

Easter Trading Hours

A fact sheet for consumers

If you intend to enjoy a drink over the Easter weekend, you should be aware special restrictions are in place for licensed premises.

Good Friday Eve

On the Thursday before Good Friday, a licensed premise is only permitted to trade until 12 midnight, even if they normally stay open longer. While the bar must finish serving at this time, you still have until 12.30am to finish your drink and leave the premise.

The only types of premises permitted to trade past 12 midnight on the Thursday are those with an on-premise (cabaret) licence.

In this instance, trading is permitted until 3am Good Friday morning. Patrons will need to leave the premises by 3.30am.

Venues offering adult entertainment can continue to trade until 3am but cannot provide adult entertainment after 12 midnight.

Good Friday

On Good Friday, licensed premises can open at their usual time however you will only be able to buy or be supplied alcohol while eating a meal prepared on the premises and eaten in an area of the premises ordinarily set aside for dining.

A meal is defined as food eaten by a person at a fixed structure used as a table, with cutlery provided for the purpose of eating the food, and is of a sufficient substance to be ordinarily accepted as a meal.

You can purchase alcohol for one hour before dining, while you are eating your meal and for one hour after finishing your meal.

Otherwise, licensed premises can open at 12 midnight on Good Friday and trade to their normal closing time on Saturday morning.

Easter Sunday and Monday

Licensed premises can trade at their usual opening times.

If you have any queries in relation to trading hours over the Easter period, please contact the Liquor Licensing Division's Licensing Administration Unit on (07) 3225 2162.

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