

Fact sheet FS3100

Easter and Christmas liquor trading hours 2018

Easter liquor trading hours in 2018

	Thursday 29 March	Good Friday 30 March	Easter Saturday 31 March	Easter Sunday 1 April	Easter Monday 2 April
Registered clubs	Normal trading	Normal on premises trading No takeaway sales	Normal trading	Normal trading	Normal trading
Hotels	Normal trading	Noon to 10pm No takeaway sales (see note 4 on page 2)	Normal trading (see note 7 on page 2)	Normal trading	Normal trading
Small bars	Normal trading	No trading permitted	Normal trading	Normal trading	Normal trading
Packaged liquor licence	Normal trading	No retail trading permitted	Normal trading	Normal trading under the Liquor Act but trading restrictions may apply under retail trading laws (see note 8 on page 2)	Normal trading
On-premises	Normal trading	Noon to 10pm (in a dining area only with or ancillary to a meal) (see notes 5 and 6 on page 2) Normal trading for caterers, airports and vessels, and accommodation premises for sale to residents and their guests	Normal trading (see note 7 on page 2)	Normal trading	Normal trading
Producer/wholesaler	Normal trading	Normal trading Except for drink on-premises noon to 10pm	Normal trading	Normal trading	Normal trading

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General notes about Easter and Christmas liquor trading hours

1. Liquor sales restrictions

All takeaway alcohol sales are prohibited after 11pm throughout the state as part of normal trading. Some venues in the Sydney CBD Entertainment and Kings Cross precincts are also subject to the lock out and cessation of liquor sales requirements.

Note: Normal trading – In most cases authorised trading hours for Hotels is 10am-10pm on Sundays, the only variation to this is where an approved extended trading authorisation is utilised.

2. 6-hour closure still applies

Liquor licences granted from 30 October 2008, along with licences that have an extended trading authorisation granted from that date and licences that are removed to another location from that date, are subject to a daily 6-hour closure for retail sales. This 6-hour closure continues to apply during the Easter and Christmas periods.

3. Vessel trading hours

Normal trading for vessels is one hour before the vessel starts any voyage or passage and ending 30 minutes after the voyage or passage is completed (or during other times approved by the Independent Liquor and Gaming Authority).

Note: In addition to any other liquor licence conditions that further limit trading hours, you may need to conform to other trading hour conditions imposed by your local consent authority (usually council). If you have any questions regarding this please check with your local council office.

Notes for Easter liquor trading hours

4. Extended trading for hotels on Good Friday morning

If you already have an approved extended trading authorisation that allows on-premises sales past midnight until any time up to 5am, you may utilise that authorisation on Good Friday morning.

5. Good Friday trading outside specified hours can only be approved under an extended trading authorisation for on-premises licences

If approved, sales between 5am and midnight must be in a dining area only with or ancillary to a meal. Trading outside noon to 10pm is not permitted for a public entertainment venue (other than a cinema or theatre).

6. On-premises licence promoting local products

An approved take-away sales authorisation cannot be utilised on Good Friday.

7. Trading between midnight on Good Friday and 5am on Easter Saturday

This is not permitted for hotels and public entertainment venues (other than a cinema or theatre).

8. Packaged liquor trading on Easter Sunday

Easter Sunday retail trading may not be permitted under the *Retail Trading Act 2008*.

Refer to the [NSW Industrial Relations website](#) for more information.

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Christmas and New Year liquor trading hours 2018/2019

	Christmas Eve Monday 24 December	Christmas Day Tuesday 25 December	Boxing Day Wednesday 26 December	New Year's Eve Monday 31 December	New Year's Day Tuesday 1 January
Registered clubs	Normal trading	Normal on premises trading No takeaway sales	Normal trading	Normal trading	Normal trading
Hotels	Normal trading	Noon to 10pm in a dining area only with or ancillary to a meal No takeaway sales <i>(see note 9 on page 4)</i>	Normal trading <i>(see note 12 on page 4)</i>	Normal opening to 2am (or later if previously approved under the liquor laws) Normal trading for takeaway sales	Normal trading
Small bars	Normal trading	No trading permitted	Normal trading	Normal trading	Normal trading
Packaged liquor licence	Normal trading	No retail trading permitted	Normal trading Subject to trading conditions for retail shops under the NSW retail trading laws <i>(see note 13 on page 4)</i>	Normal trading	Normal trading
On-premises	Normal trading	Noon to 10pm in a dining area only with or ancillary to a meal <i>(see notes 10 and 11 on page 4)</i> Normal trading for caterers, airports and vessels	Normal trading <i>(see note 12 on page 4)</i>	Normal opening to 2am (or later if previously approved under the liquor laws)	Normal trading
Producer/wholesaler	Normal trading	Normal trading Except for drink on-premises noon to 10pm	Normal trading	Normal trading	Normal trading

Notes for Christmas liquor trading hours

9. Extended trading for hotels on Christmas Day morning

If you already have an approved extended trading authorisation that allows on-premises sales past midnight until any time up to 5am, you may utilise that authorisation on Christmas Day morning.

10. Christmas Day trading outside specified hours can only be approved under an extended trading authorisation for on-premises licences

If approved, sales between 5am and midnight must be in a dining area only, with or ancillary to a meal. Trading outside noon to 10pm is not permitted for a public entertainment venue (other than a cinema or theatre).

11. On-premises licence promoting local products

An approved take-away sales authorisation cannot be utilised on Christmas Day.

12. Trading between midnight on Christmas Day and 5am on Boxing Day

This is not permitted for hotels and public entertainment venues (other than a cinema or theatre).

13. Packaged liquor trading on Boxing Day

Packaged liquor outlets may open for trade on condition that all persons working in the shop freely elect to do so on Boxing Day. Further information is available from the [NSW Industrial Relations website](#).

Need more information?

To find out more about the liquor and gaming laws, contact Liquor & Gaming NSW:

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You can also access the relevant Acts and Regulations at legislation.nsw.gov.au.