



## MEMORANDUM

TO: Alcoholic Beverage Control Board

DATE: May 25, 2023

FROM: Carrie Craig, RLS

RE: #4919 Aqua Vitae

**Requested Action:** Reinstatement and renewal

**Statutory and Regulatory Authority:** AS 04.06.090(b): "The board shall review all applications for licenses made under this title and may order the director to issue, renew, revoke, transfer, or suspend licenses and permits authorized under this title."

AS 04.11.540: "...If a complete application for renewal has not been filed by February 28 or the required fees and the penalty fees have not been paid by that date, the license expires at 12:00 midnight February 28."

3 AAC 304.160(f): "The board will deny a request for reinstatement submitted under (e) of this section if

(1) the license became available in accordance with 3 AAC 304.100(2) and was issued to a different applicant, unless the limit of licenses under AS 04.11.400 has not been reached; or

(2) the board finds that the failure to timely file or pay was caused by

(A) the licensee's failure to notify the board of a change of the licensee's mailing address;

(B) a transfer of ownership of the business for which the license was issued without written approval of the board in violation of AS 04.11.040;

(C) a lease of the licensed business to another person in violation of AS 04.11.450(c); or

(D) any other action of the licensee whether active or tacit that the board finds constitutes a failure to lawfully operate the business for which the license was issued."

**Staff Rec.:** Evaluate reinstatement request in accordance with 3 AAC 304.160(f).

**Background:** During the 2023/2024 licensing period, a renewal application was not submitted by the February 28, 2023 deadline. On December 1, 2022, an expiration warning reminder email was sent to those licensees who had not submitted and/or paid for their license renewal. An official warning letter was mailed and emailed to the licensees on February 7, 2023 and the expiration and cessation of operations letter was mailed and emailed on March 16, 2022.

The complete renewal application, required fees and written request were received at the

AMCO office on March 31, 2023.

Attachments: Reinstatement Request

2023/2024 Complete AB-17

AB-29 Waiver of Operations for 2021

AB-29 Waiver of Operations for 2022

March 30, 2023

Dear Alaska Alcoholic Beverage Control Board,

I request that License 4919, Aqua Vitae, be reinstated after being expired by ABC for failing to renew. I understand that my failure to renew the license was a severe oversight, and I want to express my sincerest apologies for any inconvenience this has caused AMCO and the Board.

As the 100% owner of Aqua Vitae, I take full responsibility for the lapse in renewing my license. I understand the importance of adhering to all regulations set forth by the Board, and I regret any missteps that may have caused this unfortunate situation.

Upon learning that the license had expired, I took action to rectify the situation. I have already submitted our renewal application with the necessary fees and waiver applications. It was a misunderstanding; I believed that since the store has yet to be opened and the application has been sitting in delegated status while I have been waiting nearly three years for my build-out, it would not need to be renewed until I am active-operating. I also never received the renewal notice in the mail and did not believe I had to renew the license.

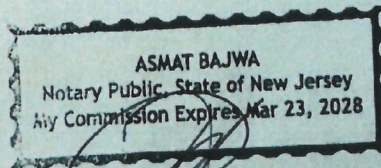
I am committed to providing a safe and enjoyable environment for our patrons while also upholding the standards and regulations set forth by the Board as soon as I can open. Once again, I apologize for any inconvenience that my failure to renew my license may have caused, and I respectfully request that the Board consider reinstating our license.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Valbon Dobrova

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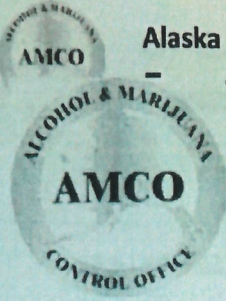
**2023-2024 Master Checklist: Renewal License Application**

Doing Business As:	Aqua Vitae	License Number:	4919
License Type:	Package Star		
Examiner:	CC	Transaction #:	100559462

Document	Received	Completed	Notes
AB-17: Renewal Application	3/31/23	4/10/23	
App and License Fees	3/31/23	3/31/23	

Supplemental Document	Received	Completed	Notes
AB-25: Supplier Certification			
AB-33: Restaurant Receipts Aff			
AB-36: Rec Site Statement			
AB-37: Tourism Statement			
AB-39: Change of Officers			
COI / COC / 5 Star / FAA Cert			
FP Cards & Fees / AB-08a			
Late Fee (after 12/31/2022)	3/31/23	3/31/23	
Additional Documents:	AB-29's for 2021 & 2022, Reinstatement Request		
Names on FP Cards:			

