



STUDENT POLICY ON SALE AND CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL

POLICY NUMBER:	2017-09-003
TITLE OF THE POLICY:	Student Policy on Sale and Consumption of Alcohol.
DATE OF ADOPTION:	28 November 2017
SUPERSEDES:	
DATE OF IMPLEMENTATION:	Summer 2017
PROJECTED DATE OF REVISION:	Summer 2021
PURPOSE OF THE POLICY:	To provide students with guidelines for the sale and consumption of alcohol at the University of The Bahamas.
ACCOUNTABILITY:	Division of Student Affairs
APPENDICES:	Appendix I - Bahamas Liquor Licences Act Appendix II - Student Code of Conduct Appendix III - Alcohol Sale and Consumption Form.

1.0 Preamble

The University’s mission is to “advance and expand access to higher education, promote academic freedom, drive national development and build character through teaching, learning, research, scholarship and service.” It is also committed to maintaining an environment that supports student development through social interaction. Through the fulfilment of this mission, students are empowered to be independent thinkers and to make wise decisions. This policy embraces the mission of the institution and provides a platform for students to grow and become responsible citizens.

2.0 Scope

Guidelines and procedures that will govern the sale, possession and consumption of alcohol to students on the University of The Bahamas property are detailed in this policy. It complies with Chapter 372 of the Bahamas Liquor Licences Act of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas (Appendix I) and is established to set out the University’s commitment to the responsible management of the use of alcohol. All students are expected to adhere and conform to this policy.

Students found in breach of this policy will be subject to disciplinary action under the Student Code of Conduct (Appendix II).

3.0 Policy

- All consumption and distribution of alcohol shall be in accordance with the Laws of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas, as set out in the Bahamas Liquor Licences Act, Chapter 372.
- The Administrative Council shall be responsible for approving all applications for the sale, consumption and distribution of alcohol.
- Events at which alcohol consumption is approved on the University campus is only allowed for persons aged 18 or older.
- Persons under the age of 18 are not permitted to purchase, possess or consume alcoholic beverages.
- Sale, possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages on university owned or controlled property, or at university sponsored or supervised activities must be managed by University authorized personnel.
- Organisations are not allowed to advertise their event until approval has been granted.
- To obtain access to functions where alcohol will be sold or consumed persons must present an ID with their date of birth.
- Persons who are underage must be given bands or stamps so that they can be easily identified.
- Persons shall be subject to disciplinary action if fraudulent IDs are used to access alcohol.
- Organisations will be in violation of this policy if persons under the age of 18 are permitted to access alcohol at their events and will be subject to disciplinary action.
- Approved functions by the Administrative Council, for the sale and consumption of alcohol shall be designated to approved locations.

4.0 Procedures

- A completed Alcohol Sale and Consumption Form (Appendix III) must be submitted to Dean of Students' office, 6 weeks before the event, in either a hard copy or electronic format. The following documents must be submitted along with the application:
 - a. Approval for Campus Police coverage.
 - b. Approval from Campus life to host the event.
 - c. Proof that food and soft drinks will be served. (copy of General Purchase Requisition (GPR) submitted).
 - d. Written approval from the club advisor.
- Dean of Students will review the documents and present them to the Administrative Council.
- The Dean of Students will put the Administrative Council's decision in writing to the organisation/student within one week of submission.
- If permission is granted, the students/organization must pay a fee for permission to use the University's liquor license.

5.0 Supervision and Compliance

- The Director for Campus Life will be responsible for ensuring student compliance with this policy at all events where alcohol will be served.
- The University will identify an approved list of bartenders that will be assigned to the various functions and all costs to be covered by the organisation that is hosting the event.
- Alcoholic beverages will be served in paper cups; bottles are not allowed.
- At least one advisor must be in attendance to events.
- Ensure that the 3rd party vendors have proof of insurance.

6.0 Education

The University of The Bahamas is aware of the negative impact that the misuse of alcohol can have on an individual and encourages sound judgement and a balanced approach to its use. The Division of Student Affairs will conduct the following educational fora on the use of alcohol:

- Mandatory annual workshops on alcohol for all student organisations
- Annual educational fora on alcohol for the general student body
- Literature on the use of alcohol to be included in the approval letter
- Post educational information on pros and con of alcohol use to social media.

7.0 Campus Police

- All students/organisations requesting the sale and consumption of alcohol at events are required to request Campus Police/Security for the duration of the function.
 - The Campus Police/Security has the authority to shut down the event if there is disorderly conduct by any student.