

Liquor Licensing Information

Calculating annual liquor licensing fees

(From November 2019)

Licence fees are changing

The recent review of liquor licensing in South Australia recommended sweeping changes to licensing fees through the introduction of a risk-based model.

The government has proposed a new fee structure, striking a balance between supporting a vibrant hospitality industry and protecting the public by encouraging a safe drinking culture. The revised fee structure takes into consideration submissions made by industry bodies to the government during consultation, and focusses on minimising risk for excessive consumption in areas and circumstances of higher risks. The calculation of annual licence fees is based on:

- > Licence category
- > Capacity allowed in premises
- > Trading hours
- > High risk activities
- > High risk locations
- > Sale of liquor for consumption off premises
- > Event and transport endorsements

Licensees will pay their new fees in the annual licence fee renewal period in mid-2020. They are encouraged to make any adjustments to their operations to reduce their annual fees before the renewal period. This can be done using a new online platform which will be available in mid-2019. This will allow licensees to log in and review the upcoming changes to their licences.

Licensees will be advised when the online platform is available.

New Licence Categories

Following the review undertaken by the Hon Tim Anderson QC, a new licence class system was developed, reducing the current licensing system to 8 simplified categories.

These categories are:

- > General & Hotel
- > On Premises
- > Restaurant & Catering
- > Residential
- > Club
- > Small Venue
- > Liquor Production & Sales
- > Packaged Liquor Sales

Calculating the fee

1. Choose the licence category and corresponding base fee
2. Multiply by the capacity loading and add the trading hours fee
3. Add any other relevant risk fees if applicable
4. Add endorsement fees if relevant

See the tables for fee amounts and information on calculating fees.



Licence category base fee

The fee structure takes into account the impact of takeaway liquor on venues, the application of the trading hours risk fee, and the impact of the venue size.

Licence category	Base fee
club licence	\$125
general and hotel licence	\$125
restaurant and catering licence	\$375
residential licence	\$375
small venue licence	\$425
On premises	
on premises licence—conveyance only	\$375
on premises licence—other	\$425
Liquor production and sales	
liquor production and sales licence (restricted)—sampling only	\$75
liquor production and sales licence (restricted)	\$200
liquor production and sales licence	\$500
Packaged liquor sales	
packaged liquor sales licence—direct sales only	\$1,800
packaged liquor sales licence—1 to 5 outlets	\$2,800/ outlet
packaged liquor sales licence—6 to 10 outlets	\$3,800/ outlet
packaged liquor sales licence—11+ outlets	\$6,900/ outlet

Capacity loading

Number of patrons	Multiplier	Multiplier (Club)
0 – 200	1	1
201 – 400	1.25	1
401 – 800	1.5	1
801 – 1,200	1.75	1.75
1,201 +	2	2

Capacity is the maximum number of patrons allowed into the premises at any time, not the maximum capacity of the premises.

Licensees may choose to limit the number of people on the premises to reduce the annual licensing cost, but they must not have more patrons on the premises than the licence allows.

Trading hours risk fee

Premises that are licensed to sell or supply liquor past 2am will be subject to a trading hours risk fee.

Trading hours	Fee
no liquor past 2am	\$0
past 2am to 3am	\$2,000
past 3am to 4am	\$6,000
past 4am to 5am	\$15,000
past 5am	\$30,000

High risk activity fee – \$500

This fee applies to licences that allow certain high risk activities on their licenced premises. Currently, it is only proposed that licences that allow prescribed entertainment on their premises, being entertainment of a sexually explicit nature, boxing or martial arts events, incur this fee.

High risk location fee – \$500

This fee applies to licenced premises located in certain high risk locations. Currently, it is only proposed that certain categories of licenced premises, as set out in the following tables, which are located on Hindley Street in the Adelaide CBD, incur this fee.

Consumption-off risk fee – \$300

This fee applies to licensees that are allowed to sell take-away liquor to the public. Only clubs who currently sell take-away liquor to their members only will not be subject to this fee unless they apply for and are granted an authorisation to sell take-away liquor to the public.

Bottle shop fee - \$900

This fee applies to general and hotel licences which have a bottle shop. A bottle shop is a specific area of a licensed premises which is dedicated primarily to the selling of packaged liquor. This includes facilities commonly known as bottle shops, drive-ins or drive through bottle shops, but does not include the sale of packaged liquor across the bar.

