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1. Which body is responsible for regulating liquor in Saskatchewan?

- A. The Royal Canadian Mounted Police
- B. Service Canada
- C. The Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority (SLGA)
- D. Health Canada

2. What is the minimum legal age to be sold or served liquor in Saskatchewan?

- A. 18
- B. 21
- C. 19
- D. 16

3. Can a parent buy a drink at a bar and give it to their 17-year-old child in Saskatchewan?

- A. Yes, always
- B. Yes, if the parent is present
- C. No, supplying liquor to a minor on permitted premises is prohibited
- D. Yes, if it's beer

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4. Which factor does NOT directly affect how quickly a person becomes intoxicated?

- A. Body weight
- B. The colour of the drink
- C. How fast they drink
- D. Whether they have eaten



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5. In Saskatchewan, is it legal to serve more liquor to a customer who is already intoxicated?

- A. No, serving an intoxicated person is prohibited
- B. Yes, if they ask politely
- C. Yes, with food
- D. Yes, if they pay extra

6. What is 'over-service'?

- A. Serving food too quickly
- B. Continuing to serve liquor to an intoxicated person
- C. Serving too many tables
- D. Giving free refills of water

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7. A core responsibility of a server under SIRS is to:

- A. Prevent intoxication, refuse minors, and keep patrons safe
- B. Sell as much liquor as possible
- C. Ignore how much patrons drink
- D. Let patrons police themselves

8. How can you verify the authenticity of an ID?

- A. Check the expiration date
- B. Look for holograms or watermarks
- C. Confirm the name and photo on the ID match the person
- D. All of the above

9. Which law sets out the main rules for selling and serving liquor in Saskatchewan?

- A. The Smart Serve Act
- B. The Alcohol and Gaming Regulation Act, 1997 and its regulations
- C. The Ontario Liquor Licence and Control Act
- D. The federal Importation of Intoxicating Liquors Act

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10. When should a server ask a customer for identification?

- A. Whenever the customer appears young or there is any doubt they are 19 or older
- B. Only on weekends
- C. Only if the customer orders spirits
- D. Never, if the bar is busy

11. What is 'secondary supply' of alcohol?

- A. Buying a second round
- B. An adult buying or giving liquor to a minor
- C. Ordering extra drinks
- D. Re-stocking the bar

12. What does BAC stand for?

- A. Beverage Alcohol Count
- B. Bar Alcohol Code
- C. Blood Alcohol Concentration
- D. Basic Alcohol Check

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13. What is a good first step when you decide to stop serving an intoxicated patron?

- A. Announce it loudly to the room
- B. Speak privately, calmly, and without judgment, and offer water/food
- C. Take away their phone
- D. Refuse to talk to them

14. Who can be held legally responsible if an over-served patron causes harm after leaving?

- A. The server, the permittee, and the establishment can all face liability
- B. Only the patron
- C. No one
- D. Only the police

15. What should a permittee do to support responsible service among staff?

- A. Set sales quotas only
- B. Ensure staff are SIRS trained and support them when they refuse service
- C. Punish staff who refuse service
- D. Leave it to chance



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16. How can you tell if someone is a minor when they don't have identification?

- A. Ask for their birthdate
- B. Ask for their name and address
- C. Ask them to recite the alphabet backwards
- D. None of the above

17. What is Serve It Right Saskatchewan (SIRS)?

- A. Saskatchewan's responsible beverage service training program
- B. A liquor delivery app
- C. A government liquor tax
- D. A loyalty program for bars

18. Which of the following is the best example of acceptable identification for proving age?

- A. A photocopy of a driver's licence
- B. A valid government-issued photo ID showing date of birth
- C. A library card
- D. A handwritten note from a parent

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19. A group includes someone who looks underage. An adult orders extra drinks 'for the table.' What should the server do?

