

## Limit on Number of Drinks Served to an Individual Concurrently

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### Issue

May alcohol permittees who sell alcohol for on-premises consumption (e.g., restaurants) serve a customer more than one drink at a time?

### Summary

Generally, no ([Conn. Agencies Regs. § 30-6-A24b](#)). State regulations applicable to businesses that sell alcohol for on-premises consumption prohibit selling, offering, or serving more than one alcoholic drink to an individual for his or her own consumption at any one time. The regulation also prohibits permittees from selling, offering, or serving drinks by the pitcher (or similar vessel) to an individual; such drinks must be provided to a group of at least two individuals.

#### *“Drink” Defined*

*“Drink” means a unit of liquid containing alcoholic liquor customarily considered in the on-premises consumption retail alcoholic beverage trade as a single serving for one person, including a double, half-bottle, half-carafe, and split.*

([Conn. Agencies Regs. § 30-6-A24b](#))

Under applicable regulations, a second serving of an alcoholic beverage may be provided only after the first serving has been substantially disposed of or consumed.

These prohibitions on serving multiple drinks concurrently do not apply to (1) hotel guest bars (i.e., in-room bars) or (2) private functions held in a room or rooms of an on-premises consumption business (i.e., invitation-only gatherings that are not open to the public).

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