



# Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Administration

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## Cost

Free

## Business Stages Served

All Stages

## Languages Offered

English, Access to translation services available in over 240 languages

## Wards/Neighborhoods Served

Districtwide

## Business Assistance Services

Specialized Industries  
Business Planning and Development Services

## Mission Description

The mission of the Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Administration (ABCA) is to support the public's health, safety, and welfare through the control and regulation of the sale and distribution of alcoholic beverages and medical cannabis. It is responsible for approving alcohol and medical cannabis licenses, enforcing pertinent laws, issuing regulations, and referring violations for investigation. ABCA is supervised by The Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis (ABC) Board, an independent body that meets weekly to adjudicate, administer and enforce alcohol and medical cannabis laws.

## Programs and Services

ABCA conducts licensing, training, adjudication, community outreach, and enforcement efforts to serve licensees, law enforcement agencies, Advisory Neighborhood Commissions (ANCs), civic associations, and the general community so that they understand and adhere to all District laws, regulations, and ABRA policies and procedures.

They host training and information sessions throughout the year to keep current and prospective licensees and registrants and DC residents up to date on alcohol and medical cannabis laws and regulations, programs, and best practices. Select sessions are recorded and made available online.

ABCA provides direct customer service and operate through the following programs:

- 1) Licensing – issues new and renewal licenses
- 2) Investigations – conducts inspections for regulatory and compliance, and licensing and adjudicatory processes
- 3) Records Management – provides files, documents, and database information and offers certification services, responds to and tracks Freedom of Information Act requests, and responds to subpoena requests.
- 4) Medical Marijuana - allows all qualifying patients to have the right to obtain and use marijuana for medical purposes