



**Queensland Government**  
Department of Tourism, Fair Trading and  
Wine Industry Development

**Liquor Licensing Division**

## FACT SHEET

# Christmas & New Year Trading Hours

## A fact sheet for licensees

### Christmas Day trading

On Christmas Eve, trading must finish at 12 midnight regardless of whether your permit allows later trading at other times.

This means that the bar must finish serving at 12 midnight.

Patrons must finish drinks and leave the premises by 12.30 am.

**Licensees with on-premise (cabaret) licences** are allowed to trade until 3 am Christmas morning.

Patrons must finish drinks and leave the premises by 3.30 am.

### Bottleshops

Takeaway alcohol can only be purchased up to 12 midnight on Christmas Eve.

Bottleshops must be closed on Christmas Day.

### Adult entertainment venues

Adult entertainment is prohibited from midnight on Christmas Eve and throughout Christmas Day.

### Hotel guests

Alcohol can be provided to in-house guests in their room or in other approved areas of the hotel.

On Christmas Day, licensees may only serve alcohol to patrons eating a meal in the dining area of the premises between 10 am and 12 midnight.

This means that liquor may be served to patrons for one hour before dining, during the course of a meal, and for one hour after completion of the meal.

### Boxing Day trading

On Boxing Day, usual trading hours and conditions resume.

### New Year's Eve trading

On New Year's Eve, all licensees are permitted to trade until 2 am. This applies regardless of your regular approved trading hours.

This means that the bar must finish serving at 2 am.

Patrons must finish drinks and leave the premises by 2.30 am.

Licensees who wish to trade after 2 am must apply for a 'one-off' extended hours permit.

Applications must be received by Liquor Licensing's Administration Unit 21 days prior to the event.

For further information, please contact the Liquor Licensing Division on 13 13 04 or visit [www.liquor.qld.gov.au](http://www.liquor.qld.gov.au).

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