



Department of Commerce

Division of Liquor Control
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WHAT IS AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TRANSFER – (TRES)?

A TRES Transfer may be applied for if you are unable to obtain a New Liquor Permit through the Quota System because there are no permits available or the number of applicants on file exceed the openings available in that city/township in which you want to locate the permit, or you are unable to do a regular transfer of ownership and location (not a TRES) of a permit class. As of March 22, 2012, you may TRES transfer the ownership and location of someone else's permit to you from anywhere in the state as long as you meet the TRES requirements where you are intending to transfer the permit to. Before beginning the TRES process, please review the following:

- 1) The acquisition of someone else's liquor permit must be done pursuant to Ohio Administrative Code 4301:1-1-14. This rule states in part that a transfer must be in conjunction with a bona fide sale of the business or assets of such permit holder. Therefore, you need to be able to pay a purchase price established by the seller.
- 2) You must be able to complete the information on the TRES Application (i.e., projected employment and financial figures along with the signature of the Mayor, City Council member or someone of authority endorsing the figures and project in which you are transferring the permit to).

Note: The Division of Liquor Control does NOT have a list of permit businesses for sale. The only list available of potential businesses that may want to sell is the Division's Safekeeping List (Businesses that have closed and ceased operation). You may view the [safekeeping list](#) on our website.

Once you have found a license to transfer as an economic development project ("TRES"), you are then ready to file the [TRES Application](#). The TRES Application packet must be accompanied by an [Application for Transfer of Ownership and Location](#), (please note the transfer application requires other documents to be filed, therefore, please read the instructions to determine what is necessary and download those forms from our [Applications and Forms](#) area.

After reviewing the above, should you have any questions regarding the TRES process, please feel free to contact Kelly Poling at (614) 644-2496.

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