

Alcohol Dependence: DSM-IV and ICD-10 Diagnostic Criteria

	DSM-IV2	ICD-103
Clustering Criterion	(A) A maladaptive pattern of drinking, leading to clinically significant impairment or distress, as manifested by three or more of the following occurring at any time in the same 12-month period:	(A) Three or more of the following: occurring together for at least 1 month, or if less than 1 month, occurring together repeatedly within a 12-month period:
Tolerance	Need for markedly increased amounts of alcohol to achieve intoxication or desired effect; or markedly diminished effect with continued use of the same amount of alcohol	Need for significantly increased amounts of alcohol to achieve intoxication or desired effect; or markedly diminished effect with continued use of the same amount of alcohol
Withdrawal	The characteristic withdrawal syndrome for alcohol (or a closely related substance) or drinking to relieve or avoid withdrawal symptoms	Physiological symptoms characteristic of the withdrawal syndrome for alcohol; or use of alcohol (or closely related substance) to relieve or avoid withdrawal symptoms
Impaired Control	Persistent desire or one or more unsuccessful efforts to cut down or control drinking Drinking in larger amounts or over a longer period than intended	Difficulties in controlling drinking in terms of onset, termination, or levels of use; drinking in larger amounts or over a longer period than intended; or a persistent desire or unsuccessful efforts to reduce or control drinking
Neglect of Activities	Important social, occupational, or recreational activities given up or reduced because of drinking	Important alternative pleasures or interests given up or reduced because of drinking OR
Time Spent in Alcohol - Related Activity	A great deal of time spent in activities necessary to obtain, to use, or to recover from the effects of drinking	A great deal of time spent in activities necessary to obtain, to use, or to recover from the effects of drinking
Inability to Fulfill Roles	None	None
Hazardous Use	None	None
Continued Use Despite Problems	Continued drinking despite knowledge of having a persistent or recurrent physical or psychological problem that is likely to be caused or exacerbated by drinking	Persisting with drinking despite clear evidence and knowledge of harmful physical or psychological consequences
Compulsion	None	A strong desire or sense of compulsion to drink
Duration Criterion	(B) No duration criterion separately specified, but several dependence criteria must occur repeatedly as specified by duration qualifiers associated with criteria (e.g., “persistent,” “continued”).	(B) Three or more of dependence criteria occurring for at least 1 month, or if less than 1 month, occurring together repeatedly within a 12-month period.

Alcohol Abuse/Harmful Use: DSM-IV and ICD-10 Diagnostic Criteria

DSM-IV 2	ICD-10 3
<p>(A) A maladaptive pattern of drinking, leading to clinically significant impairment or distress as manifested by at least one of the following occurring within a 12-month period:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Recurrent use of alcohol resulting in a failure to fulfill major role obligations at work, school, or home (e.g., repeated absences or poor work performance related to alcohol use; alcohol-related absences, suspensions, or expulsions from school; neglect of children or household)Recurrent alcohol use in situations in which it is physically hazardous (e.g., driving an automobile or operating a machine when impaired by alcohol use)Recurrent alcohol-related legal problems (e.g., arrests for alcohol-related disorderly conduct)Continued alcohol use despite having persistent or recurrent social or interpersonal problems caused or exacerbated by the effects of alcohol (e.g., arguments with spouse about consequences of intoxication) <p>(B) Never met criteria for alcohol dependence.</p>	<p>(A) [Harmful use] Clear evidence that alcohol use contributed to physical or psychological harm, which may lead to disability/adverse consequences</p> <p>(B) The nature of harm should be clearly identifiable (and specified)</p> <p>(C) The pattern of use has persisted for at least 1 month or has occurred repeatedly within a 12-month period</p> <p>(D) Symptoms do not meet criteria for any other mental or behavioral disorder related to alcohol in the same time period (except for acute intoxication)</p>