	Yes	No	N/A
CBPL Entity Printout included?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Business License Copy included?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Background(s) Completed & Date: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Special Consideration: <u>Reinstate/Renew</u>	Board Meeting Date: <u>5/30-31/23</u>		
LGB Sent Date: <u>4/10/23</u>	LGB Deadline Date: <u>6/9/23</u>		
LGB 1 Name: <u>Anchorage</u>	LGB 2 Name: <u>Midtown</u>		
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1 AB-17: 2023/2024 License Renewal Application

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550 W 7th Avenue, Suite 1600
Anchorage, AK 99501
alcohol.licensing@alaska.gov
https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/amco
Phone: 907.269.0350

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Form AB-17: 2023/2024 General Renewal Application

- This form and any required supplemental forms must be completed, signed by the licensee, and postmarked no later than 12/31/2022 per AS 04.11.270, 3 AAC 304.160, with all required fees paid in full, or a non-refundable \$500.00 late fee applies.
Any application for renewal or any fees for renewal that have not been postmarked by 2/28/2023 will be expired per AS 04.11.540, 3 AAC 304.160(e).
All fields of this application must be deemed complete by AMCO staff and must be accompanied by the required fees and all documents required, or the application will be returned without being processed, per AS 04.11.270, 3 AAC 304.105
Receipt and/or processing of renewal payments by AMCO staff neither indicates nor guarantees in any way that an application will be deemed complete, renewed, or that it will be scheduled for the next ABC Board meeting.

Section 1 - Establishment Contact Information

Table with 2 columns: Field Name, Value. Fields include Licensee (Owner), License Type, Doing Business As, Local Governing Body, and Community Council.

If your mailing address has changed, write the NEW address below:

Table for Mailing Address, City, State, and ZIP.

Section 2 - Licensee Contact Information

Contact Licensee: The individual listed below must be part of the ownership structure of the licensee listed in Section 1. This person will be the designated point of contact regarding this license, unless the Optional contact is completed.

Table with 2 columns: Field Name, Value. Fields include Contact Licensee and Contact Email.

Optional: If you wish for AMCO staff to communicate with anyone other than the Contact Licensee (such as legal counsel) about your license, list their information below:

Table with 2 columns: Field Name, Value. Fields include Name of Contact and Contact Email.

Section 3 - for Package Stores ONLY: Written Order Information

Do you intend to sell alcoholic beverages and ship them to another location in response to written solicitation in calendar years 2022 and/or 2023? YES NO



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Section 4 – Ownership Structure Certification

YES NO

Did the ownership structure of the licensed business change in 2021/2022?

If Yes, and you have NOT notified AMCO, list the updated information on form AB-39: Change of Officers and submit with your renewal application.

If No, certify the statement below by initialing the box to the right of the statement.

I certify that the ownership structure of the business who owns this alcohol license did not change in any way during the calendar years 2021 or 2022.

Section 5 – License Operation

Check ONE BOX for EACH CALENDAR YEAR that best describes how this liquor license was operated:

2021 2022

1. The license was operated for more than 240 hours throughout each year. (Year-round)

2. The license was only operated during a specified time each year. (Not to exceed 6 months per year)

If your operation dates have changed, list them below:

\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

3. The license was only operated to meet the minimum requirement of 240 total hours each calendar year.

A complete AB-30: Proof of Minimum Operation Checklist, and all documentation must be provided with this form.

4. The license was not operated at all or was not operated for at least the minimum requirement of 240 total hours each year, during one or both calendar years. A complete Form AB-29: Waiver of Operation Application and corresponding fees must be submitted with this application for each calendar year during which the license was not operated.

If you have not met the minimum number of hours of operation in 2021, you are not required to pay the fees, however a complete AB-29 is required with Section 2 marked "Other" and COVID is listed as the reason.

Section 6 - Violations and Convictions

YES NO

Have ANY Notices of Violation been issued for this license?

Has ANY person or entity in this application been convicted of a violation of Title 04, 3AAC 304 or a local ordinance adopted under AS 04.21.010 in 2021 or 2022?

If you checked YES, you MUST attach a list of all Notices of Violation and/or Convictions per AS 04.11.270(a)(2)

If you are unsure if you have received any Notices of Violation, contact the office before submitting this form.

