

Brewery license calendar: quick start

Every federal, state and local license and filing, by location, with renewal windows and days left.

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Set it up in 20 minutes

1. **Name your locations** on the Lists sheet (Brewery, Taproom 1, ...). The Dashboard counts each one.
2. **Delete the "Example -" rows** on the Licenses sheet.
3. **Federal first:** Brewer's Notice (your own review date), FDA registration, brewer's bond, excise filing frequency.
4. **Then state and local:** one row per license per location. Copy the expiry from the license itself.
5. **Renewal opens:** type the agency's window if it publishes one. Blank uses the lead time (60 days if blank).
6. **Give every row an owner and a backup.** Link the certificate, receipt and wall photo.

The formulas (row 4)

Start renewal by (J)	<code>=IF (ISNUMBER (H4) , H4 , G4 - IF (ISNUMBER (I4) , I4 , 60))</code>
Days left (K)	<code>=G4 - TODAY ()</code>
Status (L)	Expired Due ≤30 days Due ≤90 days OK
Next step (M)	EXPIRED: renew now · START NOW: renewal due · Prepare documents · OK
Four-year items	<code>=EDATE (issue_date , 48)</code> for a TTB bond or a 4-year local certificate, unless the document shows its own date

Filter by location: click the arrow on "Location" (or "Level") so each taproom manager sees only their rows.

Verified federal dates (on the Federal dates sheet)

Date	Filing	Who	Official source
Oct 14, 2026	TTB excise tax return, Q3 2026 (Jul 1 to Sep 30)	Quarterly filers	TTB due-date table
Oct 1 to Dec 31, 2026	FDA food facility registration biennial renewal; expired if not renewed by 11:59 PM Dec 31. No fee	Facilities that must register, incl. most breweries	FDA renewal guide; 21 CFR 1.230
Jan 14, 2027	TTB excise return Q4 2026, and the 2026 annual return	Quarterly and annual filers	TTB due-date table
July 1 each year	TTB: changes in the list of stockholders (or another date TTB approved)	Corporate brewers	27 CFR 25.74
Every 4 years	Brewer's bond expires; renewal must be approved before the current bond expires	Brewers that need a bond	TTB, changes after qualification
Oct 1 to Dec 31, 2028	Next FDA biennial renewal window (even-numbered years)	As above	21 CFR 1.230

Excise returns are due on the 14th day after the period ends; on a weekend or legal holiday, the preceding business day (27 CFR 25.164). The sheet's calculator moves weekends only. TTB had not published 2027 period dates when we checked. Semimonthly filers have more dates: see TTB's table.

Federal rules with no fixed date

- **Brewer's Notice:** no renewal date. Amend within 30 days of most changes (27 CFR 25.71).
- **New or extended premises:** TTB approval before use (27 CFR 25.78).
- **FDA registration:** update within 60 days of most changes; a new owner registers anew (21 CFR 1.234).
- **Excise filing frequency:** semimonthly by default, quarterly at \$50,000 or less, annual at \$1,000 or less (27 CFR 25.164).

Every Monday, 10 minutes

- ☐ Open the Dashboard: Expired, ≤30 and ≤90 days, by location
- ☐ Start anything showing START NOW
- ☐ After each renewal: new expiry date, receipt and wall photo linked
- ☐ Ownership, officer or premises change? Check TTB and FDA clocks
- ☐ Sign up for TTB's free email filing reminders

What happens if you miss it. FDA treats a registration not renewed by December 31 of an even-numbered year as expired, counts it as a failure to register and cancels it (21 CFR 1.241). State penalties vary: California's ABC adds 50% within 60 days of the deadline, 100% from 60 to 90 days, then revokes the license.

Sources (checked Oct 11, 2026): TTB Due Dates for Tax Returns (page updated Apr 16, 2026); TTB Changes after Original Qualification: Brewery; eCFR 27 CFR 25.71, 25.74, 25.78, 25.164; eCFR 21 CFR 1.230, 1.234, 1.241; FDA Food Facility Registration User Guide: Biennial Renewal; California ABC License Fees. State and local rules vary: confirm each with the issuing agency. Free template, not legal advice.
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