

Fact sheet FS3078

Liquor law signs

The NSW liquor laws require licensees to display signs in their premises. All types of licensed premises are required to display mandatory signage, and dependent on licence type and authorisations, this can range from two to five types of signs. A table showing the required signage for each licence type is shown on page 3.

Liquor signs

Sign 1L: Under 18s not to be served alcohol – all premises



This sign must be displayed wherever alcohol is sold on licensed premises i.e. at each bar and counter. Where there is no bar or counter (e.g. a restaurant), the sign must be prominently displayed at or near each entrance of the premises.

Sign 2L: Bar areas of hotels and clubs, and gaming machine areas of clubs

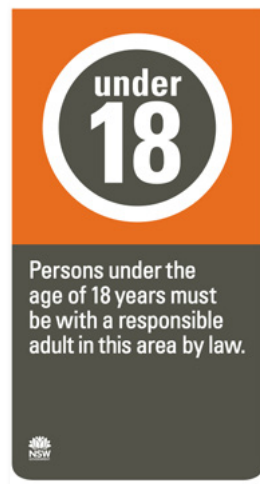


This sign must be visible from each entrance to each bar area of a hotel or club.

A bar area is any area of a hotel or club where liquor is served – but does not include those areas where under 18s are allowed by law e.g. a dining area, an accommodation area in a hotel, an authorised minors area in a hotel, or a non-restricted area in a registered club.

This sign is also required to be displayed in each gaming machine area of a club.

Sign 3L: Under 18 authorisation sign – hotels and public entertainment venues



This sign must be visible from each entrance to areas of a hotel where a minors area authorisation is in place. A minors area authorisation allows under 18s into an area of a hotel in the company of a responsible adult.

In the case of an on-premises licence that relates to a public entertainment venue (not a cinema or theatre), this sign must be visible from each entrance to any area where entertainment is provided.

Sign 4L: Breath testing sign – premises with breath analysis machines



This sign must be clearly displayed on or next to a breath analysis machine, where one is installed.

Sign 6L: Under 18s not permitted during liquor trading hours – small bars



This sign applies to small bar licences and must be displayed so that it can be seen by a person entering the premises.

Sign 7L: Alcohol not be sold to under 18s sign – all internet operators

A notice with the same wording as Sign 1 must be displayed wherever alcohol is sold via the Internet.

The text must be large enough to ensure that a person accessing the Internet site would be alerted to the contents of the notice.

Sign 8L: Front of premises sign – all premises



A sign must be displayed at the front of the premises that shows the name of the premises, the type of liquor licence held and the name of the licensee.

On-premises licences must also indicate the type of business or activity carried out on the premises e.g. restaurant, and for Hotels designated as a general bar, it must indicate that it is a general bar licence.

The sign must be displayed so that it can be read by a person from outside of the front of the premises.

FAQs

How do I purchase signs?

You can purchase liquor signs by ordering via shop.nsw.gov.au or downloading an order form from liquorandgaming.nsw.gov.au

Can I make my own signs?

Signs 1, 2, 3 & 6 must be purchased from Liquor & Gaming NSW. They cannot be reproduced or customised by venues. Sign 4 does not have to be obtained from Liquor & Gaming NSW provided it contains the prescribed wording. The signs are produced in a durable UV resistant hard plastic, and are designed to ensure a consistent message can be understood by all customers.

All signs pictured in this fact sheet are also available in an adhesive decal version (for placing on glass panels).

Signs 7 and 8 must be produced by the licensee in accordance with the legislative requirements.

What about gaming and club governance signs?

Separate signage requirements under registered club and gaming machine laws also apply.

Overview of specific signage requirements for each licence type

Sign	Club	Hotel (full)	Hotel (general bar)	Small bar	On Premises	Packaged Liquor	Producer/wholesaler	Limited
1L	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
2L	■	■	■					
3L		▾	▾		▾			
4L	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
6L				■				
7L						▾	▾	
8L	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■

- This sign is mandatory
- ▾ This sign may be required, depending on licence authorisations
- This sign, or one with the same wording, is required where there is a breath analysis machine

For further information

Signage requirements are given in the *Liquor Regulation 2018*. Specific signage requirements are given in the fact sheets for each licence type, available from liquorandgaming.nsw.gov.au

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