

On-premises (Presentations) Licences



Primary purpose

Various categories of on-premises licences are available, each for a different primary purpose:

- functions
- meals
- cabaret
- tourist attraction
- transport
- sporting, cultural, theatrical presentations
- educational institution
- other activities approved by the chief executive.

If the primary purpose of a business changes, a new licence will be required.

Trading hours

Liquor may be served one hour before an event or presentation, during any intermission, and for one hour after. Trading may not start before 10 a.m. without chief executive approval (except where a performance ends after midnight).

Note that on Good Friday and Christmas Day, liquor may only be served during ordinary hours, and only in conjunction with a **meal**, in an area ordinarily set apart for dining. On Anzac Day, this provision applies until 1 p.m.

Trading conditions

- Liquor may only be served to patrons attending the presentation.
- Liquor may only be served for consumption on the premises.
- The licence will designate defined liquor consumption areas.
- Consumption areas must not be any area accessible to people not attending the presentation.

Definition of 'meals'

Under the Liquor Act, a meal means food that 'is eaten by a person sitting at a table, or fixed structure used as a table, with cutlery provided for the purpose of eating the food and is of sufficient substance as to be ordinarily considered as a meal'.

Additional privileges

The chief executive may also approve any of the following privileges for an on-premises (presentations) licence. Separate applications are required in each instance:

- approval for extended hours before 10 a.m.
- approval to cater for functions away from the premises, where the licensee is supplying catering services, including food.

Note: a separate permit is required to cater for public functions.

Applications for new licences

A completed [application form](#) and personal details schedules 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:

1. An advertising period of 28 days will generally be required.

2. A conference may be held to hear any objections to the application.
3. 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 and scheduled courses visit the Liquor Licensing Division website at www.liquor.qld.gov.au

Applications for new licences take at least 3–5 months to process, longer if there are public objections. Applicants should be aware that lodgement of the application is no guarantee that the licence will be granted.