

Bulletin

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To: All Alcohol Awareness Program, Alcohol Awareness
Instructor Permit Holders and Licensed Alcoholic Beverage
Retailers

Subject: New Regulation COMAR 03.02.01.19 – Alcohol Awareness
Program and Training

This bulletin is issued to make you aware of the newly adopted Regulation [#03.02.01.19](#) (copy attached), applicable to all alcohol awareness program providers and alcohol awareness instructors. This regulation takes effect March 1, 2007. We ask that you read the regulation and understand that it is your responsibility to be compliant with its requirements by the effective date.

The regulation is intended to clarify certain requirements and sets certain standards for all alcohol awareness training in Maryland. Here are some of the highlights of the new regulation:

- Training certificates issued to those students having successfully completed the training must be issued by the alcohol awareness program permit holder. Previously, certificates could be issued by either the program provider or the program instructor.
- A minimum of 3 hours (or more) of training must be presented for certification of any alcohol awareness training program. Actual hours of instruction time must be for the same number of hours certified. Previously, no minimum existed.
- All alcohol awareness training must contain a testing component face-to-face with the instructor. All students must present a valid ID for the test, and must pass the test in order to receive a certificate. Previously, no test was required.
- Alcohol awareness program providers have primary responsibility for the conduct and performance of each alcohol awareness instructor authorized to teach the corresponding alcohol awareness program.
- Alcohol awareness training may be in classroom or in electronic format. Separate approvals must be obtained for classroom and electronic training by the alcohol awareness program provider.

Thank you for your cooperation as we implement this new regulation. Specific questions or comments regarding this regulation should be sent to Michele Lindsay at 410-260-7383.

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Director

Attachment

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cc. Local County Liquor Boards