Endorsement fees

Number of endorsements	Fee
1 to 5	\$0
6 to 10	\$260
11 to 15	\$500
16+	\$1,400

This fee applies to liquor production and sales licences and club licences that have event or transport endorsements on their licence.

An endorsement allows a licensee to sell or supply liquor on a site specified in the endorsement.

FAQ

When does the new model and fee structure come into effect?

The new fee model is intended to become operational in November 2019 but will not impact existing licensees until the annual fee renewal period in June 2020.

Will a consumption off-risk (takeaway) fee be applied to my club?

The fee will not apply to existing clubs as it is only for the sale of liquor for consumption off to the public. Once the legislative changes are fully operational, clubs will be able to apply for an authorisation to sell liquor to the public for consumption off. Only then will the consumption off risk fee apply to a club.

My venue houses gaming machines. Will I be charged an extra fee for this?

There is no gaming risk fee proposed under the new fees.

Is my small venue licence fee increasing?

Small venues have previously been given a reduced licence fee in their infancy. The new \$425 base fee will reflect the development of small venues, especially in high risk areas, and align their fees with other similar venues across the state.

Contact

For further information, please email the Liquor Reform Team at Consumer and Business Services at liquorlicensingreform@sa.gov.au or call on 8226 8499.

Annual licensing fees

$$\text{annual licence fee} = \text{base fee by licence category} \times \text{capacity loading} + \text{trading hours risk fee} + \text{high risk activity fee} + \text{high risk location fee} + \text{consumption off risk fee} + \text{bottle shop fee} + \text{endorsement fee}$$

Select licence category

general & hotel	=	\$125	×	see table above for rate	+	see table above for rate	+	\$500 (if applicable)	+	\$500 (if applicable)	+	\$300 (if applicable)	+	\$900 (if applicable)	+	N/A
on premises (conveyance only)	=	\$375	×	1	+	N/A	+	\$500 (if applicable)	+	N/A	+	N/A	+	N/A	+	N/A
on premises (other)	=	\$425	×	see table above for rate	+	see table above for rate	+	\$500 (if applicable)	+	\$500 (if applicable)	+	N/A	+	N/A	+	N/A
restaurant & catering	=	\$375	×	1	+	N/A	+	\$500 (if applicable)	+	N/A	+	N/A	+	N/A	+	N/A
residential	=	\$375	×	1	+	N/A	+	\$500 (if applicable)	+	N/A	+	N/A	+	N/A	+	N/A
club	=	\$125	×	see table above for rate	+	see table above for rate	+	\$500 (if applicable)	+	N/A	+	\$300 (if applicable)	+	N/A	+	see table above if applicable
small venue	=	\$425	×	1	+	N/A	+	\$500 (if applicable)	+	N/A	+	N/A	+	N/A	+	N/A

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Select licence category – continued

liquor prod & sales (restricted) (samp. only)	=	\$75	×	1	+	N/A	+	\$500 (if applicable)	+	N/A	+	\$300	+	N/A	+	see table above if applicable
liquor prod & sales (restricted)	=	\$200	×	see table above for rate	+	see table above for rate	+	\$500 (if applicable)	+	\$500 (if applicable)	+	\$300	+	N/A	+	see table above if applicable
liquor prod & sales	=	\$500	×	see table above for rate	+	see table above for rate	+	\$500 (if applicable)	+	\$500 (if applicable)	+	\$300	+	N/A	+	see table above if applicable
packaged liquor sales (direct sales only)	=	\$1,800	×	1	+	N/A	+	\$500 (if applicable)	+	N/A	+	N/A	+	N/A	+	N/A
packaged liquor sales (1-5 outlets)	=	\$2,800	×	1	+	N/A	+	\$500 (if applicable)	+	N/A	+	N/A	+	N/A	+	N/A
packaged liquor sales (6-10 outlets)	=	\$3,800	×	1	+	N/A	+	\$500 (if applicable)	+	N/A	+	N/A	+	N/A	+	N/A
packaged liquor sales (11 + outlets)	=	\$6,900	×	1	+	N/A	+	\$500 (if applicable)	+	N/A	+	N/A	+	N/A	+	N/A