

# Liquor Licensing Division

## General Licence Information



### Primary purpose

A general licence allows liquor to be sold for consumption for both on and off the premises.

This is the type of licence under which hotels and taverns operate.

### Trading hours

Liquor may be served at any time from Monday to Sunday, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 12 midnight. If extended trading hours are required a separate application must be lodged, detailing how the extended hours are in the public interest.

Note that on Good Friday and Christmas Day, liquor may only be served during ordinary (not extended) hours, and only in conjunction with a meal, in an area ordinarily used for dining. On Anzac Day, this provision applies until 1 p.m.

### Trading conditions

Liquor may be sold:

- To the general public for consumption on the premises during ordinary or extended trading hours.
- To the general public for takeaway purposes during ordinary trading hours only.
- To residents and their guests for consumption on the premises after hours. This must be in residents' units or another area approved by the chief executive, such as a guest lounge.
- To the general public, from an **approved** bottle shop away from the licensed premises, for takeaway purposes only.

The business must provide meals and accommodation to the extent required by the chief executive.

### Additional privileges

A general licence may also exercise any of the following privileges, following approval by the chief executive.

Separate applications are required in each instance:

- Approval to operate a bottle shop away from the main premises.
- Approval for extended hours before 10 a.m. or after 12 midnight.
- Approval to cater for private functions away from the premises.

### Applications for new licences

A completed application kit must be lodged, and accompanied by all minimum requirements stipulated in the form.

The application fee must also accompany the form.

If all attachments are not included, or the form is incomplete, the application will be returned to the applicant.

### After applications are received:

- An advertising period of 28 days will generally be required.
- A conference may be held to hear any objections to the application.
- The applicant will be required to attend a Responsible Management of Licensed Venues course if they:
  - have not completed the course in the last three years; or
  - have not held the same type of licence within Queensland in the last three years.

For a list of approved trainers visit the Liquor Licensing Division [website](#)

Applications for new licences take **at least** 3–5 months to process.

Applicants should be aware that lodgement of the application is no guarantee that the licence will be granted.

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