

From 18 December 2017

Exemptions for low-risk businesses

Low-risk businesses will no longer require a liquor licence to treat their clients to a drink, reducing administrative burden and supporting industry.

Exempt businesses will be able to sell or supply liquor without a licence in certain circumstances, including:

- hairdressers and barbers
- cruise ships
- retirement villages
- businesses selling gifts
- jewellers
- patient care accommodation.

The current licence exemption for bed and breakfast style accommodation is also being extended. For example, bed and breakfasts with a capacity of up to 16 guests will now be able to supply alcohol without a licence under certain conditions, while previously this was limited to 8 guests.

Increased regulation of supply to minors

There will be stronger penalties for people who illegally supply alcohol to anyone under 18. Big parties and events will be targeted, where large groups of teenagers are supplied with alcohol.

Licensed businesses are still prohibited from supplying alcohol to people under 18 years old.

More information about supply to minors changes, including how they impact parents and teenagers, are available on the Consumer and Business Services website.

Other red-tape reduction

A number of other red-tape reduction measures will also come into effect on 18 December:

- abolishing the requirement for some licensed businesses to provide meals at the request of a member of the public or a lodger
- removal of designated dining areas, reception areas and sampling areas
- removal of most notification and advertising requirements that currently apply to licence applications
- administrative changes to streamline the appointment of inspectors, clarify definitions and allow the Liquor and Gambling Commissioner to publish determinations and exclude information where appropriate.

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Changes to liquor licensing
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South Australia's liquor licensing system is being comprehensively reformed, starting with several changes on 18 December 2017.

This is the first of several stages of reform, working towards a contemporary and safe liquor licensing system for our state.

The changes cut red tape for licensed businesses and remove or modify outdated and irrelevant restrictions.

This reduces regulatory burden and creates more efficient processes for industry.

Reducing restrictions on New Year's, Sundays and holidays

Licensed businesses will now be able to trade until 2am on New Year's Day, without having to make a special application to trade beyond the hours on their licence.

Venues still cannot offer free alcohol to customers after midnight, in accordance with the Late Night Trading Code of Practice.

In addition, traders will now be allowed to sell liquor on Christmas Day, the day after Christmas Day, Good Friday, the day after Good Friday and New Year's Eve according to the trading hours that apply to that day of the week.

Holders of hotel, club and special circumstances licences will have more flexibility in trading hours on Sundays without needing extended trading authorisation:

- hotel licence: consumption on premises
8am - 12 midnight and consumption off premises 8am - 9pm
- club licence: consumption on premises
8am - 12 midnight
- special circumstances licence: consumption on or off premises 8am -12 midnight.

Trading extensions will occur automatically on 18 December and will apply to all existing liquor licences.

Entertainment consent

Licensed venues will no longer need consent from Consumer and Business Services to host a range of entertainment, including music and comedy.

This will make it easier for businesses to host bands, supporting a vibrant live music scene.

Consent will still be required for prescribed entertainment such as boxing, martial arts and sexually explicit entertainment.

Temporary approval of responsible persons

These reforms streamline the responsible person process and support employment.

Temporary approval of a responsible person will be available for up to 6 months, while the employee undertakes the responsible person vetting process. This will allow employees to start work faster, without businesses needing to wait months for approval.

Applications to become a responsible person will remain the same, with each application being considered for a temporary approval once the relevant forms have been lodged. Individuals can now also apply to become a responsible person, while previously applications could only be made by the licensee employing the person.

The Liquor and Gambling Commissioner will be able to revoke approval of a responsible person at any time. Licence-holders can search whether a responsible person is approved, temporarily approved or revoked on the Consumer and Business Services website.