e-service available on the municipality's website.

It is possible to apply for different types of licences under the Alcohol Act. More information about the available options can be found on the municipality's website.

Requirements for all types of licences under the Alcohol Act are the following:

- You must be at least 20 years old to apply.
- The Alcohol Act requires you to demonstrate personal and financial suitability.
- You must prove your right to use the premises where you will sell and/or serve alcohol (e.g. a tenancy agreement, purchase agreement, or similar).
- You must demonstrate sufficient knowledge of the Alcohol Act.

Miljöförbundet

If you plan to also serve food on the premises, you will need to register your food business. This can be done via the Environmental Association (Miljöförbundet) on their website: www.miljovast.se

Miljöförbundet is the authority responsible for monitoring noise levels. They also provide input on matters such as the proposed hours for serving alcohol.

Räddningstjänsten

Under the Alcohol Act, premises where alcohol is served must meet fire safety requirements. To ensure these are met, your application is sent to the local fire and rescue services (Räddningstjänsten). They may need to carry out an on-site inspection to assess the fire safety of the premises.

If you intend to use LPG or other flammable substances, you may need to apply for a separate permit. More information can be found on www.raddning.com.

You should also contact the fire and rescue services if you intend to use a marquee or other temporary tent.

Polismyndigheten

The Swedish Police Authority (Polismyndigheten) is consulted on applications for serving and/or sales licences of alcohol, and provides information regarding the applicant's suitability. For alcohol licence applications, the Police Authority will also make an assessment of the location of the premises and the proposed hours for serving alcohol.

You should contact the Police Authority if you are planning to organise a public event or public gathering, such as a dance or concert. Applications can be submitted via their website: www.polisen.se

The Police Authority also issues permits for the use of public spaces, for example when part of a street and/or pavement is used for outdoor seating. Applications for these permits are also made through the Police Authority's website.

You may need to apply for a building permit!

A building permit may be required, for example when building a terrace or enclosed outdoor seating, or when changing the intended use of a building. More information can be found on the municipality's website.