Section 7 – Certifications

As an applicant for a liquor license renewal, I declare under penalty of perjury that I have read and am familiar with AS 04 and 3 AAC 304, and that this application, including all accompanying schedules and statements, are true, correct, and complete.

- I agree to provide all information required by the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board or requested by AMCO staff in support of this application and understand that failure to do so by any deadline given to me by AMCO staff will result in this application being returned and the license being potentially expired if I do not comply with statutory or regulatory requirements.
- I certify that in accordance with AS 04.11.450, no one other than the licensee(s), as defined in AS 04.11.260, has a direct or indirect financial interest in the licensed business.
- I certify that this entity is in good standing with Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing (CBPL) and that all entity officials and stakeholders are current and I have provided AMCO with all required changes of the ownership structure of the business license, and have provided all required documents for any new or changes of officers.



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- I certify that all licensees, agents, and employees who sell or serve alcoholic beverages or check identification of patrons have completed an alcohol server education course approved by the ABC Board and keep current, valid copies of their course completion cards on the licensed premises during all working hours, if applicable for this license type as set forth in AS 04.21.025 and 3 AAC 304.465.

I hereby certify that I am the person herein named and subscribing to this application and that I have read the complete application, and I know the full content thereof. I declare that all of the information contained herein, and evidence or other documents submitted are true and correct. I understand that any falsification or misrepresentation of any item or response in this application, or any attachment, or documents to support this application, is sufficient grounds for denying or revoking a license/permit. I further understand that it is a Class A misdemeanor under Alaska Statute 11.56.210 to falsify an application and commit the crime of unsworn falsification.

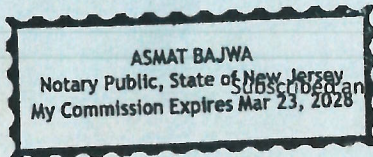
Valbon Dobrova  
Signature of licensee

Valbon Dobrova  
Printed name of licensee

[Signature]  
Signature of Notary Public

Notary Public in and for the State of New Jersey

My commission expires: 3/23/28



Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30 day of March, 2023

- Restaurant and Eating Place applications must include a completed AB-33: Restaurant Receipts Affidavit
- Recreational Site applications must include a completed AB-36: Recreational Site Statement
- Tourism applications must include a completed AB-37: Tourism Statement
- Wholesale applications must include a completed AB-25: Supplier Certification
- Common Carrier applications must include a current safety inspection certificate

All renewal and supplemental forms are available online:  
<https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/amco/AlcoholLicenseApplication.aspx>

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License Fee:	\$ 1500	Application Fee:	\$ 300.00	Misc. Fee:	\$ 2250
Total Fees Due:					\$ 4050.00

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Details

# ENTITY DETAILS

## Name(s)

Type	Name
Legal Name	Alaska Liquor, Inc.

**Entity Type:** Business Corporation

**Entity #:** 10131117

**Status:** Good Standing

**AK Formed Date:** 4/30/2020

**Duration/Expiration:** Perpetual

**Home State:** ALASKA

**Next Biennial Report Due:** 1/2/2024

**Entity Mailing Address:** 262 WILSON AVE, STATEN ISLAND, NY 10908

**Entity Physical Address:** 262 WILSON AVE, STATEN ISLAND, NY 10908

## Registered Agent

**Agent Name:** Jana Weltzin

**Registered Mailing Address:** 901 PHOTO AVENUE, SECOND FLOOR, ANCHORAGE, AK 99503

**Registered Physical Address:** 901 PHOTO AVENUE, SECOND FLOOR, ANCHORAGE, AK 99503

## Officials

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AK Entity #	Name	Titles	Owned
	Valbon Dobrova	Director, President, Secretary, Shareholder, Treasurer, Vice President	100.00

## Filed Documents

Date Filed	Type	Filing	Certificate
4/30/2020	Creation Filing	<a href="#">Click to View</a>	<a href="#">Click to View</a>
4/30/2020	Initial Report	<a href="#">Click to View</a>	
9/12/2022	Admin Dissolution		<a href="#">Click to View</a>
11/07/2022	Biennial Report	<a href="#">Click to View</a>	
11/07/2022	Reinstatement		<a href="#">Click to View</a>

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License Detail

# LICENSE DETAILS

**License #:** 2140363

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**Business Name:** Aqua Vitae

**Status:** Expired

**Issue Date:** 09/28/2021

**Expiration Date:** 12/31/2022

**Mailing Address:** 343 W Benson Blvd #10  
Anchorage, AK 99503

**Physical Address:** 343 W Benson Blvd #10  
Anchorage, AK 99503

## Owners

Alaska Liquor, Inc.

