

Restaurant Certificate

- The main difference between a SRL and a Restaurant Certificate is that a SRL entitles the holder to sell all types of alcohol whereas a Restaurant Certificate allows the holder to sell beer and wine only.
- If a person holds a wine on-licence he may apply to the District Court for a restaurant certificate which will then allow him serve beer and wine.
- The licence is made and renewed in the District Court every year at the Annual Licensing sessions. The Gardaí and District Court clerk are to receive 10 days prior notice of the application.
- To qualify as a restaurant the minimum value of a meal must be €9.
- A publican can apply for a restaurant certificate which will allow him serve alcohol for one hour after the permitted hours (in On-Sales) provided the alcohol is consumed and paid for with the food. They may also open early for breakfast provided no alcohol is served.
- If the application is connected to an application for a new publican's licence, then it is applied for in the Circuit Court.

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