- A. Make sure no minor is being supplied: check IDs and refuse if a minor would receive liquor
- B. Serve the round without question
- C. Only serve beer
- D. Charge more

20. In Canada, a 'standard drink' contains about how much pure alcohol?

- A. About 17 mL (13.6 g) of pure alcohol
- B. About 50 mL
- C. Exactly one bottle of beer
- D. A double shot of spirits



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21. An intoxicated patron becomes argumentative when refused service. The server should:

- A. Serve one more to calm them
- B. Match their tone
- C. Stay calm, be firm and polite, and get a manager/help if needed
- D. Threaten them

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22. A patron is served while intoxicated, drives, and injures someone. The establishment may face:

- A. A thank-you note
- B. Nothing
- C. Civil lawsuits, penalties, and permit consequences
- D. A tax rebate

23. A patron asks for a drink to be 'made extra strong.' The responsible response is to:

- A. Always do it
- B. Add a triple shot
- C. Serve standard measures and monitor consumption
- D. Refuse to talk to them

24. As a server or bartender, what is your responsibility when a customer leaves the premises?

- A. None, once they are off the premises it is no longer your responsibility
- B. Ensure they have a safe and legal way to get home
- C. Call the police if they are behaving dangerously
- D. None of the above

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25. In Saskatchewan, who is generally required to hold a valid Serve It Right Saskatchewan certificate?

- A. Permittees and staff who sell, serve, or supervise the service of liquor
- B. Only the business owner
- C. Only bartenders who mix cocktails
- D. Only staff who work past midnight



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26. A customer presents an ID where the photo does not look like them. What should the server do?

- A. Serve them anyway
- B. Keep the ID
- C. Assume it is a bad photo
- D. Not accept it as proof of age and decline service if age can't be confirmed

27. In Saskatchewan, may a minor enter or remain in a licensed establishment?

- A. Never, under any circumstance
- B. Always, anywhere
- C. Only after midnight
- D. It depends on the permit type and conditions set by SLGA

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28. Roughly how long does the body take to process one standard drink?

- A. A few seconds
- B. Five minutes
- C. Coffee removes it instantly
- D. About one hour

29. After refusing further service, what is an important safety responsibility?

- A. Help arrange a safe way home (taxi, ride, sober friend)
- B. Push them out the door immediately
- C. Let them drive if they insist
- D. Ignore them

30. What is the best way for a server to limit legal liability?

- A. Serve quickly
- B. Follow responsible service practices: check IDs, monitor intoxication, refuse and document when needed
- C. Never write anything down
- D. Blame other staff



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1. C — The Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority (SLGA)

In Saskatchewan the Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority (SLGA) regulates liquor, issues permits, and enforces the rules.

2. C — 19

The legal drinking age in Saskatchewan is 19. It is illegal to sell or serve liquor to anyone under 19.

3. C — No, supplying liquor to a minor on permitted premises is prohibited

It is illegal to give or supply liquor to a minor on permitted premises, even by a parent. This is a form of secondary supply and is prohibited.

4. B — The colour of the drink

Body weight, drinking speed, food in the stomach, sex, and tolerance all affect intoxication. The colour of the drink does not.

5. A — No, serving an intoxicated person is prohibited

It is against the law to sell or serve liquor to a person who is already intoxicated. Service must stop, and the focus shifts to the patron's safety.

6. B — Continuing to serve liquor to an intoxicated person

Over-service means serving liquor to someone who is already intoxicated. It is illegal and greatly increases the risk of harm and legal liability.

7. A — Prevent intoxication, refuse minors, and keep patrons safe

Responsible beverage service means actively preventing over-service and underage service, watching for intoxication, and helping keep patrons and the public safe.

8. D — All of the above

9. B — The Alcohol and Gaming Regulation Act, 1997 and its regulations

The Alcohol and Gaming Regulation Act, 1997 (AGRA) and The Alcohol Control Regulations, 2016 are the primary laws governing the sale and service of liquor in Saskatchewan.