## Activities

Line of Business	NAICS	Professional License #
44-45 - Retail Trade	445320 - BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR RETAILERS	

## Endorsements

No Endorsements Found

## License Lapse(s)

If this business license lapsed within the last four years the lapsed periods will appear below. Lapsed periods are the unlicensed period between an expiration date and renewal date.

No Lapses on record for the last 4 years.

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**Form AB-29: Waiver of Operation Application**

**Why is this form needed?**

This form is the means by which a licensee may request that the Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Board waive the operating requirement of AS 04.11.330(a)(3) or (d). If a recreational site license has not been operated at least once in a calendar year, or if a license of any other type has not been operated for at least 240 hours in each calendar year, then a complete copy of this form and the corresponding fees must be submitted for that calendar year, per 3 AAC 304.170.

**This application must be accompanied by a non-refundable waiver application fee of:**

- for a 1<sup>st</sup> request, an amount equal to ½ the applicable biennial license fee; or
- for a 2<sup>nd</sup> or subsequent request, double the amount of the fee paid for the previous waiver application.

The ABC Board will determine whether, through no fault of the licensee or because the premises are under construction, the licensed premises count not be operated for the required time during the calendar year. The ABC Board may impose conditions along with the approval of an application for waiver, and it may deny a third or subsequent application for waiver. If an application for waiver is denied, an application for license renewal for the succeeding license period will be denied by the Board. In addition to the waiver application fee, the applicant must pay a late fee of \$1,000 for an application that is received too late for Board consideration at its meeting before November 30 of the year for which the waiver is requested. Please check AMCO's website for meeting agenda deadlines.

**Please note that a licensee must submit a separate completed copy of this form and pay a separate corresponding fee for each license and for each calendar year during which a license was not operated in compliance with AS 04.11.330.**

**Section 1 – Establishment Information**

Enter information for the license that has not been operated for the time required under AS 04.11.330.

Licensee:	Alaska Liquor Inc	License Number:	4919		
License Type:	Package Store				
DBA:	Aqua Vitae				
Premises Address:	343 W. Benson #10				
City:	Anchorage	State:	Alaska	ZIP:	99503
Local Governing Body:	Midtown Community Council				

**Section 2 – Request Number and Calendar Year**

1<sup>st</sup> Request       2<sup>nd</sup> Request       3<sup>rd</sup> Request       Other Covid

Request for Calendar Year 2021

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## Form AB-29: Waiver of Operation Application

### Section 3 – Reason for Non-operation

Provide an explanation as to why the licensed premises were not operated:

I have been unable to complete my application and renew the license due to COVID and the need for my business to be ready to be ready for operations as of 1/1/2023.

### Section 4 – Certifications

The following must be completed for establishments located within the boundaries of a local governing body:

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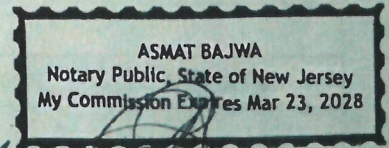
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Valbon Dobrova

Printed name of licensee

Valbon Dobrova

Signature of licensee

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Waiver Application Fee:	N/A	Late Fee:	N/A
Transaction #:			



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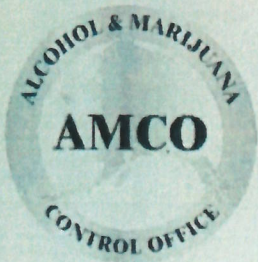
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## Form AB-29: Waiver of Operation Application

### Section 3 – Reason for Non-operation

Provide an explanation as to why the licensed premises were not operated:

I have been unable to complete my buildout and open due to COVID and the cost of construction materials. I am hoping to be ready for inspection in the next 12 months.

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 Notary Public, State of New Jersey  
 My Commission Expires Mar 23, 2028

Valbon Dobrova

Printed name of licensee

Valbon Dobrova

Signature of licensee

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Waiver Application Fee:	750 -	Late Fee:	-
Transaction #:	100559462		