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## REVENUE DEPARTMENT

### (EXCISE-II)

AP EXCISE (GRANT OF LICENCE OF SELLING BY BAR AND CONDITIONS OF LICENCE) RULES 2025 - AP EXCISE (GRANT OF LICENCE OF SELLING BY SHOP AND CONDITIONS OF LICENCE) RULES 2024 - GUIDELINES FOR GRANT OF EXCISE LICENCES TO AIRPORTS.

***[G.O.Ms.No.386, Revenue (Excise-II), 27th June, 2026.]***

**NOTIFICATION**

**Excise Policy guidelines for grant of Bar Licences and Shop Licences to Airports (except Tirupati Airport)**

**1. Applicability:** Bars and Shops shall be permitted in airports in the State of Andhra Pradesh, except Tirupati Airport, subject to the provisions of the Andhra Pradesh Excise Act,1968, AP (Regulation of Trade in IMFL, FL) Act 1993, and the Rules made thereunder.

**2. Definition of Airport:** Airport means the area comprising the Terminal Building and the Airport Plaza.

**3. Procedure for Grant of Licence:**

**a)** The Airport Operator may recommend applicants for grant of Bar and Shop licences to be established in the Airport. The recommended applicant for a Bar Licence in turn shall submit application in Form-1B duly enclosing a challan for Rs. 5 lakhs towards non-refundable application fee along with the written recommendation of the airport operator to the Deputy Commissioner of Prohibition & Excise through the District Prohibition & Excise Officer concerned.

**b)** The Deputy Commissioner of Prohibition & Excise after due enquiry, may grant the privilege of Bar to the applicant, and the District Prohibition & Excise Officer concerned shall issue the Bar licence in Form2B, subject to fulfilment of all conditions by the applicant.

**c)** Similarly, for grant of a Shop licence in airport, the recommended applicant for a Shop licence shall apply to the District Prohibition & Excise Officer concerned in Form A-3(B) duly enclosing a challan for Rs. 2 lakhs towards non-refundable application fee along with the written recommendation of the airport operator. The District Prohibition & Excise Officer concerned after due enquiry, shall issue a Shop Licence in Form A-4 to the applicant subject to fulfilment of all conditions by the applicant.

**4. Period of Licence:** The period of licence for Bars and Shops granted to Airports shall be the period of contract agreement (MoU) entered into between the Airport operator and the applicant recommended by the Airport operator for grant of such licence or the licence period of Bar or Shop, as the case may be, specified under relevant Rules, whichever is shorter.

**5. Operating Business Hours:** The operating business hours for Airport Bars and Airport Shops shall be 24 hours a day, subject to applicable airport operational protocols, security directions, law and order requirements, etc.

**6. Retail Excise Tax for Bars in Airports:** The Retail Excise Tax for Airport Bars shall be ₹25 lakh per annum for airports with annual airport passenger traffic of 20 lakh and above. For airports with annual airport passenger traffic of less than 20 lakhs, the Retail Excise Tax shall be ₹15 lakh per annum.

**7. Retail Excise Tax for Shops in Airports:** The Retail Excise Tax for Shops in Airports shall be ₹1 crore per annum.

**8. Serving Points under Bar Licence/Counters under Shop licence:** Up to three serving points under one Airport Bar Licence, without any restriction on the minimum plinth area and up to three counters under one Airport Shop Licence shall be permitted.

**9. Other Terms and Conditions:** All the other terms and conditions relating to execution of counterpart agreement, employment of servants, maintenance of accounts and records, procurement of liquor and other regulatory requirements such as Hon'ble Supreme Court directions on sale of liquor on highways, distance restrictions from educational institutions, places of public worship, hospitals etc, as applicable under the AP Excise (Grant of Licence of Selling by Shop and Conditions of Licence) Rules 2024 and AP Excise (Grant of Licence of Selling by Bar and Conditions of Licence) Rules 2025, as the case may be, as amended from time to time, shall apply mutatis mutandis to the Airport Bar and Airport Shop licences.

**10. Policy Review:** The policy of grant of Excise Licences in Airports may be reviewed after three years after making a detailed study of passenger-footfall analysis across airports in the State.

**11.** Necessary amendments to AP Excise (Grant of Licence of Selling by Shop and Conditions of Licence) Rules 2024, AP Excise (Grant of Licence of Selling by Bar and Conditions of Licence) Rules 2025, as the case may be, shall be made for implementing the policy guidelines.

**12.** The decision of the Commissioner of Prohibition & Excise shall be final on the interpretation or application of these guidelines.

The Director, Prohibition and Excise and the Managing Director, AP State Beverages Corporation Limited, shall take necessary action accordingly.

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