10. A — Whenever the customer appears young or there is any doubt they are 19 or older

Best practice is to ask anyone who looks young, and any time there is doubt the customer is 19 or older.

11. B — An adult buying or giving liquor to a minor

Secondary supply is when an of-age person buys or passes liquor to someone under the legal age. Servers must watch for adults buying drinks for minors at their table.

12. C — Blood Alcohol Concentration

BAC means Blood Alcohol Concentration, the amount of alcohol in a person's blood. Higher BAC means greater impairment.



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13. B — Speak privately, calmly, and without judgment, and offer water/food

Refusing service respectfully and privately reduces conflict. Stay calm and non-judgmental, explain you can't serve more alcohol, and offer water, food, and help arranging a safe ride.

14. A — The server, the permittee, and the establishment can all face liability

Under Saskatchewan law and common-law duty of care, the server, the permittee, and the business can be held liable for harm caused by a patron they over-served.

15. B — Ensure staff are SIRS trained and support them when they refuse service

Permittees should make sure staff are trained, set clear house policies, and back up servers who refuse service to an intoxicated or underage patron.

16. D — None of the above

None of these options reliably confirm a person's age; proper ID is required.

17. A — Saskatchewan's responsible beverage service training program

Serve It Right Saskatchewan (SIRS) is the province's responsible beverage service program. It teaches permittees and staff how to sell and serve liquor safely and within the law.

18. B — A valid government-issued photo ID showing date of birth

Acceptable ID is valid, government-issued, and shows the person's photo and date of birth, such as a driver's licence or passport. Photocopies are not acceptable.

19. A — Make sure no minor is being supplied: check IDs and refuse if a minor would receive liquor

Servers must prevent secondary supply. If a minor at the table could receive a drink, the server should check IDs and refuse to serve liquor that would reach the minor.

20. A — About 17 mL (13.6 g) of pure alcohol

A Canadian standard drink contains roughly 17.05 mL (13.6 g) of pure alcohol, e.g. 341 mL of 5% beer, 142 mL of 12% wine, or 43 mL of 40% spirits. Knowing this helps track how much a patron has consumed.

21. C — Stay calm, be firm and polite, and get a manager/help if needed

Remain calm and firm. Do not argue or serve 'just one more.' Involve a manager, co-workers, or security if needed, and prioritize everyone's safety.

22. C — Civil lawsuits, penalties, and permit consequences

Over-serving that leads to harm can result in civil liability, regulatory penalties from SLGA, and possible suspension or loss of the permit.

23. C — Serve standard measures and monitor consumption

Serving over-strength drinks makes it harder to track consumption and speeds intoxication. Servers should pour standard measures and keep monitoring the patron.

24. B — Ensure they have a safe and legal way to get home

25. A — Permittees and staff who sell, serve, or supervise the service of liquor

SLGA requires permittees, managers, and staff who sell, serve, or supervise the sale and service of liquor to be SIRS certified.

26. D — Not accept it as proof of age and decline service if age can't be confirmed

If the photo does not match the person, the ID does not prove their age. The server should decline to accept it



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and refuse service if valid ID cannot be shown.

27. D — It depends on the permit type and conditions set by SLGA

Whether minors may be present depends on the type of permit and its conditions. Some premises allow minors with meals or in family areas; others do not. Servers must know their establishment's rules.

28. D — About one hour

The liver processes roughly one standard drink per hour. Nothing speeds this up, so a person can still be impaired well after their last drink.

29. A — Help arrange a safe way home (taxi, ride, sober friend)

Servers and the establishment should help prevent harm by offering to call a taxi or rideshare, contacting a sober friend, and discouraging the patron from driving.

30. B — Follow responsible service practices: check IDs, monitor intoxication, refuse and document when needed

Consistently checking IDs, watching for intoxication, refusing service when appropriate, arranging safe transport, and noting incidents are the practices that protect patrons and reduce liability.



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