

Fact sheet FS3067

On-premises licence – vessel

Statutory conditions and requirements

The *Liquor Act 2007* and Liquor Regulation 2018 govern the conditions that each type of liquor licence must fulfil, alongside its additional ongoing requirements. This fact sheet outlines statutory conditions and requirements for on-premises licence that relates to a vessel.

- ▲ The first column refers to sections in the *Liquor Act 2007* (the Liquor Act) and clauses in the Liquor Regulation 2018 (the Liquor Regulation).
- ▲ In the second column, C = licence condition, R = ongoing licence requirement

Section/clause		C/R*	Condition
s.11A	Special licence condition – 6-hour closure period for licensed premises	C	<p>6-hour closure period</p> <p>Liquor must not be sold by retail on the licensed premises for a continuous period of 6 hours during each consecutive period of 24 hours (known as the 6-hour closure period). The 6-hour closure period is 4am to 10am each day, or as determined by the Independent Liquor & Gaming Authority (ILGA). During the 6-hour closure period, the licensed premises are not authorised to stay open for the retail sale of liquor on the premises.</p> <p>This condition only applies to an on-premises licence that relates to a vessel granted on or after 30 October 2008.</p>
s.22	Primary purpose test	R	<p>Primary purpose test</p> <p>A new on-premises licence cannot be granted if the primary purpose of the business or activity carried out on the premises is the sale or supply of liquor.</p> <p>An existing on-premises licence cannot be utilised if the primary purpose of the business or activity carried out on the licensed premises is the sale or supply of liquor.</p>
s.23	On-premises licence must specify business/ activity or kind of licensed premises		<p>Business or activity carried out on licensed premises or kind of premises must be as specified in the licence</p> <p>An on-premises licence cannot be utilised if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▲ the business or activity carried out on the licensed premises is not the same as the business or activity specified in the licence, or ▲ the licensed premises are not the same kind of premises specified in the licence.

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s.24	On-premises licence – sale or supply of liquor must be with or ancillary to other service or product	R	<p>Liquor must be sold/supplied with another product or service</p> <p>Liquor may only be sold or supplied for consumption on the licensed premises with, or ancillary to, another product or service that is sold, supplied or provided to people on the licensed premises.</p> <p>This requirement does not apply if a primary service authorisation has been approved by ILGA. However, the primary purpose requirements above continue to apply.</p>
s.25	Authorisation conferred by on- premises licence (generally)	R	<p>Special provisions relating to licensed vessels</p> <p>The licensee can sell liquor by retail to passengers on board the vessel, for consumption on board the vessel only:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▲ from one hour before the vessel starts any voyage or passage and until 30 minutes after the voyage or passage is completed, or ▲ at such other times, or in such other circumstances, as ILGA may authorise.
s.27	Requirement to provide food on licensed premises	C	<p>Food must be made available</p> <p>Food of a nature and quantity consistent with the responsible sale, supply and service of alcohol must be available whenever liquor is sold or supplied. Exceptions to this requirement can be approved by ILGA. Email individual.licensing@liquorandgaming.nsw.gov.au.</p>
s.55	Requirement to provide information in relation to persons interested in licensee's business	C	<p>Licensee must notify changes to business ownership</p> <p>Where a person (other than the licensee or a financial institution) becomes interested in the business, or the conduct of the business, carried out on licensed premises, ILGA must be provided with the following information within 28 days after the other person becomes interested:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▲ the name and date of birth of the interested person and, in the case of a proprietary company, the names of the directors and shareholders ▲ a statement, signed by the licensee, that the licensee has made all reasonable inquiries to ascertain the information referred to in the above paragraph. <p>A person is interested in the business, or the conduct of the business, carried out on licensed premises if the person is entitled to receive:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▲ any income derived from the business, or any other financial benefit or financial advantage from the carrying on of the business (whether the entitlement arises at law or in equity or otherwise), or ▲ any rent, profit or other income in connection with the use or occupation of the premises on which the business is to be carried on. <p>This information may be provided by the licensee or the interested person. See form AM0555.</p>

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c.56	Change of persons interested in licensee's business	C	<p>Change of persons interested in licensee's business</p> <p>If a person (other than the licensee or a financial institution) ceases to be interested in the business, or the conduct of the business, carried out on licensed premises, ILGA must, within 28 days of the person ceasing to have that interest, be notified in writing that the person is no longer an interested person.</p>
s.56	Incident registers	C	<p>Vessel with retail on-premises sales after midnight at least once a week</p> <p>The licensee must maintain an incident register in the form approved by the Secretary. The register must record details of the following incidents that occur between midnight and 5am the following day Monday to Friday, between midnight Saturday and 10am Sunday, and between 10pm Sunday and 5am Monday:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▲ any incident involving violence or anti-social behaviour occurring on the licensed premises ▲ any incident of which the licensee is aware that involves violence or anti-social behaviour occurring in the immediate vicinity of the licensed premises and that involves a person who has recently left, or been refused admission to, the premises ▲ any incident that results in a person being turned out of the licensed premises under the exclusion provisions of the Liquor Act, ▲ any incident that results in a patron of the licensed premises requiring medical assistance. ▲ any incident that involves the possession or use on the licensed premises of any substance suspected of being a prohibited plant or drug <p>The register must also record details of any action taken in response to any such incident.</p> <p>Find out more about incident registers</p>
c.44	Availability of licence and licence-related authorisations	C	<p>Licensee must make liquor licence available</p> <p>A copy of each of the following must be available at all times for the information of the members of staff of the licensed premises:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▲ the licence ▲ any licence-related authorisation ▲ any conditions imposed by ILGA or the Secretary on the licence or the authorisation. <p>This information must be available to any member of staff who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▲ sells, supplies or serves liquor on the licensed premises, or ▲ carries on any security activity (such as a crowd controller or bouncer) on or about the licensed premises, or ▲ exercises any functions under the Liquor Act or Liquor Regulation.

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c.48	Licensed vessels	C	<p>The licensee must not cause or permit any passengers to board from or disembark to any part of the Sydney CBD entertainment precinct (whether from the berthed vessel or by a tender or other means) during the general late trading period (after midnight).</p> <p>The Secretary may, on application by a licensee if approved, exempt the licensee from the requirement during a period or in the circumstances specified in an order in writing.</p> <p>The restriction does not apply in relation to the period between midnight and 3am on 1 January in any year (New Year's Eve)</p>
s.93	Cessation of trade	R	<p>Licensee must notify when ceasing trade</p> <p>If the licensed premises cease trading during any continuous period of more than 6 weeks, the licensee must notify ILGA in writing that the premises have ceased to trade. See form AM0490.</p>
c.57	Resumption of trade	C	<p>Licensee must notify when resuming trade</p> <p>If the licensed premises has ceased trading for a continuous period of more than 6 weeks, the licensee must notify ILGA as soon as practicable before trading is resumed. See AM0495: Recommence trading.</p>
c.85	Drinking water to be available free of charge where liquor served	C	<p>Free drinking water must be available</p> <p>Drinking water must be available free of charge at all times while liquor is sold or supplied for consumption on the licensed premises. The drinking water must be available to patrons at or near liquor service points, or by the same means of service that liquor is available (e.g. waiter service).</p>

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You can also access the *Liquor Act 2007* and the Liquor Regulation 2018 at legislation.nsw.gov.au.