

Residential Licences



Primary purpose

This licence may only be granted to a business where the primary purpose is the provision of accommodation, e.g. resorts, motels. If a dining room is available and open to the public, the primary purpose in this area is the provision of meals prepared and served to be eaten on the premises.

Note: Providers of bed and breakfast accommodation who cater for a maximum of six guests at any one time are exempt from requiring a liquor licence, provided that liquor is not supplied to a guest for a period of more than 14 consecutive days.

Trading hours

To the public

Liquor may be served at any time from Monday to Sunday, between the hours of 10 a.m. to 12 midnight in a restaurant or dining area to patrons partaking of a meal.

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.

To residents

Liquor may be served at any time to residents and their guests. If service takes place outside of ordinary or extended trading hours, it must be in residents' units or another area approved by the chief executive, e.g. guests lounge.

Trading conditions

Liquor may be sold to:

- the general public for consumption on the premises in a restaurant or dining area with a meal
- non-diners in the dining area if the primary purpose of providing meals is adhered to
- to residents and their guests for consumption on the premises; after hours, this must be in residents' units or another approved area, such as a guest lounge
- to residents to take away to a maximum of 9 litres per resident per day.

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'.

To comply with the primary purpose of 'preparing and serving a meal to be eaten on the premises', licensees should note that heating and serving a product such as pre-packaged pie does not comply. Some 'value-adding' to food must occur on the licensed premises.

Additional privileges

The chief executive may also approve any of the following privileges for a residential licence. Separate applications are required in each instance:

- approval for extended hours before 10 a.m. or after 12 midnight
- approval to cater for functions away from the premises, where the licensee is supplying catering services, including food (note: catering for public functions will require a separate permit)
- approval to serve liquor to guests attending a function on the premises, such as a convention or cocktail party
- approval to sell liquor to an owner or operator of a vessel using an adjacent marina.

Applications for new licences

A completed **application form** and personal details schedules must be lodged, and accompanied by all of the minimum requirements stipulated in the form. The application fee must also accompany the form. If all of the minimum requirements 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 or submissions.
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.