

# General information

*Changes to liquor licensing laws in South Australia came into operation on 18 November 2019.*

## Change of Licence Numbers

Your licence number has changed as a result of the liquor licencing law reforms. Please ensure that you update your licence number on all materials and websites.

## Plans

Your licence plan has also been updated as part of the reforms. You may notice the following changes on your licence plan:

- > licence number updated
- > certain coloured lines removed
- > area numbers removed.

While the plan does not need to be displayed on your premises, you must have a copy which can be made available to a police officer or CBS inspector if they request it.

## Capacity

Where applicable, licences will now have one overall capacity instead of individual capacities for areas within a venue. The capacity applies to patrons in the licensed areas and does not include residents. A resident is someone who has stayed at the premises the night before or who will be staying at the premises that night.

The capacity excludes areas adjacent to the licensed premises that are subject to permits issued by local council (such as footpath dining). Refer to the permit issued by your local council for guidance on how you can trade in these areas.

A capacity is required for the purpose of calculating your annual fees, if you did not have a capacity on your licence previously, CBS has defaulted your capacity to 1201+.

While this does not restrict your capacity it will attract the highest capacity fee when your annual fee is due. You can lower your capacity through Liquor and Gaming Online (LGO) which can be accessed by visiting [cbs.sa.gov.au/liquor-portal](https://cbs.sa.gov.au/liquor-portal). This may reduce your annual fee.

When considering your capacity, ensure that you have considered the whole premises — including any outdoor areas that form part of your licenced premises. You must also ensure you do not allow overcrowding in your premises and comply with any planning or development approvals that apply to your premises.

## Trading Hours

Trading hours are the hours that you are authorised to sell and supply liquor under your licence. You are not obligated to be open at all times authorised under your licence. You can trade outside the hours on your licence, provided liquor is not sold or supplied outside these times. You must ensure that you comply with any planning or development approvals that apply to your premises which may also place restrictions on when you can trade.



## Review of Conditions

If you have conditions on your licence you will likely notice that these have either changed or some may have been removed from your licence. The Liquor and Gambling Commissioner is using the transition as an opportunity to remove licence conditions that:

- > relate to matters that are outside the scope of the Commissioner's authority
- > repeat what is already in the legislation or Codes of Practice.

Conditions have also been reworded to make them easier to understand and create consistency in wording across all licenses.

## Noise at your premises

Some licensees may notice that conditions have been removed from their licence, in particular, conditions relating to noise reduction and/or how you can provide entertainment at your premises. While these conditions may have been removed, please be aware that all licensees are required under the General Code of Practice to take reasonable steps to prevent undue offence, annoyance, disturbance or noise to people who live or work around the licensed premises. Penalties may apply for failure to comply with these requirements.

Should concerns around noise be raised with CBS, the Commissioner has powers to add these conditions back on a licence.

## Signage

Signage display requirement for your premises is also changing.

Detailed information about signage requirements can be found by visiting [sa.gov.au](http://sa.gov.au).

**Note:** signs **cannot** be modified, must be displayed on A4 paper and must be clearly legible. The signs must be displayed in a prominent position so that they are clearly visible to the public.